



# The Daffodil Rave

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*"I know a lady, a member of the church, and a very good sort of woman, who says that the weeds work on her to the extent that, in going through her garden, she has the greatest difficulty in keeping the Ten Commandments in anything like an unfractured condition. I asked her which one, but she said, all of them; one felt like breaking the whole lot."*

Charles Dudley Warner, 1829 – 1900  
from "My Summer In a Garden" (1870)

## The President's Message

On your Mark, get set, GO!!!!

An echo not too far back in our memory of the Summer Olympics 2012 in London, but can also describe the GSLDS fall schedule. On August 25, our 5<sup>th</sup> successful bulb cleaning event was hosted by the Jan & Peter McAdams. Now that we have clean bulbs, and our fall bulb sales are just around the corner. Lynn has a nice write up in this edition, and many opportunities for supporting YOUR club.

Many friends and family often comment "too bad they only bloom a month a year". Ultimately they ask, "what is there to do the rest of the year"? By this time I have this glazed over blank look on my face, realizing, they just don't understand.....like, how we enjoy lifting/dividing our favorite daffodil to share with others and the clean, smooth, caramel colored bulb after it is cleaned, and like how we love planting this perfectly clean bulb in its perfect place in the earth, yes, we are a different kind of people. That is WHY there are clubs such as Greater St. Louis Daffodil Society, we get each OTHER!!!

THANK GOODNESS!!!

After all the bulbs sales are over, we have the bulb exchange to look forward to and reward ourselves. Enjoy the Greater St. Louis Daffodil Olympics!!!!

Cindy Haeffner  
President, GSLDS



## GREATER ST LOUIS DAFFODIL SOCIETY MEETING MINUTES

Sunday, July 15, 2012, 1:00PM  
Garden Room, Ridgeway Center at MBG

Lynn Slackman opened the meeting by introducing long time member and new president Cindy Haeffner. Cindy expressed our thanks to Lynn for her four years of service as president. Cindy announced that Gary Knehans has agreed to complete her term as Vice President.

Minutes as printed in the *Rave* were reviewed and Sonia Lallemand moved we accept them as printed. The motion was seconded by Pam Hardy and approved by the membership.

Peter McAdams reviewed the Treasurer's report as printed in the *Rave*. Even without our spring show this year we are in good financial condition with \$7,500.00 in the bank. Peter has filed our incorporation with the State of Missouri, this time for a 2 year period. He has also filed the IRS information card concerning our not-for-profit status for the year 2012. A reminder to everyone that dues were due as of January and many members need to renew. Vaughn Meister moved that the treasurer's report be accepted, subject to audit. Pam Hardy seconded the motion and it was passed.

Lynn Slackman then introduced our speaker, Keith Kridler, who spoke at the Chicago ADS Convention when she and Cindy first heard his talk. His presentation was educational as well as entertaining.

### OLD BUSINESS:

**The Daffodil Rave;** Our thanks to Beth Holbrooke and Lynn Slackman for the great summer edition. Beth reviewed articles needed for the early Autumn edition and volunteers to write them: A summary of today's presentation (Beth), trip to Atlas Mountains (Jason Delaney), article about her parents (Ann Henson) and (Brenda VanBooven) her first daffodil dig at Shaw Nature Reserve. Beth is always open to articles about your favorite bulb or daffodil. Beth hopes to get the Early Autumn edition out by the end of August, and will need your articles in time for that date.

**2016 World Daffodil Convention;** Lynn covered several items planning for the convention which is held every four years and is estimated to bring in 140 daffodil lovers from the US. We don't know how many might come from other countries.

First, the original date we had scheduled was 15-17 of April, but to better meet flowering dates for those both north and south of us, an earlier date of 7-10 was offered. Lynn made a motion to select the earlier date, Pam Hardy seconded it and the motion was passed.

Secondly, Lynn presented 7 logos she and Dick drafted. The membership discussed color placement, wording content, lettering and transparency and voted for the top 3, which will be presented to the larger committee. This logo could be used for magnets, pins and shirts. Lynn has researched prices for some refrigerator magnets that we could get made to initiate early interest in the 2016 Convention here. Pam Hardy moved that we purchase 500 of the frame type magnets @ \$0.54 ea, Sonia Lallemand seconded the motion and the membership approved by voice vote.

Third, there are several tasks we will need to be working on; getting the website up, securing sponsors, hotel venue, accounting, garden tours, transportation and promotions. The Northern California section is helping us and will be organizing the show and some other parts. Anyone who is interested in working in these areas should let Lynn or Cindy know.

