

# NATIONAL DAFFODIL SOCIETY

## NEWSLETTER MAY 2016



### SECRETARY'S CHAT

It has been a fairly hectic late summer and autumn for the New Zealanders who attended the World Daffodil Convention. Some of us planted before we left and others had the bulbs waiting to be planted when they arrived home. At Ngatimoti we had most of the bulbs planted by mid-March. We then had substantial rain, which would have settled them in the ground and started the roots growing.

Neil and I set off for San Francisco on the 30<sup>th</sup> March, and stayed at Fisherman's Wharf. We explored the area, did day trips into the city and also went across the Golden Gate Bridge to a forest park - Muir Woods National Monument. We were keen to see Sequoia (Redwood) trees in their natural environment. The area covers 224 ha and consists of old-growth redwood and other trees. These are not giant redwoods, but still large, the tallest being 79 metres. The park is very popular with many walking and hiking trails.

We travelled on the BART (Bay Area Rapid Transport) to stay with our friends Nancy Tackett and Ben Blake at Martinez as many other daffodil enthusiasts have done before. They made us so welcome and we enjoyed staying in their lovely home for a couple of nights and seeing where they live. This part of California is beautiful and reminded us of New Zealand. It was very green in early April with many trees and wooded areas. We were very grateful to Ben and Nancy who took time out from their busy schedule to take us to the Napa Valley and historical Sonoma, and also to visit Bob Spotts in Oakley. The daffodils were nearly finished but, as well as daffodils, Bob grows beautiful roses and they were a real picture.



Exhibitors busy staging their blooms

The Convention Show itself will be covered in depth in the NDS Annual. We enjoyed it immensely, the organisation was first class. It was a first time we had attended a show in such palatial surroundings! Chandeliers above and carpet underfoot and the temperature of 4.5C kept most of the blooms fresh until the end of the show. Mind you the temperatures outside were quite cold a lot of the time, too. There was an excellent attendance from New Zealand with 19 of us, the most from any other country outside of USA.

Along with other overseas judges I enjoyed being given the opportunity to join a judging panel. There were many varieties of daffodils which were new to me and I came home with a long 'want' list. The quality of the blooms was not as good on the whole as we grow in New Zealand in our much 'softer' conditions. However there were some excellent blooms there, and I was impressed with the number of miniature and historic daffodils, each section taking up about 10 metres of staging. The poets, many of them seedlings from Larry Force, were superb. It was good to see New Zealand varieties on the benches, and doing very well, too.

The garden tour excursions took us out and about so that we were able to enjoy the countryside and we were shown great hospitality where ever we went. The first field trip we went on was to Cindy and Joy Haeffner's farm and here we saw a great variety of daffodils in two separate plots. We had a delicious German-style lunch at the homestead before travelling to the nearby town of Hermann on the banks of the Missouri River, founded by German immigrants in 1837 with many fine historic buildings.



Exploring the daffodils at Haeffner's Farm - these daffodils were planted along the edge of the woodland.

The rest of the day was spent in Hermann, with the bulbs auction and evening meal to follow. We were treated to a Bavarian band and traditional dancing. The highlight of the evening was to be among the New Zealanders present when Spud

Brogden was awarded the American Daffodil Society Gold Medal. We felt very proud of him, and pleased that Joy was there too to see Spud honoured in this way, as she has given him so much support over his lifetime with daffodils. More about Spud's award in the Annual. Nancy Tackett and Ben Blake were also awarded the ADS Silver Medal, a very well deserved honour for them.

The symposiums on the Saturday morning were very well attended – New Zealand was well represented by Graeme Miller whose presentation was about New Zealand hybridisers and the daffodils they have bred, and Wilf Hall who spoke about New Zealand's Intermediates and Miniatures and their breeders. I would have liked to attend all the presentations but they were held concurrently so had to choose. Those that I did see were most interesting.

On the Saturday afternoon we went to the world class Missouri Botanical Gardens in St. Louis. It was a lovely warm afternoon. There were still plenty of daffodils to see although they were past their peak. The dwarf irises were coming into bloom and the crabapples and other flowering trees and shrubs in full bloom were a wonderful sight, along with hostas and japanese maples in a myriad of colours. These gardens are beautiful and you could spend many happy hours exploring there with a new vista round every corner. I am sure we only saw a fraction of what is there, but I loved the Japanese strolling garden and the English woodland garden.



