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Spreading Daffodil Fever This Fall...

By Lynn Slackman

The summer heat has been a bit oppressive this year. But sooner than we realize bulbs will be arriving from those orders we forgot about, and The Greater St Louis Daffodil Society will be selling daffodil bulbs at two venues this year. **That's right...**we will be at the Kirkwood Greentree Festival and the Missouri Botanical Garden selling bulbs and spreading daffodil fever.

The fun starts on August 29th when we meet at Suzanne's house to clean bulbs and visit with our daffodil friends. Then on September 12th, in the Missouri Room at the Missouri Botanical Garden, we will bag and tag all the bulbs and prepare them for the sale. The next weekend, September 17th through the 19th, we will be at the Greentree Festival in Kirkwood selling all those packaged daffodil bulbs. Then...the following weekend we will be back at the Botanical Garden, in Orthwein Floral Hall, selling the remainder of our daffodil bulbs to patrons and visitors to that location. We will need a rest after all that fun.

Please note...if you have some extra companion bulbs, such as Lycoris, Hyacinth, Allium, or even Camassia, please consider donating them to our MOBOT bulb sale location. We plan to have a table devoted to companion bulbs this year.

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"Bulb" By Anna Pavord

Book Reviewed By Beth Holbrooke

This is not a pretty picture book, although the photography is exquisite, detailed and I wish I had taken the photos. This is an entertaining and yet educational book that can be referenced over and over through the seasons. It can also be a book to read for sheer entertainment and sometimes droll humor.

Anna Pavord is a world recognized expert in horticulture at the height of her career. She has no need of editors who tell her what to write and how to write it, so she gets to choose how and what her subject will entail and if publishers and editors don't go along, she just doesn't write the book for them. We all should be so successful in our careers!

"Bulb" is a book of her favorite 600 bulbs that was four years in the making. It seems to be a natural follow up of "Tulips", a previous book. Every page displays magnificent photographs of the alphabet of bulbs – from Acis (leucojum) and Allium to Zephyranthes (rain lilies) and Zigadensus - with close up portraits and double page field shots of every type in between. She has been gathering many notes through her lifetime of gardening and the information she has garnered about where bulbs grow in the wild, who first bred new crosses and which individual cultivars are better to grow makes for an enlightening non-textbook reference guide. Her delightful descriptions make the \$39.95 price well worth the expense.

For example, she writes "Most alliums are built on the same lines: a strong uncluttered stem with a blob on top"; "Chinodoxa together with grape hyacinths, *scilla* and *chionoscilla* provide the chorus in the opera of spring's arrival"; and the tulip is "the queen of all bulbs, producing the sexiest, the most capricious, the most various, subtle, powerful and intriguing flower that a gardener will set eyes on". Makes for great reading.



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On Saturday, October 9th, prepare to reward yourself by attending our annual Daffodil Bulb Exchange. This is the highlight event of the year, and the anticipation of receiving more prized daffodil bulbs is quite a treat. Please refer to Cindy's article in this newsletter for all the details.

As daffodil fever spreads throughout the St Louis and surrounding area this Fall, I hope to see all of our members at some, if not all, of our fun and rewarding events!

Minutes, Sunday, July 11, 2010

Greater St Louis Daffodil Society Garden Room of Ridgeway Center at MOBOT

President Lynn Slackman called the regular meeting to order at 1:10 PM. Twenty members and guests were present. President Slackman stated that the minutes of the previous meeting had been printed in the Rave and that a copy of that publication was on each table for anyone who had not had the opportunity to read them. President Slackman called for any additions or corrections. There being none, Pam Hardy moved the minutes be approved as published. Seconded by Leora McTall, the motion passed.

President Slackman called for the Treasurer's Report. Peter McAdams reported the financial position for the period January 1, 2010, through June 30, 2010, resulting in total income of \$1,360.00 and expenses of \$2,256.83 for the period. McAdams distributed copies of the detailed treasurer's report and a copy is included in the Secretary's records. McAdams also reported 13 new memberships in 2010, bringing the total paid memberships for 2010 to 51 plus 7 youth members. Ernie Henson moved the Treasurer's Report be filed subject to audit, seconded by Ralph McTall. Motion passed.

President Slackman reported that the Treasurer's books had been examined by the Audit Committee, Ann Henson, Beth Holbrooke and Ernie Henson for the twelve month period ended December 31, 2009. A letter of confirmation had been received and the committee advised that Treasurer Peter McAdams should be commended for his efforts and excellent service in maintaining the club financial records.