### NEW BUSINESS:

**Bulb Sales.** The Greentree Festival is Sept 14-16, (Fri-Sat) in Kirkwood. Vaughn Meister is coordinating this sale, she passed out a sign up sheet for people to help man the booth. Again we have asked for our booth to be next to the Iris Society's. We hope to have less rain this year so we can stay open until 5 on Sunday. Cindy is coordinating the Oct 13/14 sale at the Herman Octoberfest. It is held indoors and she will need 2 people per shift. Our Missouri Botanical Garden sale is on Oct 20/21. We will be in Orthwein Hall and would be happy to share the space with the Lily Society. Help is needed for set up on Friday night and to sell on Saturday and Sunday. We discussed advertising for the sales. We have advertised in the Best of Missouri Marked booklet (\$100) and last year in the Gateway Gardener Sept issue (\$190). We do get free advertising in the on line MBG schedule and in the Bulletin. We can always put a poster on the Bulletin Board at St Louis Community College at Meramac like we did last year, or post flyers in our local areas for free. After discussing the pros and cons Peter McAdams moved that we don't do any paid advertising this year. Pam Hardy seconded the motion, a voice vote was taken and the motion passed.

**Bulb Cleaning.** This year Peter and Jan McAdams have volunteered to host our annual Bulb Cleaning at their home in Brighton, from 10-5 on Saturday, August 25. Lynn posted a map on the back of the flier. All are welcome and please bring a dish as usual.

**Youth ADS Membership.** Cindy reminded us that we have to send in the \$5 youth memberships into ADS soon. We reviewed the 7 youth members we have, all are active. Vaughn has a neighbor youth that is interested in membership also. Sonia moved that we pay those youth memberships, Pam Hardy seconded the motion and it was passed. Peter McAdams will send that into ADS soon. Efforts by Jean Morris and Cindy Haeffner to expose more youth to the daffodil bug which has infected each of us, were recognized.

**Bulb Exchange.** Cindy led a discussion on what amount we should spend on bulbs from vendors for this year's exchange. Last year we spent \$1,500.00. Beth Holbrooke reviewed some of the chapter's history regarding the exchange, that before we had the convention, most bulbs were a true exchange among the members. Because we had more money from the convention we started purchasing more from vendors. Whatever we spend we do want to continue to support local hybridizers. It is important that each of us contribute some bulbs to the exchange. Pam Hardy moved that we spend \$1,000.00 for this year's exchange. Jim Morris seconded the motion and the membership approved the motion.

**Annual audit of the 2011 books.** Ann Henson has audited our books in previous years but we should also have someone else participate. Beth Holbrooke volunteered to help.

**Brightside Announcement.** Lynn brought Brightside's new brochure and they are again offering the Midwest Daffodil mix (30 bulbs, 5 of each variety, for \$30) which includes the six varieties recommended last year by Jason Delaney and the GSLDS. Lynn shared their order forms.

**Drawings.** Our grand prize today was a unique bulb digger/planter contributed by our speaker Keith Kreider. The lucky winner was Jean Winterowd. Ernie Henson won the \$25 gift certificate for bulb purchases. Lantern Festival tickets for this evening were won by Beth Holbrooke. Vaughn Meister won the 2013 Audubon calendar. Notecards were won by Jim Morris and Ralph McTall.

The meeting was adjourned. Some members went out together for dinner and attended the Lantern Festival that evening.

Respectfully submitted,  
Vaughn Meister

## Recycling in the Laundry Room?????

*Contributed by Cindy Haeffner*



You may have some useful garden products in the laundry room???? The dryer sheets sold under various names are made of a "polyester substrate". Polyester substrate is man-made and will not decompose in a landfill. I have been using them to line pots when re-potting plants, potting/forcing daffodils. You can wash them if you wish, but the substances/perfumes on the dryer sheets are bio-degradable.

## Russian Plant Collecting

*Contributed by Jason Delaney*

I've just returned from a month off, with 21 days of that spent in Russia. I was observing ecosystems and collecting plants high in the Altai Mountains (central Siberia) for the Missouri Botanical Gardens, camping as we went. Documentation was a large part of our collecting efforts, with GPS locations noted for each plant we collected. We took videos, still photos and recorded as much information as was possible to be able to find each area again.



