

Greater St. Louis Daffodil Society Meeting Minutes

January 17, 2016

The meeting was called to order by President Cindy Haeffner at 1:35 p.m. in the Missouri Room at the Missouri Botanical Garden. It was made clear that the minutes from the November meeting were distributed via email with additional copies available at today's meeting. Dave Niswonger moved that the minutes be approved. His motion was seconded by Pam Hardy. Motion carried.

Treasurer Peter McAdams gave a Treasurer's report which had also been available via email, with additional copies provided. He stated that a check was received from Brent & Becky's in the amount of \$4,502.11 from accumulation of cash benefits for participation in the Bloomin' Bucks Program. The program was briefly explained for the benefits of those unaware of its existence. When placing bulb orders to Brent & Becky's, one may designate a charity to which a 25% donation of the pre-shipping cost of the order is forwarded. Jason Delaney, Lynn Slackman and Gary Knehans were commended for their use of the Bloomin' Bucks program and for designating the Greater St. Louis Daffodil Society as their charity of choice. Jim Morris moved that the Treasurer's Report be approved, subject to audit. Pam Hardy seconded his motion. Motion carried.

World Daffodil Convention 2016 Chairperson Lynn Slackman gave a detailed, day by day slide presentation report on the schedules and programs which will take place April 5-11th at the World Daffodil Convention. Highlights of each day are as follows:

Tuesday, April 5th: Setup of storage and workspace in Lugano Room (lower level) and setup by 6:00 p.m. of Judging School in Alpine 2 (lower level)

Wednesday, April 6th: Setup for Daffodil Show from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in Versailles 1 Ballroom (lower level), ongoing convention registration in the lobby area (lobby level) from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Judging School from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in Alpine 2 (lobby level), setup for commercial display, commercial vendors and flower society display from noon to 7:00 p.m. in Versailles Foyer (lower level), staging for Daffodil Show from 2:00 p.m. to 9:00 a.m. Thursday in Versailles 2 (lower level), Executive & Finance Committee Meeting from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. in Zermatt (lobby level), Meet and Greet Event for new attendees from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. in Versailles Foyer (lower level), and Snack and Drink Buffet from 5:30 p.m. until depleted in Versailles 2 (lower level)

Thursday, April 7th: Buses will be leaving at 9:00 a.m. for tours of the Missouri Botanical Garden Peter H. Raven Library & Herbarium and the Bellefontaine Cemetery and Arboretum, departing from the lobby level in front of the Sheraton Westport Chalet Hotel, convention registration will be continuous from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the lobby area (lobby level), Show Clerk instructions will be given from 9:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. in the Davos Room (lobby level), Show Judging instructions will be given from 9:30 to 10:00 a.m. in Alpine 2 (lobby level), Daffodil Show Classification will occur until 10:00 a.m. in Versailles 1 (lower level), Daffodil Show Judging will occur from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in Versailles 1 (lower level),

Judges Lunch will take place in Alpine 1 and 2 (lobby level) from 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Commercial, Vendor and Flower Society displays will be open from noon to 7:00 p.m. in Versailles Foyer (lower level), Table Decoration setup will take place from 1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. in Versailles 2 (lower level), the Daffodil Show will be open for public viewing from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in Versailles 1 (lower level), cash bar for dinner will open at 5:30 p.m. and continue until 7:00 p.m. in Versailles Foyer (lower level), Awards Banquet will be held from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in Versailles 2 (lower level)

Friday, April 8th: Buses will leave at 8:00 a.m. from the lobby level, outside, in front of the Sheraton Westport Chalet Hotel for Hermann, MO (returning at 10:00 p.m.), the Daffodil Show will be open for public viewing from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in Versailles 1 (lower level)

Saturday, April 9th: concurrent Symposium Sessions from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. in Davos and Alpine 2 (lobby level), lunch served from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in Versailles 2, buses leave at 1:00 p.m. from the lobby level, outside, in front of the Sheraton Westport Chalet Hotel to Missouri Botanical Garden, Daffodil Show open for public viewing from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in Versailles 1 (lower level), cash bar for dinner from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in Versailles 2 (lower level), tear down of Daffodil Show before and after dinner, Evening Banquet from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in Versailles 2 (lower level)

Sunday, April 10th: Buses leave at 8:00 a.m. (returning at 5:30 p.m.) for Flora, IL, from the lobby level, outside, in front of the Sheraton Westport Chalet Hotel, ADS Board Meeting on return trip from Flora from 2:00 p.m. until completed, cash bar for dinner open from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in Versailles Foyer (lower level), Evening Banquet from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in Versailles 2 (lower level)

Monday, April 11th: Buses leave at 9:00 a.m. for Shaw Nature Reserve Day Tour (9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.) from the lobby level, outside, in front of the Sheraton Westport Chalet Hotel

Other information presented: Lynn showed a slide that detailed the layout of the Versailles 1 for the Daffodil Show and a slide that detailed the layout of the staging areas in Versailles 2. It is anticipated that the Daffodil Show will have 2000 to 3000 horticulture entries.