Missouri Botanical Gardens - a new vista round every corner

The second day trip was to Flora, Illinois, a three hour trip from St. Louis. Again we were made very welcome and the townspeople turned out in force to help the Delaney family with the visit. This is where Jason Delaney grows his bulbs on the family farm. He has a huge collection of daffodils and we saw thousands of varieties growing in rows in the field. Jason had printed lists of what each variety was in the rows. The season here seemed quite condensed with trumpets flowering alongside poets. We had a good look around under darkening skies, the rain holding off until lunchtime. We had a wonderful country-style lunch in a marquee while a blue grass band played in the barn nearby.

Altogether a very enjoyable day. There was also a trip to the Shaw Reserve, an off-site extension of the Missouri Botanical Gardens, on the last day which was also very interesting, even though it was raining.

Lasting impressions of USA are the massive roading system and distances people travel to get to shows (some had been 14 hours on the road!), the friendly helpful people (if your look lost they will stop and ask if they can help), and the beautiful woodland areas both in California and in the midwest.

What I had probably not realised before was that, because of the size of the USA, the flowering season is spread over such a long time frame. That meant that many of the Americans attending the Convention were not able to bring flowers as their season had just started or was well-finished. In 2017 the ADS Convention will be held in Sacramento, California, on March 10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>, which will be peak flowering for that area.

This is only a brief outline of the Convention. Thank you to everyone who made us so welcome and helped in any way to make it such a great week, we hope to see you all in Canberra in 2020.

After the Convention, Neil and I travelled to Honolulu where we spent a week enjoying the weather, the warmth, swimming and sightseeing. Hawaii is a lovely place to holiday. We travelled round the main island and saw beautiful secluded beaches which seemed far away from the bustle of Waikiki.

All in all the whole trip was marvellous.

Now we have our own daffodil shows to look forward to in the spring. I hope to catch up with many of you at the shows this year.



There was plenty to see in Jason's daffodil field

## NEW ZEALAND VARIETIES AT THE WORLD CONVENTION

New Zealand attendees at the World Convention were very pleased to see many varieties from home both on the benches and out on the field trips at both Cindy and Jason's patches. We were most impressed with Mitch and Kate Carney's winning entry in the Quinn Medal a very demanding class. 22 of the 24 varieties were New Zealand raised! Mitch and Kate also won the class for New Zealand Raised Varieties and the Matthew Fowlds Award for the Best Named Cyclamineus in Show with a nice example of the John Hunter raised Flight Path. Congratulations, Mitch and Kate. The Gold Ribbon for Best Standard Bloom in Show was won by another NDS member, Glenna Graves with a lovely bloom of that Jackson raised favourite, Banker. It was most fitting that David and Robyn Jackson were there to see Banker winning the Gold Ribbon as it has done many times before, being one of the most successful exhibition varieties ever raised.



The Quinn Medal. 24 Stems from at least 5 divisions. 1st: Mitch and Kate Carney. Top Row (Left to Right): Excalibur, Try Line, Oppoet, Pirongia Lemon, Mason Road, Spring Lustre. Second Row: Carla Marie, Thumbs Up, Cindy's Choice, Menehay, Ethereal Dawn, Waiwiri. Third Row: Barndance, Deb's Jewel, Luminosity, Bandit, Flaming Hot, Polar Mist. Bottom Row: Centrefold, Cameo Frills, Dynasty, Flight Path, Cosmic Dawn, Conestoga.



Mitch and Kate were also successful in the Class for New Zealand Raised Varieties with a very nice entry (from left) Lemon Fizz, Thumbs Up, Cape Farewell, Quickfire, Kawhatau.

## NEW ZEALAND MEDAL WINNERS AT OTHER SHOWS

Len Olive was the winner of the New Zealand Medal at the **South East England Daffodil Society Show** at Maidstone with a trio of Cameos - Cameo Flush, Cameo Fire and Cameo Joy. Len also showed a very good Goyt Valley (Best Division 4 and Reserve Champion). I was very impressed with this double when I saw it at St. Louis. Len's immaculate stem of *N. triandrus concolor* with three drooping little blooms won Best Vase of Miniatures. Congratulations, Len. Ian Johnson won the South East England Championship - his excellent set of twelve blooms included Best Div 1 - Macdalla, Best Division 3 - Bluntington, and Best Division 2 - Centenary Gold 2Y-Y which was selected as Champion Bloom.

