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Welcome to the Year of Opportunity...

By Lynn Slackman

2011 holds great opportunity for the Greater St Louis Daffodil Society. As in the past, daffodils have not only given us lots of fun & rewarding experiences, but exciting new daffodils to observe and cherish.

Our 15th annual GSLDS Daffodil Show will be open to the public on Sunday, April 3rd. Take the opportunity to let your creative energy shine, and "Say it with Daffodils"! The momentum of the design, horticulture, and photography portions of our annual Daffodil show will bring the breath of springtime after a cold snowy winter. Bring your flowers and energy to our "all day" show staging event on Saturday, April 2nd. Then come back on Sunday to view the show awards, visit with other daffodil enthusiasts, and talk with members of the public about the rewards of Daffodils.

Don't forget about the "Dig Daffodils Day" at the Shaw Nature Reserve on Saturday, March 26th. The daffodils at Shaw Nature Reserve are unique and incredible. This event is always a fun learning experience. Rain or shine, we will be out there digging daffodils. This is an opportunity to obtain daffodils that are no longer available in the trade and see new daffodils that have developed over time in the natural setting of the Shaw Nature Reserve.

This year the Greater St Louis Daffodil Society is looking forward to the opportunity to partner with the Mid-America Regional Lily Society at our annual fall bulb sale held at the Missouri Botanical Garden during the weekend of October 15-16th. Daffodils and Lilium are companion bulbs, and given the proper growing conditions, both bulbs can provide years of bloom and beauty in our gardens.

Changes and challenges during 2011 have produced opportunity for innovative thinking and creative implementation. Like daffodils, our organization has continued to evolve and grow with the changing seasons.

Happy New Year...

Photography Basics & Techniques

By Lynn Slackman



The Greater St Louis Daffodil Society is very pleased that John Wilding, from Wilding Photo Studio of Hermann, MO, has agreed to talk with us at our first 2011 meeting of the New Year, about the basics of photography and some of the techniques we can use to enhance the beauty of our photos.

John Wilding first developed an interest in photography while attending the University of Missouri at Rolla in the 1960s. He setup Wilding Photos in 1964 photographing babies and weddings. After a tour of duty in the Army, John returned to the St Louis area and eventually was in charge of Quality Assurance at the Technicolor Lab in St. Louis. In 1970 John, and his wife Mae, purchased an 1878 era home in Hermann, MO, and opened Red Barn Craft Shop and Wilding Photo Studio during 1972.

From the start John enjoyed photographing nature in mid-Missouri. He especially enjoys capturing photos of scenic sunrises, sunsets, weather-related clouds, rivers and waterfalls. His nature photos also include the flora and fauna that thrive on the unique ecosystem in and around mid-Missouri. John embraced digital photography about 6 years ago when he realized that their professional labs were less interested in processing

film. They didn't expect the transformation to happen so quickly but within a year they made the complete switch. Many of their assignments were in light conditions that required experimentation and digital photography rendered visual results on a timely basis. Also, with the power of the computer they can enhance the image, change the brightness and contrast and even marry multiple images.

During the presentation we will be touching on some of the basics of photography, so we do encourage our members to bring their cameras and extra lens they may have. Learning to use your camera features, instead of leaving it set to automatic, can be the first step towards rendering extraordinary photos. Capturing the essence of a flower with a photograph contributes greatly to our ability to appreciate and admire its beauty.

Members of the Greater St Louis Daffodil Society are really looking forward to John's presentation and visiting with him at **1:00 PM on February 27, 2011 in the Garden Room of Ridgeway Center at Missouri Botanical Garden.**

The Daffodil Enforcers

By Cindy Haeffner

This year, some of the "fat" left over bulbs from the Public Sale were potted and are once again being forced by Peter McAdams, Lynn Slackman & Cindy Haeffner. The Greater St. Louis Daffodil Society has been selling potted daffodils since our 2005 convention. During the years many methods have been used. This year Peter & Cindy are utilizing their walk-in cooler's for storing them during the rooting period. Lynn has her pots tucked under a heavy blanket of leaves, letting Mother Nature care for them. All together, GSLDS will have **100 pots for sale, plus the 25 "Pink Daffodil" project pots** for donation to the Susan G. Komen Foundation.



"I Hope Your Mom Likes Daffodils!"

