



Message from the President:

It feels like Spring has already sprung, but it's more than four weeks away! Our **Spring Meeting will be on Sunday March 19th at 2:00 PM at the home of Nancy Redington.** (Directions to follow). We will be having a **Daffodil Show** with The Chambersburg Garden Club. It will be at **First Lutheran Church in Chambersburg, PA on April 21-22 2023.** We are excited to get back to our old location and hopefully, pick up where we left off in 2019!

Our program at this Spring meeting will feature **new Tuscarora awards** we are adding in this year's show. Guest speaker Anne Donnell Smith will be giving her reminiscents about her long history with daffodils.

With an early season looking more eminent, we will go over picking and keeping blooms for the show.

So bring something to eat or drink to share with folks. Bring some flowers if you have them.

Mitch Carney
TDG President



Minutes of the Fall Tuscarora meeting on October 16, 2020

The short meeting was held at the Bender Farm hosted by Grace Ann Bender.

Mitch opened the meeting at 2:40PM. Old Business

Curtis Aumiller gave the Treasurer and Membership reports. They were accepted as presented

Minutes which were previously published in the Newsletter were accepted.

Special Thanks to Matt Duddy for his wonderful presentation on Daffodils and special ways he propagates them that he gave at the Spring meeting at Redington's.

Mitch gave a short report on all the positive things that were told to him by our visitors from the National Show in Gettysburg. It appears that everyone enjoyed the Gettysburg Daffodil Experience

New Business

Mitch announced and gave descriptions on this year's Sale Daffodils.

They were Angels Breath, Baby Boomer, Meryl's Favorite, Rapture, Tom Pouce and Golden Echo.

And then a very happy group gathered for the feature event of the day. . . . The very large and successful bulb exchange.

The Spring 2023 meeting will be held at the Redington's on Sunday March 19 at 2 pm. Respectively submitted, Nancy Redington

The 2023 Tuscarora show will be held on April 21st with set up to start on Thursday the 20th, entries may be brought in on the evening of the 20th and morning of the 21st. Take down will be on Sunday the 23nd.



2022 Tuscarora Fall Bulb Exchange

Directions: Nancy Redington, 347 Leedy Way East, Chambersburg, PA 17202 phone: 717-264-6488 Email: Rosered1@comcast.net

Leedy Way East is on the North side of Route 30 opposite the Chambersburg Walmart

Traveling from West:

Turn left at the first light after the Walmart Shopping Center (which is on the right). The street is identified as St. John's Drive. Just to make things interesting. The opposing street to St Johns is Garman Drive.

Proceed up St Johns Drive to stop sign. Continue straight (you are now on Leedy Way East) to the top of the hill. 347 is on the right. It is a 2-story colonial with a 100 foot drive way. There is enough room at the top of the drive for approximately 4 cars for those who would experience difficulty walking up the drive.

The Walmart Center is approximately 3 miles on Route 30 west from the I-81 intersection.

Traveling from the East: Turn right at St Johns Drive. This is the intersection where there is the Uhaul.

Close Landmarks to St Johns Drive. Turn coming from east are Hoovers restaurant on the right, Car Wash. They are the second traffic light from these two places is St Johns Drive. The most notable landmark is St. Johns Church which is on the right and almost immediately followed by the St. John Traffic Light. If you find yourself driving by Walmart on your left you have gone too far.

Lost, just call we will find you!

WARM WINTER, EARLY SEASON?

If you remember back to 2012, we had a warm winter and an early season. By the time of our Spring Meeting many of our flowers were in bloom.



'Rijnveld's Early Sensation' (RES) started blooming in late January. This year is started around January 24th and was in full bloom by February 14th. RES is always the first to bloom outdoors. Sometimes it gets damaged by late storms, but the first blooms in many ways can be the most appreciated.

Under our lights in the garage the *N. bulbicodiums* bloom from late December to March. When the weather gets bad you can always take refuge and admire the blooms under

the lights and ward off some of the Winter blues. Below on left is 'Elara' named after a moon



of Jupiter by Anne Wright



I found this dwarf trumpet near an old abandoned house. It blooms right after Rijnvelds (RES). I have seen it around other old homes so it must have been shared.



'February Gold' is a stalwart of the early season. Most years around here it doesn't bloom until March. But this year it lives up to its name. It looks great blooming amongst the *Crocus tommasianus* and snowdrops.