At **Harrogate** the winners of the class for the New Zealand Medal was First: Alan Robinson with Cameo Affair, Cameo Lady, Cameo Love, Cameo Flare and Lemon Spice, all raised by Peter Ramsay. Second was Christine Yeardley and third was Chris Bone. Congratulations to all of the prize winners.

**The Daffodil Society Show at Coughton Court** goes from strength to strength and was reported to be a great success, with over 2000 members of the public visiting to look at the daffodils. There were some marvellous blooms there and the Champion Bloom was won by Roger Braithwaite with that favourite Sheelagh Rowan. The Braithwaites had a great show with Roger winning the Cartwright Cup and Terry winning many of the Miniature classes. The winner of the New Zealand Class was Julian Woodrow with a very good entry, again all bred by Peter Ramsay (see below). Julian must have a liking for New Zealand varieties as he was the winner last year too.



Left: Julian Woodrow's winning entry at Coughton Court, Cameo Frills, Cameo Marie and Cameo Fire. Above: Daffodil Society President Jackie Petherbridge presenting the New Zealand Medal to the winner, Julian Woodrow.

**Have you filled in your Consent form for the Membership List?** If you have not could you please email [natdaffsoc@gmail.com](mailto:natdaffsoc@gmail.com) or contact our Treasurer Judy Phimister, 1 Cascade Place Geraldine, New Zealand - phone (03) 693 7674 and confirm whether you wish to be included in the list or not. Also please update your details. If you are receiving a printed copy of the Newsletter it is because **we do not have a current email address for you.** If you do have an email address please let us know as above. The online version of the Newsletter (which looks a lot better in colour!) will be uploaded to our webpage soon.

## THE PATCH IN WINTER

When we arrived home from our trip to the Convention there was plenty of work to catch up on. As we never had time to spray the weeds before we left the beds were covered by lush, soft weed growth, the most I have ever seen on the beds at this time of year. The beds and the rows in the Field of Dreams over the creek were sprayed with Round-up. I mentioned last year that we had invested in a rechargeable electric sprayer. This was such a success that I decided to keep the larger (35 litre) one for fungicides and insecticides and to get a new smaller rechargeable for herbicides. So we bought a 16 litre one and that works very well. Unfortunately I was too late to spray the miniatures as the bulbocodiums and jonquil were about 15cm tall! I am having to weed them by hand and it is not easy as the daffodil foliage is very fine.

As soon as the weed growth has died down and been removed off the beds I will spread a light topdressing of fertiliser - Nitrophoska Extra (this one because it contains potassium only as Potassium Sulphate) and a little extra sulphate of potash. I understand that Nitrophoska has been hard to get in some areas. Supply seems to be erratic so if it is your fertiliser of choice it would pay to stock up when it is available.

We usually put a mulch on the beds in early winter, either fine bark or chopped up leaves off our property, which we have in abundance. This helps to keep the weeds down and the flowers clean.

The seeds from last year's crosses have been planted in the ground. I know many hybridisers prefer to plant in containers, such as polystyrene boxes, and that works very well. I prefer to plant in the ground, not least because it is easier for the little bulbs to look after themselves in the ground, as I find it easy to forget to water them in a spell of dry weather. The seedling bed has a timber surround and a wire netting lift up lid, to keep cats and other critters out. In really hard frosts we have trouble with frost heave, where the frozen ground expands, snapping the tender young first seedling leaves before they have had a chance to grow. I will lay frost cloth over the seedling bed if there is a danger of heavy frosts.

Slugs are often found in bulb crevasses when lifting the bulbs in the summer. They retreat down amongst the bulbs at the hottest time of the year. Now they are relishing the mild autumn temperatures – there are plenty around and breeding already - they will be out in their droves come flowering time. We have been using SlugOut lately and it looks like we will have to start sprinkling it on the beds earlier than usual this year. It is a smaller granular bait with very good weather resistance.

Most people with dogs will know that the active ingredient in slug bait (metaldehyde) is very toxic to animals. Dogs in particular are the ones who get into trouble, so keep them out of the patch and more importantly make sure you store the slug bait safely. Many dogs have died after finding a container of slug baits mistakenly left where they can get to it.