By Megan Pohlmann

On a crisp April morning I found myself gearing up for an adventure. I put on my daffodil shirt and packed my lunch not knowing what to expect. I thought maybe I'd get some bulbs to share with my mom as an early Mother's day gift.....boy did I get some bulbs!!!

I had never been to the Shaw Nature Reserve before and I was looking forward to what it had to offer. What a nice place. I was nervous about meeting the other club members. People who obviously knew way more about not only daffodils than I did, but more about gardening in general. My hopes in joining the club was that I would meet some new, interesting people who would share their love for gardening with me, and might share some tips along the way. I found this to be true as well. Boy do these guys and gals love daffodils! Lucky for me, the only thing they love more than the plant itself is sharing that love with others. I couldn't wait to soak it all up.



When my cousin Katrina and I pulled up in my little car to the dig, I was shocked to see wagons, carts, pickups, etc. All were very empty to start with, but clearly anticipating leaving with a full load. We were out of our league with our feed sacks and small shovels. The only thing I didn't see people bring was a backhoe... but there's always next year!

By lunchtime the sun came out, along with everyone's personalities. As my shyness disappeared with talking, I began to also not be so shy about digging. Katrina's and my bags were overflowing and we weren't even halfway done. If there was a daffodil jackpot, we had all hit it and we weren't even halfway through the day. Both of our mom's were in for a nice surprise.

As the afternoon began closing in on us, it became a race to fill each and every crevice of our bags to the brim. Just when I thought I had learned all I ever needed to know about poets, butter and eggs, ice sickle, etc., our guide told us to gather together to go to a surprise place. I have never (in my life or on TV) seen so many daffodils in one place. This valley was truly amazing. I was so excited about all the humungous clusters of butter and eggs (my favorite) that I lost my father-in-law's shovel. It was a good thing he knows how serious daffodils are, or I'd have been in big trouble! That was not the only excitement in the air. People began whispering about the legendary Icicle 1W-W, pre 1936, daffodil being found nearby and everyone was buzzing in anticipation wanting to see it. Sure enough a beautiful all white breed was brought over to me, to look but not touch. As a new daffodil-er I was dumbfounded by the amazement. I thought it was pretty, but I had no idea of the significance. Many in the daffodil world had thought this daffodil to be no longer in existence, thank goodness the others wasted no time in filling me in. Joy, who dug the Icicle, shared the bulbs with many there, including me.



When we returned to the front meeting place we couldn't wait to show off our treasures. The once empty trucks were as full as they could get, and members began threatening to leave their loved ones behind to make room for more! What an enjoyable day I had with new friends and family. Katrina

and I rushed home to separate our bulbs and get them in the ground ASAP. *"I hope your mom likes daffodils"* she said to me. Although my shoulder probably needed a rotation and one huge ice pack, my mom was so excited about what I brought her; we were still shoveling at nightfall planting the beauties.

What a great time, I can't wait for next year. Maybe my father-in-law will let me borrow his truck if I promise to find his shovel!

"Dig Daffodil Day - 2011"

By Jason Delaney



Our annual "Dig Daffodil Day" event is hosted by the Greater Saint Louis Daffodil Society (GSLDS), in conjunction with the Shaw Nature Reserve (SNR) of the Missouri Botanical Garden. This year "Dig Daffodil Day" is scheduled for **Saturday, March 26, 2011 from 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM** at the Shaw Nature Reserve in Gray Summit, MO. We plan to embark on the epic dig from the Entrance parking lot at 9:00 a.m. sharp. ***Collectors of historic daffodils shouldn't miss this!***

"Dig Daffodils Day" is open by invitation only to daffodil society members and other interested plant conservation and preservation groups. The rules are quite simple:

- SNR will allocate a sector of the prairie where they wish for us to remove the daffodils, and we will have the day to dig as many as we can.
- Participants shall only dig within the allotted sector.
- Participants shall dig on this day only.
- The dug bulbs are ours to keep; members of the Greater Saint Louis Daffodil Society will be expected to dig for the annual bulb sale in addition to their own loot.
- The GSLDS will cover the admission into the SNR and provide drinks, but participants will be required to bring their own lunch.
- Participants are required to bring their own tools, bags, markers, and any supplies one feels are necessary to digging daffodils.
- Dress for the part--briars, burrs, poison ivy, mud, bugs, and rain are all likely to be encountered.

