American Daffodil Society
National Show and Convention
April 9-12 2015

At Fort Magruder Hotel and Conference Center,
The Gloucester Daffodil Festival and
Brent and Becky’s Bulbs
Welcome, The Heaths, The Hutchins and the convention committee welcome you the American Daffodil society Williamsburg convention.

We are excited to show you a place steeped in history and wish you the best in continuing a happy history of yellow fever with friends and your favorite flower. Please contact the hotel staff or your bus guide if there are questions or concerns.

Artwork provided by R. Brown
Agenda:

Wednesday April 8
Judging School 6 PM-9 PM Early's

Thursday April 9
Judging School 8 AM-5 PM Early's
Registration 3PM-6PM Clara Barton
Finance 3:30PM-7PM Kearney's
Staging 3 PM-12PM Emory's

Friday April 10
Daffodil Staging 12 Am -9 AM Emory's
Registration 8 AM-9:30 AM Clara Barton
Judges Coffee 9 AM- 9:45 AM Longstreet's
Stewards Coffee 9 AM-9:45 AM Hooker's/Early's
Bus for Tour 10:AM-3 PM Foyer
Judging 10 AM -1 PM Hill's/McClellan's
Judges and Stewards Luncheon 1 PM Grant's/Jackson's
Committee's Mtg 2 Pm Hills/McClellans
Outgoing Board 3:30 PM-4:30 pm Amphitheater B
1st Timer Reception
   6 PM-6:30  Jackson’s
Cash Bar     6PM-7:30PM  Petersburg Foyer
Dinner       7PM-10PM  Petersburg
Presentation  Harold Koopowitz/Awards Committee
Program for tomorrow  MRB

Saturday
Breakfast     6:45 AM  Petersburg
Judges Refresher  7:30 AM  Petersburg
Busses for Gloucester
   8:30AM  Foyer
Busses for Garden Tours
   9AM, 9:30 AM  Foyer
Return to Hotel  4:30 PM
Open Bar       5 PM -7:30 PM  Hills/McClellan’s
Bulb Auction   5PM  Petersburg Hall
Dinner         7 PM  Petersburg Hall
Speaker        8 PM  Petersburg Hall
Sunday Program  MRB
Break down Show  ALL  Hills McClellan’s
Sunday

Breakfast       6:45 AM       Hotel Dining Room
Board Busses    8 AM          Foyer
Return to hotel 5 PM          
Open Bar        6 PM – 8 PM    Petersburg Hall
Dinner          7 PM          Petersburg Hall
Speaker         8 PM          Petersburg Hall

Invitation to World Convention
9 PM

Directions to the Gloucester Daffodil Festival

For any of your guest arriving via car they should park at Gloucester High School and ride the shuttle bus to the festival. It runs every 10-15 minutes and brings them directly to Main Street. There is a fee of $2.00 for the shuttle which covers a round trip fare to and from the festival. Directions: From Rt. 17/ George Washington Hwy. turn RIGHT at SHORT LANE. Continue to Gloucester High School located at 6680 Short lane, Gloucester, Va 23061. There will also be SHUTTLE signs.
We look forward to having your guest enjoy our 29th annual festival! If you have any other questions please send me an email or call if you wish.

Best regards,
Deborah Wesolowski
Daffodil Festival Coordinator
Speakers, Seminars, A Day at Brent and Becky's

On Saturday night Carlos Van der Veek from Holland and Brent Heath will share the history of Carlos' father, Karel J. van der Veek, his daffodil breeding work and his contributions to the daffodil world. In the 1980's Carlos became a bulb exporter and today Carlos' company Fluvel supplies millions of bulbs to Brent and Becky's Bulbs and other mail order businesses and through Fluvel's own bulb web shop.

Sunday will be a very full day spent at Brent and Becky's Bulbs including a visit to Brent and Becky Heath's gardens! Walking tours will be available to the composting facility, warehouse, greenhouse and Bulb Shoppe. Seminar topics are "A Bill Pannill Retrospective," "100 Years of Daffodils," "What's Different about Brent and Becky's Bulbs," and "The New Bulb Planter Machine Demonstration."
Felder Rushing is our dinner speaker for Sunday evening. He is the weekly online Q&A blogger for HGTV.com and hosts a popular weekly call-in garden program on NPR affiliate stations called The Gestalt Gardener. Felder has grown daffodils all his life, from his childhood spent helping his great-grandmother sort hers. His philosophy is Slow Gardening and according to Felder, Slow Gardening is about passion. Attention to detail. Savoring everything, every season, using all your senses. Felder will use down-home anecdotes and observations on ways we can better appreciate the amazing thing we call gardening.

Felder Rushing is the author or co-author of 18 gardening books, including several national award winners. He has written thousands of gardening columns in syndicated newspapers and has had hundreds of articles and photographs published in regional and national garden magazines.