

# AMERICAN DAFFODIL SOCIETY PACIFIC REGION NEWSLETTER WINTER 2017 AND 2018

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I had intended to have this newsletter out in December 2017 but with the holidays, I had to delay it until January 2018. Then I had other obligations that prevented me from getting it out until now.

I plan on attending the two shows sponsored by the Northern California Daffodil Society and the Fortuna Show sponsored by the Fortuna Garden Club. One of these days, I hope to attend one of the shows in Oregon. I hope all of you will be able to attend at least one show (hopefully more) held in the Pacific Region. This is a great opportunity to show your daffodils and of course to meet your fellow member.

For the second year in a row, I'm planning on attending the American Daffodil Society's 2018 National Convention and in the Greater Nashville, area, TN. What I enjoy the most about attending one of these conventions is meeting people that I have only read about or met only briefly at past events. I enjoy talking about daffodils with people from different areas of America.

On a sad note, I was informed by Steve Vinisky that Walter Blom, a well known daffodil hybridizer, had passed sway on Thursday, February 1, 2018.

I plan to have another newsletter after the daffodil shows sometime in mid April and another newsletter in the fall.

If any member would like to share any information and / or photographs in the next newsletter, please contact me: Jon Kawaguchi at [mogeura@aol.com](mailto:mogeura@aol.com). I'm particularly interested in photographs of members of the local chapters who participate in the daffodil shows and other events in the Pacific Region.

## 2017 FALL BOARD MEETING

The Fall Board Meeting was held on November 11, 2017 in Cincinnati, OH and a number of motions were approved. The first two motions listed below directly affect two members of the Pacific Region. Here are selected motions that were approved.

The American Daffodil Society has renamed the Miniature Premier Collection to the “**Koopowitz Collection.**” The Koopowitz Collection is 24 miniature cultivars, seedlings, and / or species from no fewer than five RHS Divisions.

A new class has been established consisting of a collection of five different stems of daffodils, where green is the predominant color in either the perianth and / or the corona. Entries may consist of all standards or all miniatures. This new class will be name the “**Robert Spotts Ribbon.**” The Awards Committee is assigned with developing an appropriate green-shaded ribbon to be available beginning with the 2018 show season. This new class will be required at all National Shows, and will be encouraged at local and regional shows.

A new class was formed for the Youth Section of the National Show called the “**Brooke Ager Challenger Class**” for an annual challenge cultivar. The ADS Committee would select a cultivar annually and supply said bulb to all ADS Youth Members as budgeted annually. The Brooke Ager Challenger Class would be open to ANY youth who grows that year’s challenge cultivar not just ADS Youth members. The ADS Awards Committee will be charged to create a ribbon for the National Show for this class to be adopted and to strongly encourage the local societies to make this class available to their youth members.

A new ADS Youth Award in Photography and to establish a youth class has been approved. This new class was established to encourage youth participation in the ADS and offered in the photography section of ADS shows. The Youth Award in Photography is open at ANY “youth” who enters photos in this special photography class, not just ADS members. The winner of the ADS Youth Ward is eligible for the Wells Knierim Ribbon. The ADS Awards Committee will be assigned to create a new ribbon for this class.

Congratulations to Robert Spotts and Harold Koopowitz!

## 2018 PACIFIC REGION DAFFODIL SHOWS AND EVENTS

1. Filoli’s “Daffodil Daydreams” held from February 24 and 24, 2018 at 86 Canada Rd, Woodside, CA.
2. 48<sup>th</sup> Annual Bay Area Daffodil Show (Pacific Region Show) will hosted by the Northern California Daffodil Society and the Alden Lane Nursery from March 3 and 4 at the Alden Lane Nursery, Livermore, CA. The Annual Northern California Membership Dinner will be held on March 3 at Terra Mia Restaurant, Livermore CA.
3. Daffodil Show at the Julian Town Hall will be held from March 10 and 11 at the Julian Town Hall, 2129 Main Street, Julian, CA.