President Slackman introduced a special guest, Sonja Lallemand of Exeter, Missouri. Sonja, a graduate of Springfield College, is specializing in the botanical properties of the daffodil bulb. She told of her research and findings in the course of her studies.

Cindy Haeffner introduced Becky Fox Matthews, the first Vice President of the American Daffodil Society. Becky defined the generations of daffodil society members...the older generation, middle-aged generation and lastly, the youth. She referred to youth

as the Gen-Y...and pointed out their importance to the future of the American Daffodil Society. She shared many good ideas for recruiting the Gen-Y as the future of our Society.

Following the program, President Slackman called for a discussion of Old Business:

Recap of 2010 GSDLS Daffodil Show, Gary Knehans, General Chair: In spite of being short on bloom for the season, just before the show the weather improved and the bloom improved. Thanks to Larry Force of Mississippi who brought many great entries to our show, we finally ended up with more blooms than the prior year. The photography division was a successful innovation to our show, and Debra Pratt suggested that we might have an outside photography expert do a program at one of our meetings. It might encourage more member participation in this area for future shows. Gary thanked everyone who contributed to the success of our show.

Bloomin' Bucks from Brent and Becky's Bulbs:

President Slackman announced that we had received our first check from one of our member's purchase. The money was received as a result of an order placed by Leora McTall. Lynn reminded the membership to be sure to request this generous refund offer when we send in our orders to this supplier.

The next issue of the Rave Newsletter, Beth Holbrooke, Editor. Beth, who was unable to attend the meeting, requested that the articles she has been promised, be handed in to her by the end of July. Debra Pratt stated that she will have an article on photography for the next issue. Beth wishes to thank everyone who submitted an article for the last issue and welcomed articles from the members for future issues.

New Business:

Bulb Cleaning Party:

President Slackman announced that Suzanne Raymond is hosting the annual bulb cleaning party at her home in Ellisville on Sunday, August 29th. Please bring food for sharing at lunch and snacks to munch on that afternoon. Suzanne has extended her invitation to include overnight accommodations at her home for those who have a long travel distance. Please let her know if you plan to accept her generous offer. Directions to her residence will be provided on the website and more information will be available. We plan to start at 10:00 AM and continue until about 5:00 PM.

Annual Daffodil Bulb Sale:

President Slackman reported that our Bulb Sale will be held on Saturday and Sunday, September 25th and 26th in the Orthwein Floral Display Hall at MOBOT. Sale will begin at 9:00 AM and continue until 5:00 PM on both days. Serving on the committee will be Lynn, Pam and Su Li, but anyone who can help should contact the committee and offer their services. Help

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will be needed with the setup on Friday, Sept 24th and at the bulb sale both days. We have lots of bulbs for this sale and many jobs to fill. Snacks from the members are always welcomed. Jason suggested that we sell bags of fertilizer at the sale as we have in the past. Debra Pratt moved that we purchase 10 50-pound bags of fertilizer for this purpose. Seconded by Jim Morris, motion passed.

Green Tree Festival Bulb Sale, Debra Pratt, Coordinator: Debra reported on the progress to date. The event will be held in Kirkwood beginning on Friday, September 16th through Sunday, September 18th. Tents may be set up on Thursday evening. A work schedule sheet was passed around for a sign-up of workers.

Annual Membership Bulb Exchange, Cindy Haeffner and Gary Knehans: The committee reported that the bulbs had been ordered for the exchange, and there is an exciting selection to choose from. The exchange will be held on Sunday, October 16th. The cost of the bulbs ordered for this year was \$1,200.00. There may be less bulbs, but higher priced bulbs were selected for the exchange. A discussion ensued on the amount to spend on next year's bulbs. Jason moved that we budget a base amount of \$1,500.00 for future years and add to that figure 25% of the profit we make on the Green Tree Festival Bulb Sale from the previous year. Pam Hardy seconded and the motion carried.

The 2011 Annual Daffodil Show, Lynn Slackman: President Slackman announced that we would need to be ordering ribbons for the show and stated that she would place the order. Rosettes would also be ordered at a cost of \$3.37 each and additional ribbons would be required for the Photography division of the show. Cindy Haeffner moved that she be authorized to place the order for the amount needed for next year. Seconded by Jim Morris, motion passed.

