

Hello Everyone,

We can surely depend on daffodils blooming. I have had blooms for months now and expect many more months yet. Get ready for shows. The first one is on March 5th and 6th at Alden Nursery in Livermore, CA.

Details are below with some wise words and methods from Bob Spotts in the Bay Area of California.

Information on other shows will be coming your way soon.

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NCDS Friends,

Believe it or not, there will be a daffodil show at Alden Lane Nursery in Livermore next weekend – March 5-6! Yes, the Murphys Show has been cancelled, but the Livermore Daffodil Show will take its place!

The Show will be open to the public on Saturday, 1-5pm and on Sunday from 10am to 4pm. Please come and bring all your friends and neighbors.

Yes, we have a peculiar Spring coming – flowers don't want to bloom on schedule – many daffodils either have finished blooming or are waiting for the show to close before opening! In order for the show room to be filled with beautiful flowers, all of us need to bring our lovely blooms. You may stage and enter your flowers on Friday, March 4 from 2pm to 10pm and on Saturday morning, March 5 from 6am to 9am. Never done this, or need help? There will be NCDS 'veterans' there to show you how to enter and win ribbons. Special classes in the show will help you get started. Once you've done it, it's like riding a bicycle – you never forget how!

Never underestimate your blooms. When one opens, cut the stalk at the base and put the stalk with bloom into a jar holding water about 5-6 inches deep. You can put several stalks into one jar. Put all those glasses into your refrigerator (not the freezer!). Start now, they'll keep a week. Bring the jars full of daffodils to the show on Friday (or Saturday).

You cut them early to prevent bugs (and wind) from disfiguring them. Bugs know which are the best blooms to bite. If you have the spare time, come and help us put flowers onto the show tables!

A special treat: Harold Koopowitz and Steve Hampson from Santa Ana will bring many of their world-renowned miniature daffodils to the show. Harold breeds and raises miniature daffodils from seed. Bring your camera!

The NCDS Daffodil Show will be at Alden Lane Vineyards, 981 Alden Lane, Livermore CA.

Give me a call if you have questions. (Or address your question to me at:
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