The Russians are very keen on daffodils; each botanical garden I visited maintained quite a collection of cultivated daffodils, many with actual RHS descriptions on the labels. The Moscow Main Botanical Garden has a couple hundred varieties in its collection alone. Very impressive!

Jason A. Delaney | Missouri Botanical Garden | North Gardens  
Supervisor and Bulb Collections Specialist

**2012 GSLDS PROFIT & LOSS STATEMENT COMPARISON**

1/1/12 THRU 8/10/12

2011

2012

CHECKING ACCOUNT JAN. 1, 2012

\$7,408.66

INCOME

POTTED BULB SALES - TO PUBLIC

\$513.00

\$25.00

DONATIONS RECEIVED

\$4.00

DUES RECEIVED

2011 Members Dues Received

\$92.00

2012 Members Dues Received

\$5.00

\$42.00

2013 Members Dues Received

\$12.00

2015 Members Dues Received

\$7.00

TOTAL DUES RECEIVED

\$104.00

\$54.00

OTHER INCOME

BLOOMIN BUCKS - BRENT & BECKY'S

\$557.20

MISC INCOME

\$6.00

MEMBERS MITSCH DISCOUNT BULB

\$451.50

ORDERS

PLANT LABEL SALES

\$210.00

\$35.00

T-SHIRT SALES - CLUB EMBLEM

\$90.00

\$20.00

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TOTAL OTHER INCOME

\$306.00

\$1,063.70

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TOTAL INCOME

\$927.00

\$1,142.70

EXPENSES

ADVERTISING

\$25.00

BOOTH FEES - HERMAN, MO

\$67.50

\$65.00

EXCHANGE BULB COSTS

\$1,000.00

CHARITABLE DONATIONS - KOMEN

\$250.00

CORPORATE FEES AND PERMITS

\$20.00

DAFFODIL SHOW EXPENSES:

JUDGE EXPENSE

\$250.00

SHOW SUPPLIES

\$604.44

\$112.61

GIFT CERTIFICATES

\$25.00

GREENTREE FESTIVAL EXPENSES

\$60.00

\$60.00

MEETING EXPENSES

\$49.09

MEMBERSHIP - MOBOT

\$75.00

MEMBERS MITCH DISCOUNT BULB

\$451.50

ORDER

MISC SOCIETY EXPENSES

\$135.00

\$220.00

PLANT LABEL COSTS

\$196.00

\$32.00

POSTAGE and DELIVERY

\$108.80

PROGRAM SPEAKER EXPENSE

\$150.00

\$79.00

TEE SHIRTS - CLUB EMBLEM	\$75.00	
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$1,970.83	\$2,140.11
OVERALL TOTAL	-\$1,043.83	-\$997.41
ENDING BANK BALANCE DEC. 31, 2011	\$7,408.66	
ENDING BANK BALANCE AUG. 10, 2012		\$6,318.25

The year to year comparison is not truly comparative. Exchange bulb costs for 2011 were \$1,050.00. Cancelling the 2012 show saved judge expense, show supply expenses and gift certificate expense. Expenses for new table coverings have not been submitted and will be a few hundred dollars. There has been virtually no income through club activities. "Bloomin' Bucks" rebate from Brent and Becky's came from 2011 purchases by club members.

I expect sales this fall to be equal or slightly below last year. Our financial condition is good at present, but we need to preserve cash assets to cover costs and future reimbursable expenses of the upcoming 2016 World Daffodil Convention in St. Louis.

## Greater St Louis Daffodil Society Bulb Sales

*Contributed By Lynn Slackman*

### 2012 Kirkwood Greentree Festival

Bring your family and friends, and make some time to visit with the Greater St Louis Daffodil Society at the annual Kirkwood Greentree Festival! We will be selling daffodil bulbs and providing information about daffodils. Please find some time to join us on **Friday, September 14th until Sunday, September 16th**. Further details about this festival can be found on the [Kirkwood Greentree Festival](#) website.



### 61st Annual Brush & Palette Club, Arts & Crafts Festival

If you are looking for another opportunity to obtain some daffodil bulbs, join us at the 61st Annual Brush & Palette Club, Arts & Craft Festival in Hermann, MO from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM on **Saturday, October 13th** and 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM on **Sunday, October 14th**. Further details about this festival can be found on the [The Brush & Palette Club](#) website.

If you missed us in Kirkwood or Hermann, please join us at the annual **Greater St Louis Daffodil Society Bulb Sale on Saturday, October 20th and Sunday, October 21st** from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM, or until sold out. This event is being held in the Orthwein Floral Display Hall, at the [Missouri Botanical Garden](#).