Table covers were discussed. Jean Morris suggested that we purchase good quality, but reasonably priced, fabric and have the table cloths made to fit MOBOT's tables. She personally preferred having white table tops with attached dark green skirts to best compliment the show entries. She suggested that we could possibly share the cost with the iris club who could benefit from the attractive show setting new cloths would provide. Several members liked the suggestion and offered to check fabrics and prices.

Other Business to come before the meeting:

Jason Delaney remarked that our supply of plant labels was down to about 3,000. They have been selling well, and he suggested that we replenish our supply before the new planting season. He asked whether the Morrises could pick up an additional 5,000 on their next trip to Ohio. Upon further

discussion, Debra Pratt moved that we purchase another 5,000 plant labels at a cost of \$1,500.00. Jim Morris seconded, motion passed.

There being no further or other business to come before the meeting President Slackman stated that the meeting would be adjourned following the drawing for door prizes. The \$25.00 Daffodil Bulb Certificate was won by Ernie Henson and several other door prizes were won by the members Meeting adjourned at 3:30 PM.

Secretary, Ann Henson

Spreading Yellow Fever To The New Generation

By Lynn Slackman

Becky Fox Matthews is the First Vice President of the American Daffodil Society, a daffodil judge and judges' instructor, a past-president of the Middle Tennessee Daffodil Society and a Davidson County Master Gardener. In her spare time she is an informal science educator at the Adventure Science Center in Nashville. Becky has worked with youth at the national level and she was kind enough to share some of her experiences with us.

The new generation does like to learn new things and they like to connect with the earth. They want to buy the best local products and they receive gratification from the gardening experience. One significant difference is that they learn from mentoring instead of belonging to organizations, even though they may belong to online social networks. The new generation is also a social group that includes their families within their social gatherings.

The American Daffodil Society has many Youth and Education Projects available from their web site <http://daffodilusa.org/references/references.html/Youth>. These resources are available to assist regional locations with the organization of youth projects. Some of Becky's suggestions included setting aside a table at our daffodil show where children can touch real daffodils, make paper daffodils, or color some pictures of daffodils. This gives youth and their family the opportunity to participate in your event. Another suggestion is getting involved with your local schools and community. Depending upon your audience, present a Daffodil Lab and lead a daffodil dissection activity. Show how water contributes to the bloom color by placing the bloom in a glass with food coloring and watching it change color.

Members of GSLDS were honored that Becky found time to speak to our group. The new generation is the future of our organization and Becky's thoughtful presentation gave us some of the

Greater St. Louis Daffodil Society Bulb Exchange

October 9, 2010 SATURDAY!!!!!!
Noon – 5pm

Dear GSLDS members, please write the date for the Daffodil must do list now!!! Please also note, we are holding this on a SATURDAY this year, October 9, 2010.

Once again this year, the highly anticipated bulb exchange is quickly approaching. As in the past, we are asking for donations to add to the variety of the already select bulb cultivars and other gardening items. Please consider donating this year, either with individual cultivars for the exchange or, a collection, to add to our fund raising event. Other items also happily accepted are any gardening, or non-gardening items we can auction. Examples are as follows: bulb collections or individual bulbs, bird feeders, stepping stones, art work, honey, needlework, jewelry, you get the idea!!!!

Please email your items to Cindy Haeffner to add to the list by **Oct 1, 2010**.

Please indicate the item description or cultivar name, and the # of selections you are going to provide, and/or a collection of daffodil bulbs for the drawing. My email address is as follows: chaeffner@haeffnerfamily.net

Joy will barbeque brisket, to be served on buns, and members will bring dishes to round out the meal. The club will provide utensils, drinks etc. Last year the food was a huge hit, and we look forward to new and wonderful culinary delights!!!!

Again this year, the “B” list will be instrumental in keeping the exchange moving at a faster pace. It was very popular, and this year you will not be disappointed. Of course the “A” list is where the most prized possessions are sought, but the “B” list will contain many garden and show favorites, you just cannot do without.

Our vendors this year are : Oakwood Daffodils(John Reed), Daffodils & More(Dave Burdick), PHS (Jason Delaney) & Mitsch Daffodils (Richard and Elise Havens) We have been very pleased with their selections in the past, and look forward to another great variety for your selections!!!!!!

