

Greater St. Louis Daffodil Society

Sunday, February 22, 2015

Missouri Botanical Garden, Beaumont Room

President Cindy Haeffner called the meeting to order at 1:30 PM, with 21 members and one guest present.

Our presentation for the day was by member Brenda VanBooven on "Seasonal High Tunnel," a growing method for which she received a 2011 NRCS grant from USDA <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov> to extend the growing season in an environmentally protective way. Her presentation was great and generated lots of questions and discussion in the group. After Brenda's presentation we took a break for snacks.

Business Meeting. As President Cindy started the business part of the meeting Jim Morris showed us the new Ringhaddy catalogue featuring Gary Knehan's wonderful 6W-Y, St Louie Louie, at \$42.50 each. We all enjoyed Gary's great success in hybridizing this cultivar among his many others.

Minutes--the minutes of the July 2014 meeting, written by Brenda VanBooven were distributed and reviewed. Pam Hardy moved that we accept these as written. William Cole seconded that motion and it was passed with a voice vote. Minutes of the November 2014 meeting which had been emailed to the members were reviewed. Pam Hardy moved that we accept them, with a second by Brenda VanBooven. These also were approved by the membership. In the future minutes will be posted on our website instead of being published in the Rave.

Treasurer's report. Peter McAdams handed out a report on our financial transactions as of this year. Jim Morris made a suggestion that we consider sending our President to the ADS convention at the expense of the society. This suggestion will be considered by the board.

Old Business. Newsletter—Our first edition of the Rave for 2015 has been published and the group thanked Jason Delaney and Rob Donnelly. Jason reviewed the format including president's message, general articles, member spotlight, activity schedule and asked for other ideas. Jason asked that we each consider writing an article. William Cole had been asked to write an article about the bulbs he received in our exchange, and it was also submitted to the ADS journal and was published in the December 2014 issue. You may become famous!! The Rave will be distributed by email and if anyone needs a hard copy please let Jason know.

Planting Days—There were three successful planting days, the first in Gerald Missouri on Dec 7 with a great turnout, some of our members, some Master Gardeners and Boy Scouts. Our second planting day was Dec 28 when six of our members planted outside the ballroom at the Sheraton Westport. Our third

successful planting day was Jan 24, 2015 in Herman MO with 18 volunteers. Brent and Becky's donated \$900 worth of bulbs and we are applying for this location to be an ADS display garden.

Membership Renewal—Cindy reminded us that dues for 2015 are due. If you haven't already done so please see treasurer Peter McAdams.

Risers—Peter McAdams reported 7 risers completed of the goal of 15 for the 2016 World Daffodil Convention.

Nominating Committee—Bob Skaggs reported for this committee which also included Lynn Slackman, Beth Holbrooke. The slate presented includes Cindy Haeffner- President, Vaughn Meister- Secretary, Beth Holbrooke, Board Member 2015, and Lynn Slackman Board Member 2015-2016. Bob moved that we accept this slate, Pam Hardy seconded the motion and after a vote the slate was approved.

New Business. Our Spring Daffodil Show will be held the weekend of Sat, April 4th and Sunday April 5th in the Beaumont room at the Missouri Botanical Garden. Set up is at 6PM on Friday night April 3rd. Cindy needs to purchase \$25 bulb certificates to be used as thank you gifts for the judges and for door prizes. Pam Hardy moved that we approve purchase of 8 certificates at different bulb vendors. Marlene Katz seconded the motion and after discussion the membership passed the motion. Cindy asked who is available to judge with Deborah Pratt, Jim and Jean Morris volunteering. We also hope members John Beck, Beth Holbrooke, Gary Knehans and Lynn Slackman can do so. Cindy asked for volunteers to clerk with Brenda VanBooven, Pam Hardy and Vaughn Meister responding. Beth Holbrooke is photography chair and may need some help. Jason reminded us to bring in lots of extra flowers if we have them for the children's corner.

Jean Morris presented the Design category with a theme of "Focus on Daffodils" with five categories for adults and 2 for youth. Categories and rules for each are posted on our website; http://stldaffodilclub.org/2015_focus_on_daffodils_design_schedule.pdf. Jean then also gave us a primer on four steps of the design process. First line material, second the daffodils, third other flowers and lastly, greenery to hide the mechanics. Jean will bring in extra materials and flower and plant material so that anyone can enter the design segment of our show. Jean will be teaching these same design principles at the Lily Society meeting March 14 from 10AM to noon at the Barr Library if anyone wants to attend.

Announcement—Dr John Reed's wife Sandy passed away Feb 2 and we discussed doing something in her memory. After discussion Peter McAdams moved that we send \$100 to ADS as a memorium for Sandy and \$150 to Reed's local ALS chapter in Sandy's name. Jim Morris seconded the motion and it passed with a voice vote. Also noted was the passing of Richard Havens in December, 2014.

World Daffodil Convention Update—Logo apparel was brought by Cindy so we could see the vests and hats with the 5 color embroidery. These are for sale at cost to the membership and Cindy will take them to the Williamsburg ADS meeting for sale also. Letters of sponsorship have been sent out to all Daffodil Societies and many other organizations. Cindy requested approval to order screen print, one color shirts

in both long and short sleeves also for sale in Williamsburg. Pam moved we order these shirts, Brenda VanBooven seconded the motion and it was passed.

Lynn will bring a list of tasks for the convention to our next regular meeting. We will need everyone's help. Cindy may need help labeling her daffodils at the farm. She will let us know.

Shaw Nature Reserve Dig—Jason announced that we will be unable to do a SNR dig this year with all the work we will be doing to prepare for the 2016 Convention.

Door Prizes Debra Pratt won the \$25 bulb certificate, Cindy Haeffner won the African Violet brought by Kam Fok and Leora McTall won the Goldfish plant brought by Cindy.

Adjournment. Linda York made a motion we adjourn the meeting with Bob Skaggs seconding. The motion was passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Vaughn Meister