Richard Ezell will be in charge of Show Clerks. Bob and Judy Skaggs will be Bus Coordinators. Darrin Ellis May from Atlanta is coordinating the creation of table decorations for Thursday's Awards Banquet, Suzanne Raymond will serve as Coordinator of Volunteers, Nancy Tackett will run the Bulb Auction on Friday, Harold Koopowitz will be Moderator of Symposium 1, Jason Delaney will be Moderator of Symposium 2, Eric Breed will be speaking at the Saturday evening banquet, and Jaydee Ager will be the Speaker for the Sunday evening banquet.

Blooms from the Daffodil Show will be donated to Shriner's Hospital for Children, along with coloring books. Those with physical disabilities may need assistance at various garden locations, as well as getting on and off of buses. Attendees should plan to wear boots and bring umbrellas to the Flora, IL garden tour. Some tours have a limited number of spots available and are available by signup only. Additional funds were raised through Business Partners, Tribute Partners, and other organizations listed on the website. Plastic bags will be provided to registered convention guests.

We thanked Lynn Slackman for all of her hard work as Convention Chairperson for the World Daffodil Convention and took a brief break.

A discussion about Show Properties began. GSLDS is borrowing Properties from Minnesota and Indiana to have enough needed for the World Daffodil Convention. Also, all registered convention guests will receive a key chain and a lapel pin as part of the registration packet. Cindy Haeffner discussed getting the World Daffodil Convention logo applied to water squeeze bottles that we already have. Pam Hardy moved that we order 56 of them and sell them for \$5.00 each. Jim Morris seconded her motion. Motion carried. Cindy Haeffner also discussed the convention clothing/spiritwear. Items must be pre ordered and will be available for pickup at registration. She also noted that raffle tickets are available for members to sell for the Daffodil Quilt raffle. The quilt is being raffled for the benefit of GSLDS. Cindy raised the concern that some of the GSLDS storage containers need to be replaced in order to preserve our equipment and properties. Appropriate containers are available for a reasonable price at Lowe's. Jason Delaney moved that we buy the needed boxes. His motion was seconded by Jim Morris. Motion carried.

Jason Delaney presented further information about the Bloomin' Bucks money received from Brent and Becky's. It had already been decided at the July 2015 meeting that 50% of the check amount (\$2,251.06) be donated to the American Daffodil Society, designated for the World Daffodil Convention fund. That money could be used for speaker fees, buses, etc. Jason indicated a need to provide meals for the garden volunteers in Hermann and Flora, as well as printing and postage costs and fees for entertainment by bands. He suggested funds be allocated as follows:

Meals for volunteers (10 in Hermann, 7 in Flora plus meals for 3 band members) at \$15.00 per meal, totaling \$300.00

Printing PHS field lists for Flora garden tour, \$175.00 maximum

Postage split between Cindy H. and Lynn S., 250 stamps at \$.49, totaling \$122.50 maximum, and envelopes totaling \$37.50 maximum, and linen/parchment paper totaling \$30.00 maximum

Hermann band members' dinner at The Inn at Hermanhof at \$37.00 each (5 band members) totaling \$185.00 maximum.

This \$850.00 amount should be paid directly to the GSLDS members as reimbursement and for the mentioned expenses rather than to ADS. Dave Niswonger moved that we follow Jason's suggestions as detailed above. His motion was seconded by Jim Morris. Motion carried.

Jean Morris discussed the Design Section of the World Daffodil Convention Show. She expressed an interest in obtaining more local signups for the Design Entries available, and then if nonlocals want to sign up, we can let locals give up their spots as needed. Supplies (containers, etc) will be provided, as well as a limited number of daffodils. Bring your own daffodils for best selection.

Suzanne Raymond discussed the need for volunteers for various positions at the World Daffodil Convention. Please provide her with contact information if interested.

Jim Morris mentioned that he wrote an article that was published in The Daffodil Rave. If anyone is interested in borrowing the book he used to research the article, please see him at the end of the meeting.

Items available for the GSLDS meeting drawing were 3 potted bromeliads donated by Bob and Judy Skaggs, and a pair of daffodil wall hangings donated by Charles Pickett. Winners were Pam Hardy, new member Peggy Crockett, Beth Holbrooke, Sonja Lallemand and Gary Knehans.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Suzanne Raymond