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Last call for Daffodil orders

We prefer, for the quality of the bulbs and sanity of the bulb handlers, to take orders for daffodil bulbs while they are still in the ground. Now that bulb harvesting has started in the Netherlands, it is time to tally the orders.

If you have already ordered, many thanks. I am confident you will be pleased with your selections. If you like to add on to an existing order just message us through the [contact form](#) on the website. If you have been meaning to order, now is the time. I will leave the web shop open for a few days extra past the July 4th deadline.



Digging daffodils bulbs by hand in the Netherlands, early 20th century.
Small stocks are still dug by hand today.

[Take me to the Daffodils](#)



Perhaps you recently received our newest postcard. We have a lust for botanical and natural history illustration. The flat light of the modern flatbed scanner brings a soft evenness of tone that mimics dispassionate scientific observation. It is however, tough to get good scan of some daff divisions: doubles come out dark and grey around the outside edge; Trumpets are too deeply shaped and difficult to balance to get a meaningful image. Dissection helps to balance the blooms on the flatbed and adds an extra flair of implied botanic exploration.

*in time of daffodils(who know
the goal of living is to grow)
forgetting why,remember how*

*in time of lilacs who proclaim
the aim of waking is to dream,
remember so(forgetting seem)*

*in time of roses(who amaze
our now and here with paradise)
forgetting if,remember yes*

*in time of all sweet things beyond
whatever mind may comprehend,
remember seek(forgetting find)*

*and in a mystery to be
(when time from time shall set us free)
forgetting me,remember me*

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Nectar Drillers



A Carpenter Bee gets a delicious drink of daffodil nectar by drilling in through the tube, on the outside of the flower, rather than entering through the business end of the flower - the front where the pollen laden anthers are. Daffodil variety is Pipit. May 1 , 2023. Huntington, Connecticut.

Trumpets and Near Trumpets

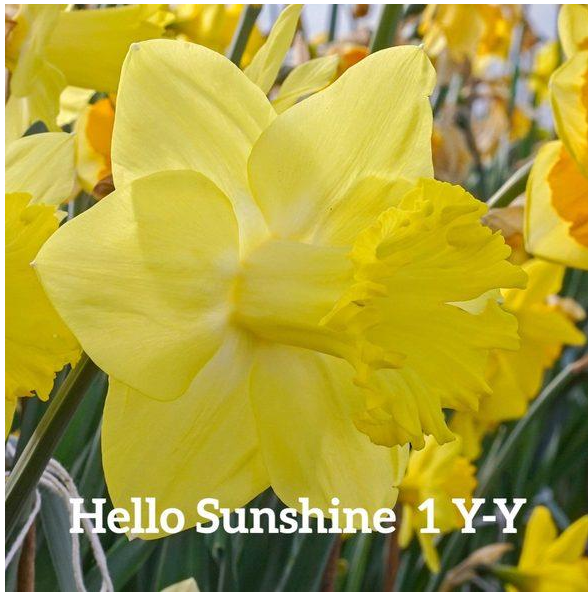
The English are said to breed daffodils for the show bench, the Dutch are known to breed for landscape varieties - those that if successful will sell in huge quantities for landscaping, particularly in the United States. My long friendship with Carlos van der Veek that started many years ago was originally focused on landscape varieties, but evolved into a love of all kinds of daffodils and their suitability for so many purposes, so many situations. It turns out that Carlos has bred a lot of interesting trumpets and *near* trumpets over the years that are strong growers, more colorful, and sometimes very frilly that are refreshing in the landscape but also can perform well on the show bench.

The Large Cups, division two, ends up being a bit of a catchall classification. Like the aspirational town where all children are above average, the majority of daffodil seedlings end up here. I am not sure that any hybridizer says "I was going for a trumpet but I was even more pleased to get this large cup instead."