Crocus tommasianus comes in many color forms. This one is 'Ruby' Once they seed around, they revert back to other colors forms. The daffodil foliage behind is 'Jetfire' and it is not far from blooming-about four weeks early!



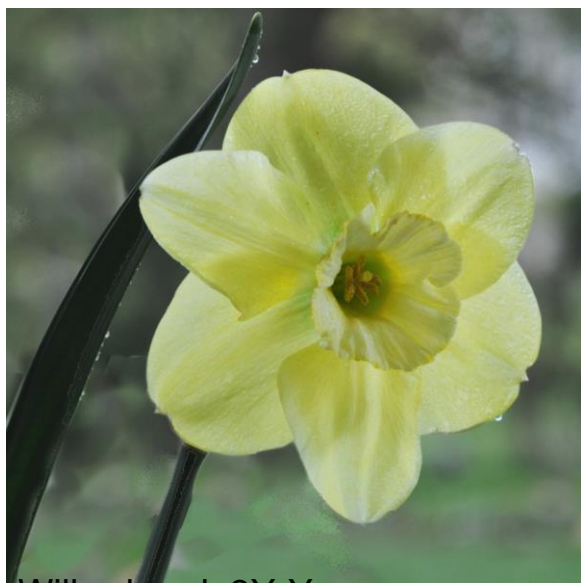
Finally, *Narcissus pseudonarcissus* is next to bloom. This is the first of the “old” daffodils to bloom. Often called “Lent Lily” because of the time it blooms. It lets us know that Daffodil Season is here!

Tuscarora Daffodil News

Cameras at the Ready

by Robert Darling

Members and friends, writing this today it feels like spring and surely the daffodils are coming. This year back in Chambersburg, the Tuscarora Daffodil Group will again display your beautiful daffodil photographs and award many ribbons, including the



Willowbrook 3Y-Y
William Bender 2000

special ADS Wells Knierim Award for best in show and the ADS Youth Award if warranted.

We again are offering a special class for photographs of Daffodils hybridized by Dr. William Bender. So, if you planted some beautiful Bender bulbs for last year’s special awards for the ADS Convention in Gettysburg let us see your photographs of them this year.

All your favorite classes are represented — daffodils: wild/tamed; Portraits; with people or animate beings; with inanimate objects (still life); from another point of view and please encourage those you know under age 20 to enter photographs for the ADS Youth Award. We will subdivide if possible

to give more ribbons. Remember you can enter up to eight photos but only two in any of the six classes and as sub-divided.



As the daffodil season progresses, explore them, focus your cameras beautifully and capture their fleeting beauty. Share your photos and your creative talent with the rest of us.

The new display screens built by the Students of the Franklin County Career Center are ready to show off your best efforts. Remember any one can enter, spread the word to your friends who enjoy photography and encourage them (as well as you) to enter.



Daffodils Aren't Everything

By Richard Ezell

Well of course not. Right now, the early crocus are competing for attention with the winter aconites and the snowdrops for our attention here in Gettysburg, but we do a bit of checking for leaf tips of the narcissus tribe now appearing above ground. And at Kate and Mitch Carney's farm there are real blooms on a number of outside daffodils.

For the rest of us now is a great time to think a bit about what comes after that eagerly awaited wave of welcome yellow (and orange, red, pink and green) we're all eager for.

For a number of years our famous hybridizer Bill Bender followed up his daffodils with a mass planting of tall, stately marigolds. He planted seeds by the hundreds and spread the seedlings carefully and densely among his many rows of post-bloom daffodils.

His stand of marigolds was so strikingly attractive that they often attracted even more attention from passers-by than his daffodils did.

Of course, he didn't plant them primarily for their beauty. It was believed by some “experts” that the marigold's roots emitted a poisonous substance that would kill, or at least drive away, the potentially serious problem of nematodes, a tiny insect that could actually wipe out whole beds of narcissus bulbs.

I became acquainted with an expert entomologist at Penn State's Biglerville station who assured me that yes, indeed, his department had found that in Peach orchards the marigolds were as effective in eliminating nematodes as expensive and dangerous insecticides.

So of course, I started planting them too. Sad story: Bill Bender's plantings didn't eliminate the pests, nor did mine. (Some scientific daffodil people have since assured me that although it is true that the marigolds can get rid of SOME species of nematodes, they were of no use among those that feasted on our daffodils.