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 Bulb Exchange and SNR Dig!!!! So bring them to the many upcoming GSLDS functions, and turn them in!!!!



Thanks, Cindy Haeffner

Greater St Louis Daffodil Society Meeting Minutes

By Ann Henson

Sunday, November 14, 2010

Missouri Room, Ridgeway Center at MOBOT

The last meeting of 2010 was called to order at 1:00 PM by President Lynn Slackman. President Slackman asked members to review copies of the Minutes of the last meeting that were provided at each table. Dave Niswonger moved that the minutes be approved, seconded by Pam Hardy. Minutes were approved as presented.

The Treasurer's Report was summarized by Treasurer Peter Adams and copies of the club's up to date financial position were provided. Pam Hardy moved that the Treasurer's Report be approved, subject to audit. Seconded by Gary Knehans, motion passed.

Program Chair Cindy Haeffner introduced the panel of Hybridizers featured on the program as follows: Dave Niswonger, Larry Force, Gary Knehans and Jason Delaney. Each presented power point programs of their daffodil seedlings and told of their goals and methods used in achieving them. We all very much appreciate the efforts and the genius of our hybridizers and thank them for taking the time to dazzle us with the results as we anxiously await seeing them in our own gardens.

Following a short break for refreshments, the business meeting resumed when President Slackman called for OLD BUSINESS:

Jean Morris reported on the progress on acquiring new table coverings to be used for our Daffodil Show. She has discussed the matter with the Orchid Club who uses black fabric. Jean states that she would prefer forest green for our show. She has been checking fabrics, deciding we need a good quality, affordably priced and enough to cover our 6 foot tables.

In the absence of Editor Beth Holbrooke, President Slackman reminded everyone what was needed for the first issue of The Daffodil Rave and the date to submit articles. The publish date will be late January or early February of 2011.

NEW BUSINESS

Jason Delaney discussed whether our club should continue paying the ADS Youth dues. Some of the youth are no longer interested; we really don't have any events that include them. We should contact the parents before dropping them but not just continue paying if they aren't interested anymore. It was suggested that we should have ways to include them in our shows and encourage them to grow daffodils at home or schools. Encourage them to participate at some level with our club activities. Peter McAdams moved that a committee headed by Jason be named to formulate guidelines for qualifying as youth members. Seconded by Jim Morris, motion passed.

Co-chairs Jean Morris and Suzanne Raymond reported on the progress made on the 2011 Daffodil Show. The name decided on is "Say It with Daffodils". It was suggested that we have a ONE day show...the set-up would be on Saturday and the show on Sunday. Since we don't have enough space in the Beaumont Room, possibly we could use a nearby room for setup. The plan is to request the show to be held on the first weekend in April. We just have to wait to see what MOBOT can give us.

President Slackman discussed difficulties ahead for events that can be held at MOBOT. From January 27th through May 27th due to extensive construction they will be closed in the evenings but will be open on week-ends. This could affect the dates for our show

Jim Morris stated that a trophy has been donated to our club to be awarded this year for the first time. It is to be named the Shaw Nature Reserve "Club Challenge" Trophy. It was on display at the meeting. Dave Niswonger moved that we purchase a base to present it on and have it engraved, "Single Stem Dug at Shaw Nature Reserve Club Challenge Trophy". Seconded by Pam Hardy, motion passed.

President Slackman named the following Nominating Committee: Debra Pratt, Pam Hardy and Suzanne Raymond. The committee is to find nominees for Vice President, Treasurer and one Board Member and submit their report at the first meeting in 2011.

Cindy Haeffner stated that the bulbs were at the meeting and requested members to take several home and pot them up for the Spring Potted Daffodil Sale at the close of the meeting. Peter McAdams request that he be notified about the new label order. Jim and Jean Morris will let him know when they are going to pick them up.

Several announcements were made and a drawing for door prizes was held, with the \$25.00 door prize going to Suzanne Raymond.

There being no further or other business, the meeting was adjourned.
The balance of the evening was spent playing the game, "Rob Your Neighbor".

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Henson, Secretary
(The attendance book was signed by 23 members and guests.)