Keeping the weeds under control reduces the places where slugs can shelter and should help keep the numbers down. I am going to try a dusting of diatomaceous earth around very special flowers this spring as it is reported that slugs will avoid it. I will try anything to keep the slimy little critters at bay!

Before we know it, the show season will be upon us. Make sure you are prepared with everything you need in your "Box of Tricks" (the bits and pieces you take to a show) and have your daffodil transport boxes and packing materials organised well in advance – a good project for the shed on a cold day. Winter is a good time to get your flower protection organised, too. In an exposed windy situation your daffodil patch would benefit from having some windbreak around it. Covers for your blooms are well worth while too. We all know that if it is not rain splitting the petals it is sun or frost burning the cups! Some varieties can be picked early but others need to be left on the plant to develop. Do some experiments - pick some early and make notes of how they develop, and leave others on the plant. I prefer to leave them at least until the pollen goes powdery, and this means covering them to protect them from the elements. Make sure you stake your prize bloom before covering it to prevent wind rub.

## REGIONAL ROUND-UP AND SHOW DATES

### East Coast North Island

As our previous Area Representative for the East Coast, Shirley Tollison, had a stroke last winter and is now living in a rest home, Anne Pole has now taken on the task of Area Rep. The North Island National Show will be held in Gisborne next year. Anne reports:-

“Our show dates this year are 27th and 28th August. Last year we had 193 entries and we are hoping for more this year but that depends on the weather. We have had warm days and nights for this time of the year - 20 - 24 degrees.

Some plants are confused as to the season - some Tazettas have been blooming for two weeks! We are also giving thought to next year's National and looking forward to welcoming 'The Daffodil People' to Gisborne again.”

### Marlborough

Rex Bright reports that it has been great great gardening weather in Blenheim for the Autumn tidy up but oh so dry! Members were saddened by the death of Betty Bowers in February. Betty was a former President and a Life Member of the NDS and was our Vice- Patron. Several members of the NDS making the journey to Blenheim for her funeral. The Obituary for Betty will be printed in the Annual.

The spring show date for the **Marlborough Horticultural Society Spring Show** has been shifted forward a week to fit in with the camellias. It is doubtful that there will be many daffodils out by then, which is a shame. Show date will be 9th - 10th September.

### Timaru

**Timaru Horticultural Society Spring Show** Sat 17th Sunday 18th September at Caroline Bay Hall. Entries close Thursday 15th Sept at 1pm with Maureen Ng 688 0640.

**Trinity Church Spring Flower Show** College Road Timaru Saturday 1st October. Entries close Thursday evening 29th September. Contact Alistair (03) 688 2561.

### Wellington

High summer temperature and drought has affected the region again with less than 2” of rain falling from Christmas day until the beginning of May. This was broken on May 5<sup>th</sup> when, here in Whitby Porirua, we had an intense tropical style downpour that lasted for over two hours and more than 2” of rain fell. It featured on the National News! By standing on my veranda. I felt as though I was under a waterfall. Now the concrete like clay surface of the garden has disappeared and the garden is workable again. I'm so glad not to have dug my bulbs this year.

Early in January I attended the funeral of a keen Hutt Horticultural Society daffodil grower for many years who may or may not have been a past member of the NZ society, Margaret King (1921-2016). Margaret and her GP husband migrated from Scotland as a young couple and raised their children (5 sons and a daughter) in the Hutt Valley. She was often quoted as saying that ‘the secret in raising six children was to keep them all busy’. One of her sons described how each child had their own garden and was encouraged to choose and stage daffodils each year at the spring shows. Margaret shared with me her enjoyment at being able to hybridise daffodils and then staging and entering blooms in the Hutt and other Hutt District shows. (Eastbourne & Petone). Margaret was active in the Scout movement and she helped establish the Hutt branch of Riding for the Disabled. Her skills as a Pianist and love of music was evident in a private recording played during the service. I felt proud to have known her.

Margaret Seconi.

**Show dates for Wellington are:**

**Titahi Bay Horticultural Society** - Paremata School Hall. 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> August. (Setting up after 6pm 26<sup>th</sup>). Contact: Martin McKendrick Phone: (04)236 8062. Email: [mckendrick@xtra.co.nz](mailto:mckendrick@xtra.co.nz) This will be the 51<sup>st</sup> Spring Flower Show.

