



# The Daffodil Rave

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## Planting Hope For Spring...

*"I long for the bulbs to arrive, for the early Autumn chores are melancholy, but the planting of bulbs is the work of hope and always thrilling."*

Mary Sarton (1912 – 1995)

## The Bulb Exchange by Gary Knehans

Holiday gift receiving comes early this year with the annual GSLDS bulb exchange on Sunday, November 3, at noon at CBEC at Vandeventer and Shaw Avenue in St. Louis. This year there are 2 ways to qualify for the event. If you have attended 2 activities during the year, your pay to play fee is \$10, and if you have not attended 2 activities, no worries, you can still participate with a \$25 fee.

The bulb exchange committee consists of Cindy Haeffner, Suzanne Raymond, and myself. The bulbs were purchased from Elise Havens of Mitch Daffodils, Dr. John Reed of Oakwood Daffodils, Bill "The Bulb Baron" Welch from California, and Nancy Pilipuf from Illinois. There are several choice donated bulbs from Lynn Slackman, Beth Holbrooke and others.

Now, a few words about what the selection will include:

**Mitch Daffodils:** This year, Cindy was informed by Elise that she is sending us mostly NEWER varieties from her catalog and some EVEN NEWER varieties that will not be released until next year!

**John Reed:** A large amount of our bulbs will come from Oakwood Daffodils and many of them will be from this year's catalog, which contains many choice varieties including John's own introductions. If the past is any guide, he will lace the offerings with seedlings and possible future offerings!

**Bill "The Bulb Baron" Welch:** This is the first time that we have sought bulbs from Bill. Expect huge and hard bulbs of hardy Division 8 varieties suited to our area!

**Nancy Pilipuf:** Nancy has selected from her own garden some prize-winning historic and division 9 bulbs, as well as others!

**Lynn Slackman:** Lynn grows some GOOD sized bulbs of great show flowers, and she has dug a huge amount of excellent quality flowers, and some hard to find cultivars. Beth Holbrooke has also been busy digging, and will include some rarities'!!! You won't be disappointed!

The bulb exchange is THE event of the year, and to make it fabulous, members are asked to donate items for the silent auction, which can include garden items, bulbs, books and also non-gardening items. Some special items always appear on the tables, don't miss out!!! Again, the club will provide the meat entrée & drinks, and members are asked to bring a side dish to accompany the carry-in meal. Full rules governing the bulb exchange will be explained on Sunday, November 3, at NOON at CBEC. See you there!

### BAGGING AND TAGGING MEETING



Photos above are from the bagging and tagging meeting. Note the fancy new bagging tubes that Peter McAdams designed and built. All this came after the cleaning party that was held at Peter and Jan's home. Thanks for everyone's help. Things get done much faster with many hands pitching in!

## Were You Destined for Daffodils?

By Beth Holbrooke

How did you first become interested in daffodils? Were they part of your childhood? Did a neighbor give you bulbs when a clump needed dividing? Did you always have them around and only later realized that the hybrids all had names? Hearing people's remembrances of the beginning of their obsessions can be pretty interesting.

Many of you have heard the story that Jason Delaney's mother tells. She was seven months pregnant with him when she planted the side of a long driveway with daffodils and he thinks that was the start of his interest. His grandparents continued his interest, and when he was four he would peel apart the soon to bloom flowers to tell if they were doubles or trumpets. Was this a sign of things to come?

I always had daffodils around me as a child, although my mother preferred tulips and roses. Even though the six different bags I bought each year seemed to be the same cultivar ('Quail') I still kept buying and planting. I was recently looking for old photos in my mother's "hope chest" and found my gift from a baby shower given just before I was born. It was a sterling silver baby fork and spoon set with the design of a daffodil. Coincidence?

Suzanne Raymond emailed with the idea for this article which had been floating in my head. (She gets a prize, by the way for coming up with "non-club related" daffodil articles.) Her first memories were of "saving" daffodils as the inner belt was being planned. "Our family spent lots of time salvaging dafts from the soon to be demolished homes in the Berkley/St. John area of St. Louis. I was probably only mildly interested at the time. It's funny that I grow daffodils rather than iris, since my parents have always been interested in irises! I only grow about 20 irises. I do still remember the first (and only) time that I saw Steve and Susan Smith's Kirkwood garden. The beauty of their plantings probably got me more interested in having my own garden. Having grown up planning vacations around flower conventions, I guess I was destined to grow something. Funny it's the daffodil. Yellow is my least favorite color. But as you know, I prefer the white and green/white daffodils."

Does anyone else with early memories of daffodils? This is a continuing story, and a few more stories will appear in future *Rave* issues. If I ask you to think about your early memories, please don't think I'm bugging you – I just like to hear stories about people who have interesting answers – don't you?