A reminder to the membership that the “pay to play” this year will be \$10 to be paid to Peter McAdams, our treasurer, prior to the beginning of the exchange. Please also be aware of the “active members” amendment as follows:****Members need to attend at least one event or meeting, prior to the bulb exchange, to participate as an Active Member at the Daffodil Bulb Exchange on Saturday, October 9, 2010.**

There are several GSLDS events left on the schedule to qualify for the bulb exchange, if you have not already attended an event this year. [Greater St. Louis Daffodil Society](http://www.gsllds.org) is the link to our website to see all the updated events, thanks to Lynn, our President.

Hope to see everyone at the Greater St. Louis Bulb Exchange
Cindy Haeffner,
Bulb Committee

Greater St. Louis Daffodil Society Hybridizer's Panel

Sunday, November 14th, 2010

It is with great pleasure to inform the membership, our own hybridizers have accepted the invitation to give a presentation on November 14th, 2010.

Yes, we will enter the world of the hybridizer's mind and beauty!!!!!! Don't miss this, Gary Knehans, Jason Delaney, Larry Force and Dave Niswonger will give us glimpses of their wondrous works, giving us the color and beauty, we will be craving in the dark days of November!!!!

Submitted by: Cindy Haeffner, Vice-President



A Daffnet Discussion 8/8/2010

“I did notice an article about research on compounds in daffodils as a treatment for Alzheimer's disease. (Google Alzheimer's daffodils for articles). Unfortunately, for some of us the only way we treat our mental afflictions is to - buy another bulb.” Denis Dailey

“As to the Alzheimer's, the enzyme needed was first found in Snowdrops (galanthus) but then found in abundance in some daffodils, Carlton and Ice Follies are regarded as two of the best cultivars for obtaining this enzyme. In England and Wales you can now see fields of daffodils been grown for this purpose, the whole plant is used - bulbs, leaves, and flowers all mashed up to obtain maximum amount.

There were 3 drugs on the market that contained the enzyme, But the governing body who regulate drugs in the UK only allow them to be used on patients at the early onset of the illness saying that the benefits are not proved in the later stages! A lot of people here in the UK dispute that reasoning!”

Ian Tyler

TREASURER'S REPORT - PETER MCADAMS

January 1 - July 31, 2010

Checking Acct Bal Jan 1, 2010	\$6,387.56
Daffodil Society Income:	
Potted Bulb Sales to the Public	\$604.00
DUES RECEIVED	
2010 Members Dues Received	\$164.00
2011 Members Dues Received	\$7.00
Total Dues Received	<u>\$171.00</u>
OTHER INCOME	
Misc Income	\$15.50
Mitsch Discounted Bulbs to Members	\$520.00
Plant Label Sales	\$534.00
Tee Shirt Sales	\$535.00
Donations Received	\$3.00
Total Other Income	<u>\$1,607.70</u>
TOTAL INFLOWS =	<u>\$2382.70</u>

OUTFLOWS / EXPENSES:

DAFFODIL SHOW EXPENSE

Show Supplies	\$86.87
Judge Expenses	<u>\$475.26</u>
Total Show Expenses	\$562.13
Program Speaker Expense	\$508.19
Mitsch Discounted Bulbs By Members	\$520.20
Exchange Bulb Expense	\$1500.00
Supplies	\$212.70
Tee Shirt Emblem Expense	\$653.25
Sales Expenses	\$60.00
Meeting Expenses	\$70.13
Plant Label Costs	\$470.72
Charitable Donations - Koman	\$250.00
Postage	\$10.56
Website Expense	<u>\$039.85</u>

Total Outflows	<u>\$4,857.73</u>
Overall Total	<u>(\$2,475.03)</u>

Checking Acct Bal as of July 31, 2010	\$4,383.25
Plant Label/Marker Inventory 7/31/10	
1869 markers	\$597.08

We have committed to purchase another 5,000 markers/labels at an estimated cost of \$1,600.00. We are also buying mesh bags for future daffodil sales. The Society's expenses for the balance of 2010 should closely align with 2009. We are adding another fundraiser this year, which will hopefully increase cash flow. The Society's financial condition remains sound.

Respectfully Submitted,
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Recycled Mesh Bags Needed!!!!!!!

Please turn in the extra mesh bags lying about in your garage or closets!!!!

They may be mesh bags from last year's exchange, or recycled onion bags, we don't care! We will wash and sanitize them, and re-use them for the exchange!!!! So bring them to the many upcoming GSLDS functions, and turn them in!!!!