Members of the Greater St Louis Daffodil Society will be on hand at all three venues to answer questions and share experiences with daffodils. Entry at the Missouri Botanical Garden is free with regular Garden admission.

## PICK AND SHOW - Five Surefire Varieties to Win Blue Ribbons

*Contributed by Gary Knehans/Vice-President, GSLDS*

For those of you who are wanting daffodil varieties that will win blue ribbons for you at the next show, here are five "can't miss" ones to try. These are varieties that produce a high percentage of "pick and show" flowers.

At the top of my list, I'd have to pick 'Rapture', a classically formed daffodil that's too good to be true. With 'Rapture', you get reliable show quality in an inexpensive, readily available bulb. This is highly recommended, but you will need good soil, like that available in Illinois, to keep the high quality flowers coming year after year. In soil that is not as rich, the size of the flowers diminish a bit but not the quality.

'Snipe' is another cyclamineus that is readily available now and it's a delightful white miniature. The Dutch have obtained this bulb and are now making 'Snipe' available at a more modest price. Like 'Rapture', quality blooms keep coming year after year.

For a late season "Banker," 'Cedar Hills' is a 3W-GYR that hardly ever produces a less-than-perfect bloom. It is inexpensive and obtainable.

'Fragrant Rose' is another late season variety that a daffodil grower can count on for show flowers. The bright pinkish cup maintains its color fairly well and this is readily obtainable for a little bit of coin.



And, no collection would be complete without 'Pacific Rim', which reliably presents flower after flower of sheer perfection. This also is highly recommended.

Of course, there are many other daffodil varieties which are capable of winning blue ribbons at shows. 'Engagement Ring' would be high on the list, but I couldn't find a source for this in 2012. 'Minnow' is a miniature that produces lots of show quality miniature flowers with two to three blooms per stalk.

However, sources for bulbs of 'Minnow' have not been as easy to find as before. Perhaps this is because in most parts of this country, 'Minnow' produces mostly leaves in the second and subsequent years. 'Miss Primm' is now finding its way back to some lists and is available at a modest price. This is very desirable, too.



What are your favorite "pick and show" varieties?

# Cleaning Party

Contributed by Ernie Henson



The annual bulb cleaning party was held at the home of Peter and Jan McAdams in Brighton, IL. Many members showed up to help tidy up the bulbs that had been dug at Dr. John Reed's earlier this year. There were lots of bulbs to clean and it went very smoothly with the help of a fan to blow the dirty tunics away. Chicken hatchery trays were tried out for the first time, and the shallow metal trays with round holes helped rub the outer layers off more easily. The roots were removed and the newly cleaned bulbs were put back in the large mesh bags to be labeled and put into smaller bags to be sold during our three sales events later this year. Everyone seemed to have a great time

visiting with each other and enjoying the treats that were available for snacking.

## Calendar of Events 2012

DATE	TIME/PLACE	ACTIVITY
Sunday September 9, 2012	1:00 PM - 3:00 PM Garden Room of Ridgeway Center at MOBOT	Bagging and Tagging of Bulbs for upcoming Exchange and Sales. <b>Members please bring snacks.</b>
September 14 – 16, 2012	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 <a href="#">Greentree Festival</a> to sell daffodil bulbs and spread yellow daffodil fever to residents of the Greater St Louis area.
October 13 – 14, 2012	Saturday, 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM, Sunday, 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM Arts & Craft Festival, Hermann, MO	Join us at the <a href="#">Brush &amp; Palette Club, Arts &amp; Crafts Festival</a> . We will be selling daffodil bulbs to residents of Hermann, MO and surrounding communities.
October 20 – 21, 2012	9:00AM – 5:00PM or until sold out. Orthwein Hall of Ridgeway Center at MOBOT	Annual public bulb sale and our best fund raiser. <b>Setup Friday night October 19th</b> in Orthwein Hall from 5:00PM until done.
Sunday November 4, 2012	NOON – 5:00PM Classroom #125 at CBEC	Annual exchange of “better” donated and purchased bulbs from various sources. <b>Please refer to participation guidelines below.</b> <b>Food and drink provided, side dish &amp; desserts requested.</b>
Sunday November 18, 2012	1:00 PM - 3:00 PM Garden Room of Ridgeway Center at MOBOT	<b>Wrap up of the year.</b> Slides and snacks brought by members with Holiday party theme. A chance to visit and exchange ideas for next year.