Book Review - "*Heirloom Bulbs for Today*"

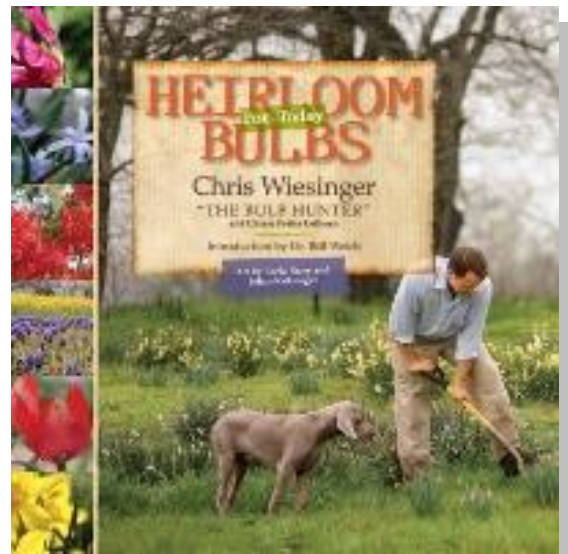
By Lynn Slackman

Chris Wiesinger, "The Bulb Hunter" has teamed-up with landscape designer and award winning author Cherie Foster Colburn to produce an innovative view of Heirloom Bulbs. Most garden books and magazines tell you about the culture of plants, but this book takes it a step further to reveal not only the bulb's past, but the people who grew and nurtured it.

I also found wonderful botanical illustrations by South African artists Loela Barry & Johan Kritzinger and loads of photographs to depict the cultivars and the Historic places they can be found. The Historic homes, gardens, and cemeteries highlighted throughout the book really takes the reader on a bulb hunt across the Southern region of the U.S.

To my surprise, at the very end of the book, Cherie and Loela have designed a sample garden layout that features the bulbs referenced throughout the book. They have also included perennial companion plants for their low-maintenance garden. Loela's illustrations of their sample garden depict its progress thru the seasons of the year.

I really enjoyed reading this book and will use it as a future reference for Heirloom Bulbs. I believe Chris & Cherie plan to attend the 2011 ADS Convention in Jackson, MS this year. I'll be bringing my book to their book signing event.



Treasurer's Report

By Peter McAdams

GREATER ST. LOUIS DAFFODIL SOCIETY INCOME / EXPENSE STATEMENT FOR YEAR ENDING DEC 31, 2010 COMPARISON

	2009	2010
Beginning checkbook balance Jan 1, 2010		6,387.56
INCOME		
DAFFODIL BULB SALE INCOME		
BULB SALES - MOBOT ANNUAL SALE	2,262.50	1,182.00
BULB SALES- AT EXCHANGE TO MEMBERS	1,475.00	1,254.50
GREENTREE FESTIVAL SALES	0.00	1,005.50
POTTED BULB SALES - TO PUBLIC	439.00	604.00
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TOTAL DAFFODIL BULB SALE INCOME	4,176.50	4,046.00
DONATIONS RECEIVED	5.00	16.00
DUES RECEIVED		
2009 Members Dues Received	115.00	0.00
2010 Members Dues Received	74.00	178.00
2011 Members Dues Received	29.00	98.00
2012 Members Dues Received	34.00	17.00
2013 Members Dues Received	0.00	17.00
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TOTAL DUES RECEIVED	252.00	310.00
OTHER INCOME		
BLOOMIN BUCKS- Brent & Beckys	0.00	623.19
BULB SALES- TO MEMBERS AT DISCOUNT- Mitsch	284.40	474.20
MISC INCOME - fertilizer, etc	3.50	48.00
PLANT LABEL SALES	590.00	1,017.00
T SHIRT SALES - CLUB EMBLEM	0.00	630.00
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TOTAL OTHER INCOME	877.90	2,792.39
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TOTAL INCOME	5,311.40	7,164.39
EXPENSES		
ADVERTISING	90.00	0.00
BULB COSTS		
EXCHANGE BULB COSTS	1,275.00	1,500.00
BULBS DISCOUNTED TO MEMBERS- Mitsch	284.40	474.20
KOMEN FOUNDATION ST LOUIS DONATION	250.00	250.00
CORPORATE FEES PERMITS	10.00	15.00
DAFFODIL SHOW EXPENSE		
JUDGE EXPENSE	191.35	475.26
SHOW SUPPLIES	152.32	517.68
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TOTAL DAFFODIL SHOW EXPENSE	343.67	992.94