Thanks, Cindy Haeffner

Rob your Neighbor Game Greater St. Louis Daffodil Society Sunday, November 14th, 2010

At our November 14th, 2010 meeting, we look forward to the presentation from our own GSLDS hybridizers, but also coming together with each other, sharing ideas and hopes of the spring to come. This being the last meeting of the year, our "wrap up" of what has been a busy daffodil season, we will be thinking of the holiday season ahead also.

To add to the merriment of the season, a game often played at family events, "Rob your Neighbor" will be added to the "wrap up" meeting.

For this game, I am asking everyone that can, please bring a bulb or 2 of your choosing, hopefully your favorite!!!! It may also be an extra from one of your orders, a cultivar you already have or one you dug from your own garden. Please do not worry if you cannot provide for the game, I will have on hand extra's. So, let's get in the spirit of the season, the only way daffodil folks can really enjoy!!!!!! A Daffodil Rob your Neighbor Extravaganza!!!!!!!

Kirkwood Greentree Festival



The Greater St Louis Daffodil Society will be selling daffodil bulbs at Kirkwood's Greentree Festival 50th Anniversary: Dancing Through the Decades!

The Greentree Festival's creation actually came about as a way to replace drought-stricken trees. There has always been a parade, a dog show, service clubs and organization-sponsored booths, good food, and family fun. Many of these events have become an integral part of the celebration. **The Greentree Festival remains a family-oriented celebration!**

We plan to sell daffodil bulbs and provide information about daffodils from the Greater St Louis Daffodil Society booth on the following dates and times;

Friday, September 17 5-10 p.m.

Saturday, September 18 8:30 a.m.-7 p.m

Sunday, September 19 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

We really need member assistance during the festival to make this a success for our club! We plan to provide drinks and snacks to members who take the time to help us on any of the three days mentioned above. Please bring your folding lawn chair, your family and friends, and make some time in your schedule to visit with us at the Kirkwood Greentree Festival. **Help us spread yellow daffodil fever to residents of the Greater St Louis area!**



Deer Repellent-Ho-Made

Cindy Haeffner came across this recipe from a friend, who says it worked for her. We know daffodils have an adverse affect on the four legged friends, but many of our members grow numerous other plants, and deer damage has been mentioned before, so thought the following recipe might help;

1 cup water

2-3 Garlic Cloves/minced

Boil 10 min./cool/strain & discard garlic

Add 2-3 well beaten eggs

Mix 1 cup skim milk powder-dissolve good

Place in 1 gallon jug, top off with water

Let set in sun 1 day

Spray plants you want protected-Repeat after each rain



Thanks Cindy!

GSLDS Annual Daffodil Bulb Sale

If you missed visiting with us at the Kirkwood Greentree Festival, you will have another opportunity to obtain some daffodil bulbs at the **Greater St Louis Daffodil Society Bulb Sale**, in the Orthwein Floral Display Hall, at the [Missouri Botanical Garden](#) on **September 25th & 26th** from **9:00 AM to 5:00 PM**, or until sold out.

Calendar of Events for 2010

DATE	TIME/PLACE	ACTIVITY
Sunday, September 12, 2010	1:00 PM - 3:00 PM Missouri Room of Ridgeway Center at MOBOT	<i>Cleaning and Preparing of Bulbs for upcoming Exchange and Sale.</i>
September 17 - 19, 2010	Friday, 5:00 - 10:00 PM, Saturday, 8:30 AM - 7:00 PM, Sunday, 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM Greentree Festival, Kirkwood, MO	Join us at the Greentree Festival to sell daffodil bulbs and spread yellow daffodil fever to residents of the Greater St Louis area.
September 25 – 26, 2010	9:00AM – 5:00PM or until sold out. Orthwein Hall of Ridgeway Center at MOBOT	Annual public bulb sale and our best fund raiser. Setup Friday night September 24 in Orthwein Hall from 5:00PM until done.
Saturday October 9, 2010	NOON – 5:00PM Beaumont Room of Ridgeway Center at MOBOT	Annual exchange of “better” donated and purchased bulbs from various sources. Open to Active Members only. <i>Food and drink provided, side dish & desserts requested.</i>
Sunday November 14, 2010	1:00 PM - 3:00 PM Missouri Room of Ridgeway Center at MOBOT	Wrap up of the year. Slides and snacks brought by members with Holiday party theme. A chance to visit and exchange ideas for next year.

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