**Hutt Valley Horticultural Society** - Dowse Art Gallery. 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> September. Open To Public 12 – 4pm Saturday, 10-4pm Sunday (setting up Friday afternoon – not evening). Contact: Dianne Purdie Phone (04)479 5548. Email [diannepurdie@xtra.co.nz](mailto:diannepurdie@xtra.co.nz)

### Otago

The Dunedin Horticultural Society Spring show date has been put back a week this year to allow local daffodil enthusiasts to attend the South Island National in Te Anau. It is expected the Te Anau organisers will be calling for help with staging and vases. With previous National Shows held in Te Anau a container load of staging material and vases has been sent from Dunedin. Local members will be on hand to assist with the show build up if required.

The local daffodil Club has had good turnouts at its club nights but the highlight of the year for many was a trip to Pleasant Valley daffodils at the height of the flowering season in the first weekend of October.

Dunedin Horticultural Society Spring Show will be held on 1st and 2nd October.

### Nelson

It has been a quiet year on the daffodil front in Nelson. The Brightwater School Garden Club has been once again gifted daffodil bulbs by local NDS members. With help from BHS President Arch Crerar, they have planted the bulbs in pots and will bring them to the Brightwater Show in Spring.

The Brightwater Horticultural Society Show will be held on the weekend of 17th and 18th September this year.

### Waikato

The autumn weather has been glorious in the Waikato area, with night temperatures only now dropping. Because of the balmy weather and because several local exhibitors attended the World Convention in St. Louis the bulbs have generally been planted a bit later than usual. The School project continues at the four schools, with Graeme Miller and Graham Phillips donating bulbs.

Some Waikato members have not been in good health, with Clive Denton undergoing chemotherapy. He is showing improvement which is great news.

There will be two NDC Table Shows on 18th July and 8th August. The NDC Early Show will be held on Saturday 27th August. The NDC Late Show - Saturday 1st October. Morrinsville - Friday 2nd September. Howick - Saturday 3rd September.

**Congratulations** to Tracey Hooker and Graeme Miller on graduating with their Doctor of Philosophy degrees through the University of Waikato on 20th April. A wonderful achievement after years of research, study and hard work.

Tracey's thesis title was "Adults and children engaging with ePortfolios in an early childhood setting".

Graeme's thesis title was "Academic success amongst a cohort of gifted and talented Māori and Pasifika secondary school boys: Elements that have contributed to their achievement".

Well done to you both!



**Dr. Tracy Hooker and our President Dr. Graeme Miller at the Graduation ceremony**

## INFORMATION FOR MEMBERS!

### Dates to Remember

**Items of General Business and Notices of Motion for the AGM.** These must reach the Secretary by 20th July so that they can be included in the AGM agenda which will be printed in the Schedule. The Schedules are sent out at the end of July.

**All Nominations for Those Society Offices Listed Below** close on the 30th June. All Nominations to be forwarded to the Secretary along with a short resume. If you have the time and interest to be involved with the running of the NDS please put your name forward for nomination. **There are 7 Executive Members as well as President, Vice-president, Secretary, Treasurer.** Should it be necessary a Postal Vote will be held. All other Officers are appointed at the AGM. Nomination Forms for above positions are available from the Secretary by email or by post, or download from our [website](#)

**Nominations for Awards:-** also to be forwarded to the Secretary by 30th June. Awards are The David Bell Bronze Medal, The David Bell Gold Medal and Life Membership of the NDS. There is also the Certificate of Recognition which can also be awarded to members or non-members of the NDS all year round with no cut-off date. Nomination forms for all awards are available from the Secretary. To include a citation of **less than 500 words** for all nominations.

**Floral Awards for Daffodils:-** Forms will be available at the shows, on the NDS Website [www.daffodil.org.nz](http://www.daffodil.org.nz) or you can ask Denise to forward one to you.

**Note: All the above forms are available on the National Daffodil Society Website to download.** <http://www.daffodil.org.nz/moreinfo/ndsforms.php> Contact Secretary Denise McQuarrie for more information on any of these matters. [natdaffsec@paradise.net.nz](mailto:natdaffsec@paradise.net.nz) or Phone (03)526 8847.