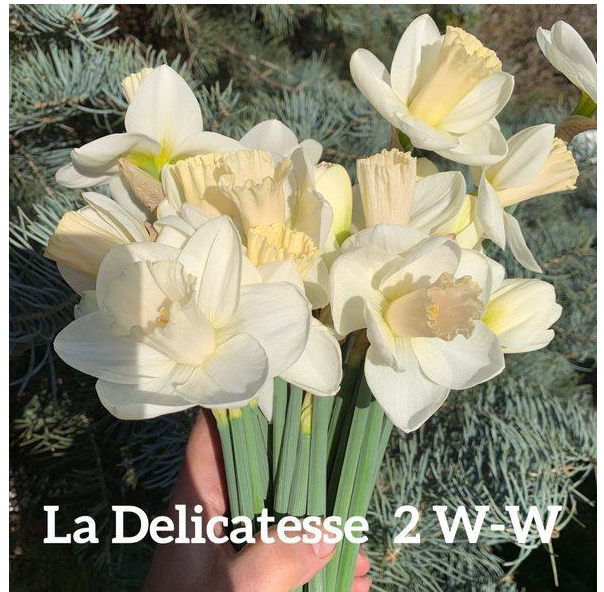
I find myself using the phrases "near trumpet" or "trumpet shaped" if it has the spirit of a trumpet like but may be a few millimeters shy in the nose or has extra flappy petals: In the landscape it is immaterial.

Before it is too late I wanted to make note that this year we introduced quite a few of Carlos' Trumpets and near Trumpets to our list, many of which are strongly shaped and uniquely colored.





Hello Sunshine 1 Y-Y



La Delicatesse 2 W-W



Merry Me 2 YYW-YYO



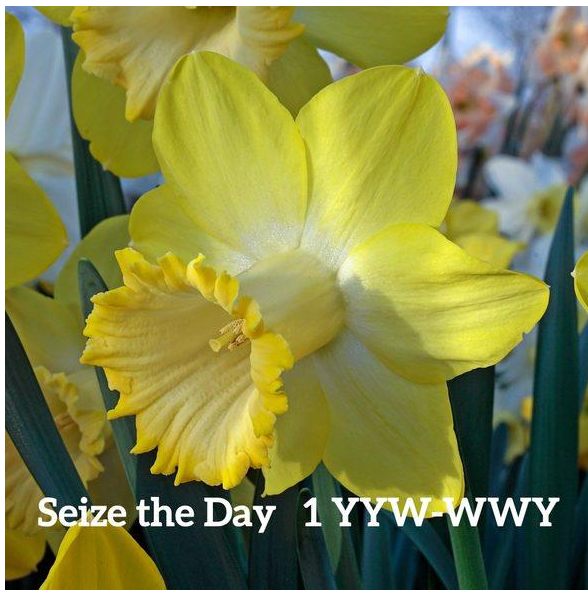
My Dearest 1 W-WWY



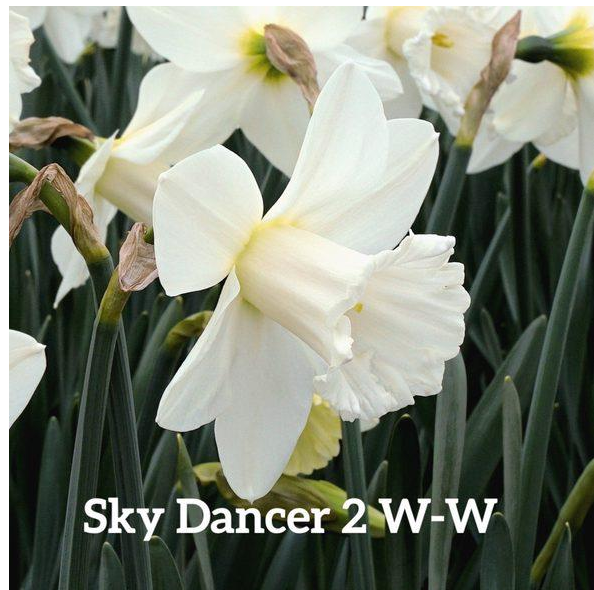
Neemmemee 2 W-YYP



Pompiere 2 Y-YYO



Seize the Day 1 YYW-WWY



Sky Dancer 2 W-W

Take me to the van der Veek Trumpets

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