

Late Season Midwest Update

April 25, 2017

I was working last weekend and was unable to attend the Indianapolis show. Tom Stettner posted the pictures of the show winners on Daffnet (and Facebook). Congratulations are in order for Mary Lou Gripshover, who won the Bozievich award with 11 of her 12 seedlings, as well as the Gold Ribbon with Olentangy, also her seedling. Dan Bellinger won the Red White and Blue ribbon with his old seedlings, one of which is a pure white (Ghost x Denali) which I think was the gold ribbon winner in Columbus a few years back, and was a very impressive flower at that show. I was also taken with the white ribbon winner of Dan's, which was a set of seedlings (Scipo x Sargeant's Caye). I am really impressed with the excellent show form Dan has been able to breed into a reverse bicolor. And Suzy Wert was up to her old tricks again, duplicating the Throckmorton she won at Joe Hamm's show with nearly all poets. Check out the photos on Daffnet for more winners.

The Midwest show season is winding down. The last official Midwest show is in Niles Michigan, starting tomorrow (Wednesday April 26) and ending on Thursday April 27.

Here is the show information:

Fernwood Botanical Garden and Nature Preserve, 13988 Range Line Road, Niles, Michigan 49120

Entries will be accepted Wednesday morning, April 26 starting at **5 AM**. Entries close at **11 AM**. For more information contact the show chair, Dan Bellinger at rdanielbellinger@gmail.com or at (330) 608-4842.

Dr. John Reed's daffodil fields (all 20 acres) will be open to the public during the Niles show. Oakwood Daffodils is located just a few minutes away from the show venue, so if you are in the area please stop by.

Oakwood will be open only on Wednesday and Thursday evenings from 5 to 7 PM.

With Dan Bellinger, Dr. Reed and Larry Weir all in the immediate area, this show promises to be a real showcase for new flowers and seedlings.

The season concludes with two shows in Western Pennsylvania next weekend. One is Joe Hamm's show in Washington, PA:

Western Pennsylvania Daffodil Growers South

Saturday, April 29 and Sunday, April 30

Joe Hamm's Barn, 99 Maple Road, Buffalo Village, Washington, Pennsylvania 15301

Entries will be accepted Friday evening, April 28 and Saturday morning, April 29

For more information contact Joe Hamm at joehamm1@juno.com or at (724) 345-3762

The other is just north of Pittsburgh:

The Daffodil and Hosta Society of Western Pennsylvania

Saturday, April 29

Shadyside Academy and Ice Rink, 423 Fox Chapel Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15238

Entries will be accepted Saturday morning, April 29

For more information contact Stephen Plato at sjplato46@gmail.com or at (412) 478-7865.

And for those of you upset that daffodil season is ending, we are working on an antidote. Here it is:



This is 'Stop and Stare', a mini tall bearded iris. It blooms with or just after the poets in our region.

Mike Kuduk