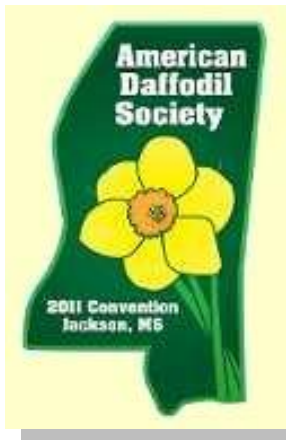
GIFT CERTIFICATES	225.00	25.00
GREENTREE FESTIVAL EXPENSES	0.00	368.25
MEETING EXPENSES	130.29	236.01
MEMBERSHIPS (MOBOT \$300 yr)	417.50	300.00
MISC SOCIETY EXPENSES	90.00	90.00
NEWS LETTER EXPENSE	206.56	0.00
OFFICE EXPENSES	14.08	0.00
PLANT LABEL COSTS	531.20	918.72
POSTAGE and DELIVERY	38.17	10.56
PROGRAM SPEAKER EXPENSE	220.00	874.26
SUPPLIES	181.85	239.69
TEE SHIRTS-CLUB EMBLEM	0.00	701.25
WEB SITE EXPENSE	0.00	39.85
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TOTAL EXPENSES	4,307.72	7,035.73
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OVERALL TOTAL	1,003.68	128.66
Ending Checkbook Balance Dec 31, 2010		5,835.94

Inventory and Assets at End of Year 2010:

Plant Markers/Labels (469 in stock from 2009) cost \$149.08

Plant Markers/Labels (5000 bought in 2010) cost \$1599.00

The checkbook ending balance can be justified by adding back
The plant label costs and inventory.



Can you Spell It?????

MISSISSIPPI!!!!!!!

By Cindy Haeffner

This year the Central Mississippi Daffodil Society will be hosting the 2011 American Daffodil Society Convention. It is being held in Jackson, MS, at the beautiful Hilton Jackson, March 10-13, 2011. If you **have** experienced an ADS convention, then you know what you are missing if you don't plan to go. If you **have never attended one**, let me tell you it is a great experience that is hard to put into words. You get to see daffodils from other regions, and that alone is great, plus meet many familiar daffodil friends and meet ones we don't even know yet!!!!!!!

Lynn Slackman and Cindy Haeffner will be attending Judging School II at the convention in Jackson, MS this year. GSLDS members clerking and assisting with show judging at the ADS convention this year; Lynn Slackman, Beth Holbrooke and Cindy Haeffner.

So, mark your calendars, and plan on a warm get away in early March, away from all this snow here in St. Louis!!!!!!!

"Say It with Daffodils"



Join us at the 15th annual Daffodil Show

Presented by
The Greater St Louis Daffodil Society

April 3, 2011
Sunday from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Beaumont Room at the Missouri Botanical Garden

Design, Horticulture & Photography at the Daffodil Show

"Open to the Public" show staging on Saturday, April 2nd from 10:00AM to 5:00PM.
Please encourage your neighbors, friends, and associates to bring their daffodils for staging at our annual Daffodil Show.

Large Potted Daffodils will be FOR SALE at this Annual Event

**Please access our web site for the Show Schedules >> [http://www.stldaffodilclub.org/
Missouri Botanical Garden](http://www.stldaffodilclub.org/Missouri%20Botanical%20Garden) – 4344 Shaw Boulevard, St. Louis, MO 63110**

Design Division Classes for 2011 Daffodil Show

Available classes for the Design Division of the “*Say It with Daffodils*” Show are outlined below. To see the complete show schedules for Design, Horticulture, and Photography, please refer to the Daffodil Show page on our web site at <http://www.stldaffodilclub.org/>. Click on the “Say It with Daffodils” Show Schedule link, **in the upper left hand corner of the page**, to select the 2011 show schedules.

Class 1 – “Fools rush in where angels fear to tread.”

Alexander Pope (1688-1744) from Essay on Criticism.

Designer’s choice staged on a table against a light green background 32” tall X 22” wide X 15” deep.

