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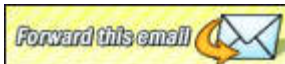
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Is your membership current?

Our records show your membership is paid through 2009. We're glad you're part of the DSM!

If you are not current through at least 2016, [click here](#) to renew now. Then you will be able to fully participate in all of the 2016 activities.

Invite your friends to join, too!



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Greetings!

Daffodils are a common symbol of the hope of overcoming cancer. Most of us have lost loved ones to that disease, and it recently claimed one of our long-time members, Ethel Smith. See more below on this significant loss to our group.

But as we note this loss, we also plant daffodil bulbs this fall for hopeful bloom next spring. We want to remind you to keep watering your daffodil plantings during this unusually extended fall,

And last, put [daffodil dates on your calendar for 2016](#), including the [2016 World Daffodil Convention in St. Louis, MO](#). The United States gets the World Daffodil Convention only once every 16 years, so this is your chance to meet daffodil giants from all over the world!

ETHEL SMITH - A BIG LOSS, NOVEMBER 5, 2015

We miss her already

Ethel Smith was a very active, long time member of DSM, one of our show judges, and a great friend. But she was also a world traveler, a Master Gardener, a volunteer at the MN Landscape Arboretum, and an amazing neighbor in her local community.

To give you an idea of [Ethel's impact](#) on her wide circle of friends, here is [an article](#) that a Mississippi friend, Loyce McKenzie, wrote for Loyce's local newspaper.

Also here are a few more photos of Ethel from various American Daffodil Society conventions over the years.

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Enjoy, and remember a great friend. Then resolve to plant even more hopeful daffodils next fall!



Ethel's winning N. Wheatear 2012 ADS convention in Baltimore



Ethel with one of her Ohio daffodil friends 2010 ADS convention at Ironstone Winery, Murphys CA



Ethel enjoying a tram tour of the Chicago Botanic Garden at the 2009 ADS convention



Columbus OH 2013
Ethel joins other DSM members at the annual convention

DAFFODIL DATES FOR 2016

World Daffodil Convention - April 7-10, 2016

A World Daffodil Convention happens only once every four years, and because it rotates around the world, the United States hosts only once every 16 years! So, if you want to rub elbows with the best of the best in the daffodil world, put this on your calendar: April 7 - 10, 2016, St. Louis, MO.



There will be carpools driving down from Minnesota, and DSM members will be looking for roommates to share hotel costs. DSM will also be offering an incentive for local members to attend - we especially want to encourage members who have never attended a daffodil convention before (stay tuned for details). This is the year!!

At least 33 **international** daffodil lovers have already indicated their intention to attend - from Australia, New Zealand, England, The Netherlands, Northern Ireland, and more!

Plan to visit St. Louis in 2016 and enjoy two springs - one there, and one back home!

Minnesota's Annual Daffodil Show - May 13-14-15, 2016

Our local show will again be at Bachman's in south Minneapolis, May 13-14-15, 2016. Plan now to participate - enter blooms, volunteer, come and bring your friends and family. Watch for more details on how you can be part of the fun!

Check Out All the 2016 dates!

Our annual meeting will be in January - location and date to be determined and announced soon. [Check out the entire DSM calendar of events.](#)

WATER - WATER - WATER

Through this extended fall, pay attention to how much water your daffodil plantings are getting

As the soil temperature cooled, your daffodil bulbs woke up under ground. Now they **need water** throughout the fall! You cannot see it, but they are actively growing. New roots are developing, and late in the fall they will chemically change so that they can survive our winters.

So, whether you planted new daffodil bulbs or not, all of your daffodil plantings need lots of moisture *every fall*. If Mother Nature doesn't do it for us, drag those hoses around and give your daffodils sustained drinks through out the fall.

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