## Greater St. Louis Daffodil Society Profit and Loss Statement as of 9/30/2013

	9/30/12	9/30/2013
CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE JAN 1	7,408.66	10,551.71
<b>INCOME</b>		
MOBOT ANNUAL BULB SALE	155.25	199.50
HERMAN FALL SALE		
GREENTREE FESTIVAL	1,287.00	1,479.25
ANNUAL EXCHANGE		
POTTED BULB SALES - TO PUBLIC	25.00	580.00
SALE OF GOLDEN DAWN AT MOBOT		365.88
TOTAL SALES	<b>1,467.25</b>	<b>2,624.63</b>
DONATIONS RECEIVED		170.00
DUES RECEIVED		
2012 Members Dues Received	49.00	
2013 Members Dues Received	19.00	102.00
2014 Members Dues Received	0.00	10.00
TOTAL DUES RECEIVED	68.00	112.00
OTHER INCOME		
BLOOMIN BUCKS - BRENT & BECKYS	557.20	529.57
BULB SALES TO MEMBERS- MITSCH DISC		
BULBS	451.50	
MISC INCOME		111.00
PLANT LABEL SALES	105.00	157.00
T SHIRT SALES - CLUB EMBLEM	20.00	90.00
TOTAL OTHER INCOME	1,133.70	887.57
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>2,668.95</b>	<b>3,794.20</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
ADVERTISING - GATEWAY GARDENER & MOBOT	0.00	
EXCHANGE BULB COSTS	1,000.00	1,121.00
BULBS DISCOUNTED TO MEMBERS - MITSCH	451.50	
BOOTH FEES - HERMAN MO	65.00	92.50
CHARITABLE DONATIONS - KOMEN ST LOUIS		250.00
MOBOT DONATION FOR 2013		1,000.00
CORPORATE FEES/EXPENSE	20.00	
JUDGE EXPENSE		
SHOW SUPPLIES	112.61	218.40
GIFT CERTIFICATES	25.00	
GREENTREE FESTIVAL EXPENSES	60.00	291.58
MEETING EXPENSES		16.39
MEMBERSHIPS	75.00	120.00
MISC SOCIETY EXPENSES	220.00	165.00
OFFICE EXPENSES		
PLANT LABEL COSTS	96.00	144.00
POSTAGE and DELIVERY		58.04
PROGRAM SPEAKER EXPENSE	79.00	
SUPPLIES		41.01
TEE SHIRTS-CLUB EMBLEM		112.00
WORLD 2016 DAFFODIL SHOW EXPENSES	246.90	
WEB SITE EXPENSE		
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>2,451.01</b>	<b>3,629.92</b>
<b>OVERALL TOTAL</b>	<b>217.94</b>	<b>164.28</b>
ENDING BANK BALANCE Sept 30	10,551.71	11,076.57

## TWO OF OUR BULB SALES FOR 2013



Vaughn making a sale at Greentree



Pam and Brenda at Hermann

## CLIVIAS

By Beth Holbrooke

As winter looms ahead and frost is soon to be heavy on the ground, it's time to bring in all tender perennials from their outdoor summer homes. These include pots of Clivia, which seem to get heavier each year. These potted plants look similar to amaryllis when not in bloom. The difference is easy to see during the blooming seasons. Leaves and size of plant seem the same, but when in bloom, an amaryllis has four fat flowers around a tall stalk. The Clivia blooms come as a circular cluster of many flowers on one stalk. The Clivia seems far superior (at least in price!) to other bulbous plants, especially when the sun filters through the flower petals. Their beautiful and showy flower colors range from pastels, mahogany and creamy yellow to the more species like colors of orange and red. They seem to be easy plants to grow indoors with indirect sunlight and no fussy repotting. The Clivia enjoys being root bound, almost abused and neglected to a certain degree. It seems close to impossible to kill them, which is good for my lack of indoor plant success. I've managed to keep my 'Yellow Vico' Clivia alive for over seven years – a record of indoor plant life for me (windows are all facing the wrong way for lighting).

I've since discovered that there are thousands of seedlings being grown to become the "new" fashion trend in Clivia coloring, with the Japanese breeders trying for more variegated leaves than better colored flowers. The Clivia was discovered in South Africa and has spread the world since. Seems my potted plant has a family of interest far beyond what I've learned and I hope to see more of them in the future.



Clivia 'Yellow Vico'



Orange colored Clivia

## Daffodil Labels

For GSLDS members only, Eon E-15 Nursery Markers are available in minimum lots of 25 labels at \$8.75 per lot (\$.35 each). There are no restrictions on how many lots you may purchase.

Labels may be acquired two ways: at GSLDS functions, or by special pickup appointment at the Missouri Botanical Garden (MBG) ticket counter, Mon-Fri only. No deliveries or other special arrangements will be entertained.

Please e-mail Jason Delaney at [jason.delaney@mobot.org](mailto:jason.delaney@mobot.org) (subject line "daffodil labels") to request your labels at an upcoming GSLDS function, or for scheduled pickup at MBG, no later than two weeks in advance of scheduled date. Payment by check or money order only, made payable to GSLDS must be submitted upon receipt of goods.

## Speaking of Volunteers...

By Cindy Haeffner

On Nov. 8th, 2013 (a Friday), GSLDS , Gasconade County Master Gardeners and Owensville Horticulture students will continue planting at the MoDOT Growing Together site in Owensville MO. (See article in the prior *Rave* newsletter). GSLDS members are encouraged to participate. We will have a large attendance of students, as the instructor wants all 120+ students to have a part in the activity. This will be an all school day event, with about 25 students helping during each class. This will be a fun but hectic time with results blooming in the spring. Please consider helping and taking part in the educational outreach of our organization!

# Greater St. Louis Daffodil Society

## Calendar of Events

### 2013

DATE	TIME/PLACE	ACTIVITY
October 26 – 27, 2013	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 25th</b> in Orthwein Hall from 5:00PM until done.
Sunday November 3, 2013	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 17, 2013	1:00 PM - 3:00 PM Classroom #127 at CBEC	<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.

Participation guidelines for Daffodil Bulb Exchange on Sunday, November 3, 2013;

- \* Members attending at least two events or meetings, prior to the bulb exchange, pay usual \$10 entry fee.
- \* Members attending less than two events or meetings, prior to the bulb exchange, pay \$25 entry fee.
- \* Non-members **MUST** become a member of GSLDS and pay \$25 entry fee.

CBEC Classroom #125 will seat 50 classroom-style and is equipped with a long counter with a sink.

CBEC Classroom #127 is a regular size classroom for seating 30 people.