MAXIMUM HEIGHT 31”

4 ENTRIES

Class 2 – “Still waters run deep.”

Sir Walter Raleigh (1552-1618) from The Silent Lover.

A design featuring water staged on a table against a light green background 32” tall X 22” wide X 15” deep.

MAXIMUM HEIGHT 31”

4 ENTRIES

Class 3 – “Have your cake and eat it too.”

John Heywood (1497-1580) from Proverbs.

A functional table for two staged on a square bridge table provided by the Show Committee. Place settings and table covering must be furnished by the exhibitor.

MAXIMUM HEIGHT 16” center, or 18” corner placement. 4 ENTRIES

Class 4 – “Brevity is the soul of wit.”

William Shakespeare (1564-1616) from Hamlet.

A small design no more than 8” in any direction, staged on a table against a 9” square background (provided) in your choice of several pastel colors.

MAXIMUM HEIGHT 8”

UP TO 10 ENTRIES

Class 5 – “In one ear and out the other.”

Geoffrey Chaucer (1340-1400) from Troilus and Criseyde.

A design using two containers, staged on a black parsons table 18” X 18” X 18” tall. Underlay may be used if furnished by the exhibitor.

MINIMUM HEIGHT 25”

4 ENTRIES

Class 6 – “Snug as a bug in a rug.”

Benjamin Franklin (1706-1790) from A Letter to Miss Georgiana Shipley.

A design using a bug, large or small, staged on a table against a black background 20” tall X 14” wide X 15” deep.

MAXIMUM HEIGHT 19-1/2” YOUTH ONLY

UP TO 6 ENTRIES

Class 7 – “A friend in need is a friend indeed.”

Richard Barnfield (1574-1627) from Address to a Nightingale.

Designer’s choice staged on a table against a frosty green background 20” tall X 14” wide X 15” deep.

MAXIMUM HEIGHT 19-1/2” YOUTH ONLY

UP TO 6 ENTRIES

OPEN HOUSE & GARDEN TOUR

Joy and Cindy Haeffner's home
Hermann, Missouri

APRIL 8TH & 9TH, 2011,
3PM until DARK Both Days
At Residence 3PM to 5PM, depart for 2nd location at 5:15 PM
Please RSVP via email at: chaeffner@haeffnerfamily.net



Calendar of Events 2011

DATE	TIME/PLACE	ACTIVITY
Sunday, February 27, 2011	1:00 PM - 3:00 PM Garden Room of Ridgeway Center at MOBOT	John Wilding, our featured speaker, will present "Photography Basics & Techniques." <i>Refreshments provided by members.</i>
Saturday, March 26, 2011	9:00 AM o 4:00PM Shaw Nature Reserve, Gray Summit, MO	"Dig Daffodils Day" is open by invitation only to GSLDS members and other interested plant conservation and preservation groups. Members please bring your lunch.
April 3, 2011	Beaumont Room of Ridgeway Center at MOBOT	Celebrate "Say It With Daffodils" at the Greater St. Louis Daffodil Society's annual Spring Show. Setup starts at 10:00AM on Saturday April 2nd in the Beaumont Room. Staging for Horticulture held in the Botanical Room.
Sunday, July 17, 2011	1:00 PM - 3:00 PM Garden Room of Ridgeway Center at MOBOT	Talk by outside speaker to be announced... Members please bring snacks.
Sunday, September 11, 2011	1:00 PM - 4:00 PM Garden Room of Ridgeway Center at MOBOT	Cleaning and Preparing of Bulbs for upcoming Exchange and Sale.
October 15 - 16, 2011	9:00 AM - 5:00 PM or until sold out, Orthwein Floral Display Hall of Ridgeway Center at MOBOT	Daffodil Society & Lily Society are teaming up for our annual Fall bulb sale this year. Setup Friday night October 14th in the Orthwein Floral Hall 5:00 PM until done.
Saturday, October 29, 2011	NOON - 5:00 PM Beaumont Room of Ridgeway Center at MOBOT	Annual exchange of <i>"better"</i> donated and purchased bulbs from various sources. Open to <i>"active"</i> members only. Main Course and drink provided, "Side dishes & Desserts" requested.
Sunday, November 13, 2011	1:00 PM - 3:00 PM Garden 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.

****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 29, 2011.**