### Stewarding 2016

If you are attending either or both of the National Shows this year and would like to try your hand at Stewarding, our Head Stewards, Faith Miller and Rozanne Burnby, are very keen to hear from you! For newer exhibitors it is a great introduction to the finer points of exhibiting as the judges compare blooms and choose their winners.

North Island chief steward :- Faith Miller

Phone (07) 870 5443. Email [millers@vodafone.net.nz](mailto:millers@vodafone.net.nz)

South Island chief steward:- Rozanne Burnby

Phone (03) 324 2432. Email [malroze@xtra.co.nz](mailto:malroze@xtra.co.nz)

**Many thanks to our Chief Stewards, they do a great job!**

### Judge's Form

Your Judging Form will be emailed or posted to you. Please send it back to Graeme Miller promptly, **at the latest by the 5th June.** Or email/phone him with your intentions straight away. Email [millers@vodafone.net.nz](mailto:millers@vodafone.net.nz) or Phone (07)870 5443. The judging sub-committee will be meeting in June to put panels together for the National Shows. Please make yourself available if you are attending the shows. *If you are a keen exhibitor and wish to be added to the Judging Panels please contact Graeme. You will start as an Assistant Judge and work your way up to Senior Judge.*

**Please note:-** Priority in the allocation of judging responsibilities will be given to judges who have attended at least two judging schools in the past five years. The Manual states this is a requirement of all judges.

## NATIONAL DAFFODIL SOCIETY NEWS

### NDS ANNUAL 2016

The theme for this year's Annual is a review of Division 3 white perianth flowers with a splash of yellow perianth colour via an article on 3Y-Y. I have articles on 3W-YO and an article on Aircastle and I hope to put an article together on 3W-Y. The other major focus in the Annual is on the World Convention held in St Louis in April with promises of articles from some of the attendees. There is also a travel article.

If anyone wishes to put pen to paper I would welcome any contributions especially from members who may not have written anything before and I am here to help in any way.

**The deadline for articles is 30<sup>th</sup> June.**

Trevor Rollinson, Editor of the NDS Annual

### 2016 DAFFODIL REGISTRATIONS

**Are you planning to register names for any of your seedlings this year? Registrations must be in well before the end of June - please don't leave it until the last minute!**

**Applications enhanced with photos make the job easier for the International Registrar. Front on and side views are now asked for. If you are not using the latest form which has the introduction with the information about use of copyright on photos please contact me. PLEASE DON'T LEAVE IT UNTIL THE END OF JUNE.**

**Wilf Hall (Registrar for N.Z.) Phone:- (06) 367 8160 Email:- [wilshe@xtra.co.nz](mailto:wilshe@xtra.co.nz)**

### NEW MEMBERS

Since the last Newsletter was printed we have lost several members and have gained four. The first two are Siegfried Bauer of Eltham (Taranaki) and Joseph Austin of Christchurch. They were the winners of the Non-Members' one year subscription prize (and a bulb prize) at the North and South Island National Shows last year.

We also have another two new members from Taranaki - Tony Barnes and John Sole who live in the New Plymouth countryside and are very keen plantsmen. Welcome to you all! We hope to see you at some of the shows this spring.

### EXECUTIVE

This year we are going to need several new Executive Members as well as a new Secretary. We would be very keen to hear from you if you are willing to take a turn at being on Executive. If you have been on Executive in the past, please consider coming back on for another term.

Get in touch with Denise [natdaffsec@paradise.net.nz](mailto:natdaffsec@paradise.net.nz) or our President Graeme [millers@vodafone.net.nz](mailto:millers@vodafone.net.nz) for any further information, or download the nomination form from <http://www.daffodil.org.nz/moreinfo/ndsforms.php>

### NEW CRITERIA FOR CLASS 4

Because of very few entries in Class 4 over the last several years, Executive agreed to try something different. This applies to Class 4 (the Gibson Perpetual Challenge Cup in the North Island and the Oamaru Challenge Cup in the South Island) Previously the Schedule asked for 9 varieties, 3 of each.