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4. 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Mother Lode Daffodil Show hosted by the Northern California Daffodil Society and Ironstone Vineyards and held from March 10 and 11 at the Heritage Room, Ironstone Vineyards, 1894 Six Mile Rd, Murphys CA. Daffodil Celebration Dinner Evening will be held on March 10 at 7:00 pm, Camps Restaurant, 711 McCauley Ranch R. Greenhorn Creek Resort, Angels Camp, CA
5. Albany Daffodil Show sponsored by the Oregon Daffodil will be held from March 17 and 18 at the Albany Library, 2450 14<sup>th</sup> Ave. SE, Albany OR.
6. 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Daffodil Show hosted by the Fortuna Garden Club will be held from March 24 and 25 at the River Lodge Conference Center, 1800 Riverwalk Dr. Fortuna, CA. The Daffodil Celebration Dinner will be held on Saturday, March 24 at 7:00 pm, Ivanhoe Hotel, 315 Main Street, Ferndale, CA.
7. Portland Daffodil Show hosted by the Oregon Daffodil Show and the Portland Chapter of the American Rhododendron Society held from April 7 and 8 at the Crystal Springs Rhododendron Garden, 5801 SE 28<sup>th</sup> Ave., Portland, OR.
8. The Northern California Fall Bulb Sale and Potluck will be held in the Fall (TBD) at the Alden Lane Nursery, Livermore, CA.



## 2018 NATIONAL DAFFODIL CONVENTION

The 2018 National Convention will be held from April 5 to 8 in the Greater Nashville, TN area hosted by the Middle Tennessee Daffodil Society. The Middle Tennessee Daffodil Society will be celebrating its 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The convention will be located at the Franklin Marriott Cool Springs, 700 Cool Springs, Franklin, TN. The National Daffodil Show will be open to the public from Friday April 6 to Saturday April 7. There will be numerous educational speakers such as Ted Snazelle; Julie Hardy of Esker Farm Daffodils; Frans Veul and Anna Paulowna; Keith Kridler; and Brent Heath. Also, there will be outings to historical houses and gardens, Cheekwood Estates and Gardens, Carnton Plantation, and more. For more information about the 2018 National Convention, go to the ADS website:

<http://daffodilusa.org/>

## DAFFODILS BLOOMING IN MY GARDEN

The following daffodils are currently blooming in my garden in early February 2018.