End of that part of the Story

Next part

Well, most of us still want something to look at (other than our tomato and zucchini plants). I'd like to suggest daylilies. Yeh, some still call 'em ditch lilies and look down on them. BUT, honestly there's been tremendous hybridization among them with new colors, sizes and flower forms. They're REALLY PRETTY. Many are not expensive and all (so far as I know) are easy to grow and perennial. They bloom best with full sun but can take some shade. You can order them now or just about any time – they're not picky or temperamental, and they're probably available to see in bloom at nurseries near you if you wait until July. Once established they begin serious above ground growth just about when daffodils are beginning to look miserably bedraggled. The daylilies are great for drawing your eyes away from that foliage you've learned not to cut down and trash while they're still nourishing next year's daffodil lovelies.

Give 'em a try. Alas, they'll not help if you get nematodes. Well, nothing's perfect.



NORTH-SOUTH-EAST-WEST
DAFFODIL SHOWS TWO FOR ONE!

By Kate Carney

We love to visit our local region's daffodil shows and these that I am listing have the added bonus of



being in botanical settings-your two for one option. First up is **The Virginia Daffodil Society** show on March 25th and 26th from 9 AM to 5 PM in the beautiful [Lewis Ginter Botanical Gardens](#). It's one of the top gardens in the US! It's located just north of Richmond and is over 50 acres in size with dozens of themed gardens, a large glass conservatory (shown left). It has a nice café and a GREAT gift shop! Directions: 1800 Lakeside Ave. Richmond, VA 23228 For daffodil show information the contact is Jennifer Potter, 804-833-6961 or vdsdaffshow@gmail.com

The Garden Club of Virginia is up next on March 28th-29th and is going to be held at the **Norfolk Botanical Garden**. It boasts of being Virginia's largest garden and arboretum. But due to construction there is limited parking and they require TIMED ENTRY. <https://norfolkbotanicalgarden.org/> For daffodil show information the contact is Nancy McLaughlin 540-460-5527 nancymcl@rockbridge.net Heading north and closer to home is **The Delaware Valley Daffodil Society's** show April 15 from 1-4PM, April 16th from 10AM-4PM. It's being held at **Jenkins Arboretum & Gardens** 631 Berwyn Baptist Rd Devon PA 19333. GOOD news it's FREE Admission. It's home to many rare plants and exceptional specimens. For daffodil show info contact: Yvonne Brownlee 610-215-2154 flowergirl25y@gmail.com



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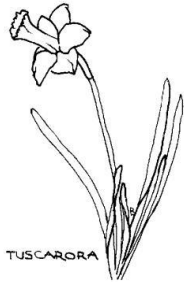
Heading east it's **The Maryland Daffodils Society's** show April 19th-20th 9AM-5PM located at **The Volmer Center at Clyburn Arboretum** 4915 Greenspring Ave. Baltimore MD 21209. It's open daily and is FREE. The extensive collection of trees and shrubs try to mimic those planted in the 1863 heyday of the Clyburn Mansion. It's 207 acres! For daffodil information contact: Muffin McAfee 410-371-2207 LBM8132@aol.com



Heading west is a real treat! **The Western PA Daffodil Growers South** show is April 29th-30th, the weekend after our show. It's in Joe Hamm's Barn (some barn!!) located 99 Maple Rd. Buffalo Village, Washington PA 15301. Joe is the contact: 724-345-3762 joehamm1@juno.com His extensive daffodil collection is now listed as an American daffodil Society Public Garden. He calls it **Daffodil Hortus** and it is one of the greatest collections of daffodils in PA! Joe started all of this in the 1990's and with the help of his

sister and many others maintains it as "a living archive". It's also FREE and there is ample parking. Always a fun time to be had by all! He sells bulbs in the fall too.

For those of you who missed our Fall meeting when dues are normally collected. Here is a membership form to use:



MEMBERSHIP FORM for the TUSCARORA DAFFODIL GROUP

Annual membership dues are \$10.00/year or 3 yrs/\$25. for an individual.

With membership you receive the Tuscarora Newsletter (two annually), opportunity for showing your daffodils in special sections of the spring daffodil show. Furthermore, you provide financial support to one of the oldest daffodil groups in the country!

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ **E-mail** _____

Please send this completed form along with your check payable to the Tuscarora Daffodil Group to: Dr. Curtis Aumiller, 5 Brentwood Rd. Camp Hill, PA 17011

Phone 717-991-9793 Email: caumiller1@verizon.net

Many Thanks to Grace Ann Bender for hosting our 2022 Fall Meeting!