The new requirements will be for:-

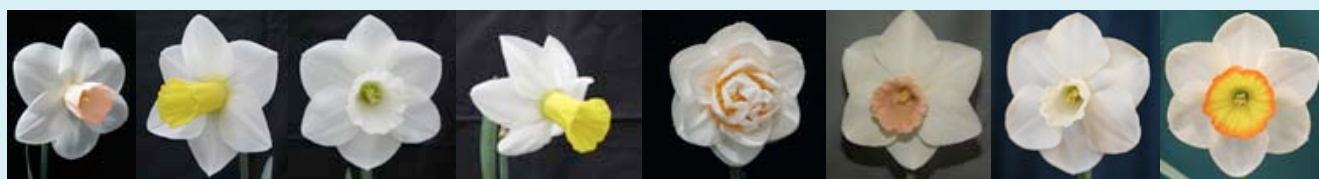
Class 4: 3 Varieties from 3 different divisions, 3 blooms of each staged in 3 vases.

We believe this will be a very attractive and keenly contested class which should appeal to a lot of exhibitors. How about giving it a go?

### GREETINGS AND BEST WISHES

To all our members who are not keeping the best of health at present, and there seems to be quite a few, I guess inevitable in an ageing membership. Here's hoping that by spring you will all be well and fit enough to once again enjoy the daffodils. Several members have had to move into Rest Home care over the past year. Just letting you know that you are never forgotten.

# **NORTH ISLAND NATIONAL DAFFODIL SHOW 2016**



**The Northern Daffodil Club is proud to host the 2016 North Island National Daffodil Show on September 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> 2016 at Hamilton Gardens Pavilion.**

**A programme of events is as follows:**

## **FRIDAY**

2pm	Hall Opens for staging. A light evening meal will be provided by the Northern Daffodil Club.
10-30pm	Hall closes

## **SATURDAY**

6 -30am	Hall opens for staging. Breakfast will be available.
10-15am	Staging to be completed
10-30am	Judging
12noon	Lunch available to members and judges
2pm	Pavilion open to the public
3pm	National Daffodil Society AGM
4-30 pm	Show Closes to the public
5-30pm	Drinks/Finger Food /NDS Prizegiving.
7pm	Buses leave Hamilton Gardens and Motels for dinner at Sarnia Park
8pm	Dinner at Sarnia Park

## **Sunday**

8-30am	Hall opens for photographs etc
10am	Hall open to public
3-30pm	Hall Closes.

## **Further Information**

Saturday nights dinner and bulb auction will be held at Sarnia Park, Cambridge. This venue is about 20 minutes drive from Hamilton. Free buses supplied by the Northern Daffodil Club will be leaving Hamilton Gardens and the motels at approx. 7pm and returning to the same venues at the end of the evening.

For those members arriving at Hamilton Airport we will arrange for someone to meet you and deliver you to Hamilton Gardens.

As previously advised accommodation in Hamilton for the weekend will be at a premium due to a rugby test. If you have not already done so please book your accommodation without delay.

This year will be the 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Northern Daffodil Club and the 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the National Daffodil Society. Do join us to partake of an enjoyable weekend.

If you require any further information please contact Robin Hill on 021-760545 or email [robinhill45@yahoo.co.nz](mailto:robinhill45@yahoo.co.nz)

# CELEBRATE SPRING IN TE ANAU!



## SOUTH ISLAND NATIONAL DAFFODIL SHOW

TE ANAU - 24th & 25th SEPTEMBER 2016



**The Te Anau Spring Flower Show Committee** is looking forward to hosting the South Island National Daffodil Show 24<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> September 2016.

Excellent information can be obtained by going to the website [www.fiordland.org.nz/](http://www.fiordland.org.nz/)

The Show will be held in the **Fiordland Community Events Centre - Luxmore Drive**. There will tea/coffee available all day and a light evening meal on Friday.

The Saturday night dinner will be held at **Kingsgate Hotel - Te Anau Lakefront Drive**.

Transport from/to Queenstown and Invercargill airports is available through Tracknet who run minibuses from the both airports - they leave both airports about 1pm & from Te Anau 9am (Winter timetable Monday to Friday) [www.tracknet.net](http://www.tracknet.net)

Hire Car travel time by car to Te Anau is approximately 2 hours.

Accommodation either Motel / Hotel / Holiday Park is readily available within walking distance of the Events Centre.

- ▶ **Motels** - Parklands, Bella Vista and any of the motels beginning with A on Quintin Drive.
- ▶ **Hotels** - Kingsgate, Distinction, Te Anau Hotels & Villas.
- ▶ **Holiday Park** - Te Anau Kiwi Holiday Park.

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