**Higgins 09/05M**  
**7 Y-Y**  
**(Clay Higgins)**



**Gipsy Queen x *N. cyclamineus***

**I received this bulb from Marcus Harvey of Hillview Rareplants of Australia.**

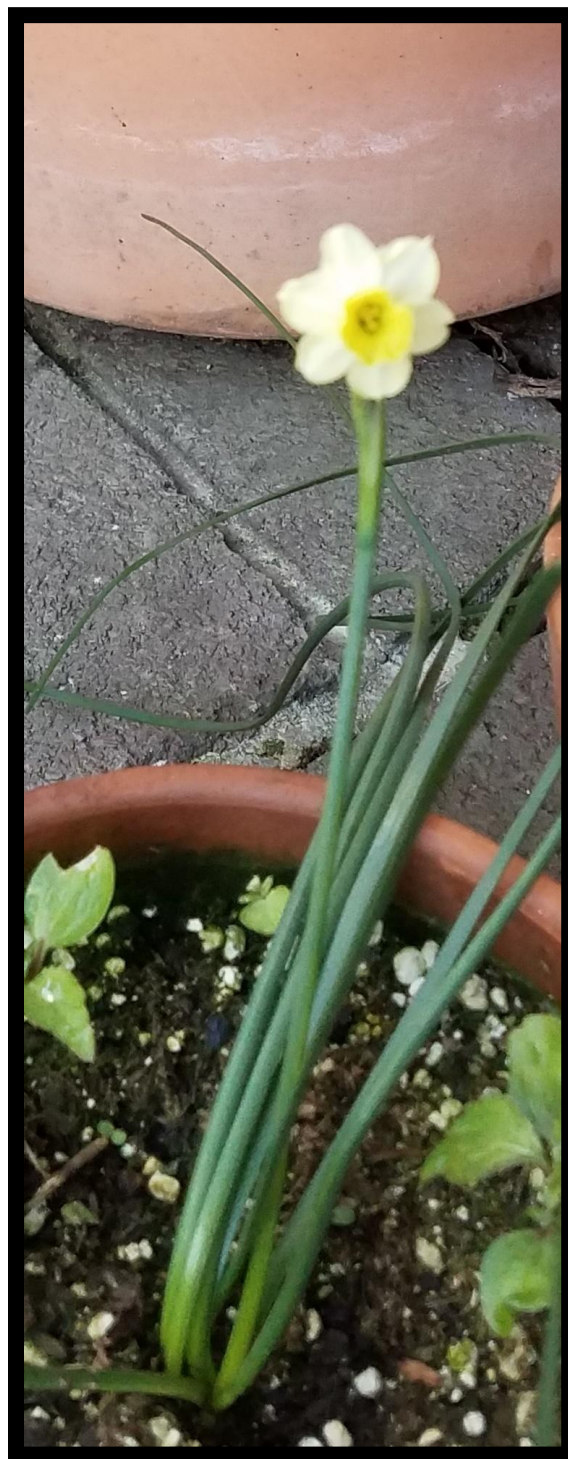


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**N. bulbocodium var. tenuifolius  
seedling**



**Keira KB-I-620  
7 G-G  
(Graham Fleming)**



**Oakwood Tyke  
1 W-W  
(John Reed)**

**DAFFODILS BLOOMING IN MY GARDEN**



**Sugared Fruit  
1 WW  
(Walter Blom)**



**Likely Lad  
1 Y-Y**



**Link  
Tete A Tete x N. calcicola  
(Helen Link)**



## IN MEMORY OF WALTER BLOM



**Walter Blom standing near one of his planter boxes in 2015**

In 2012, Nancy Wilson, who offered miniature daffodils for nearly forty years, had me asked if I was interested in taking over for her. At that time, I was not in a position to accept this offer. I informed her that I could assist her in any way possible. In the Fall of 2014, Nancy asked me again if I would take over for her. After a time to think about it, I accepted. Nancy was looking for someone to take over the daffodil offerings of Walter Blom's miniature and dwarf daffodils. After I accepted the offer, Nancy had gotten in contact with Walter Blom. Walter called me in January of 2015 to talk about daffodils and he wanted me to visit him in Albany, OR during February. He informed me that mid to late February was best for him as most of his cultivars and seedlings would be in bloom. After a few weeks, I did not hear from him and I was getting a little concerned, but on February 19, Walter called me and asked me to come on over. I told him I would have to book a flight and he told me that next week would be the best. I booked a flight and called him the next day and told Walter that I would be able to meet with him on Friday February 27. Walter wanted to meet a 9:00 am.

I arrived in Portland, OR Thursday night and drove to Salem which is about an hour south of Portland. Since our meeting was at 9:00 am I wanted to be closer to Walter so I didn't have to wake up too early in the morning. Salem is about 35 minutes north of Albany. Walter and Elisabeth Blom live in the country in a beautiful area. It's not the easiest place to find but I was only a few minutes late. The Bloms are very friendly and we had a nice conversation about daffodils and Walter told me a few stories about his childhood. Walter grew his miniatures and dwarfs in three raised planter boxes. The boxes were four feet high so he does not have to bend down and easy to observe the plants. As we were looking at his daffodils, we agreed that I would offer his daffodils on a year to year basis. He told me that since he was in his mid-80s, he said, "At my age you never know." I offered his bulbs for the years 2015 and 2016. Then in 2017, he called me and informed me that he was retiring. On February 3, 2018, Steve Vinisky sent an email informing me that Walter had passed away on Thursday night, February 1.