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“Summer afternoon - summer afternoon.....the two most beautiful words in the English language.”

Henry James

“THE ALLURE OF GARDEN DAFFODILS”

a presentation by Jason Delaney

Jason Delaney, who is the Missouri Botanical Garden’s North Gardens Supervisor and Bulb Collections Specialist, will be our guest speaker at the July 21st meeting to be held at 1:00 in the Garden Room.

Not only has Jason been working at MOBOT for 17 years, he also owns Professional Horticulture Services (P.H.S.), hybridizes and raises daffodils on three acres in Flora, IL and is a charter member of the Greater St. Louis Daffodil Society. In spite of his busy schedule and projects in the works, Jason has agreed to talk to us on “The Allure of Garden Daffodils”.

Jason’s talk will focus on popular garden daffodils and garden trends over the years. He will outline what made them so popular, what the future holds and why people love them. His photos are always impressive and he gives entertaining as well as educational programs. We are honored that Jason has taken time from his busy schedule to present this talk and hope that you all can join us to enjoy his entertaining and thought provoking program.

For further biographical information of Jason Delaney, please go to the GSLDS website and look under the “Daffodil Events” tab and then “Featured Speakers” for 2013.

BOARD MEMBERS PLEASE NOTE: a short board meeting will be held for all officers and directors after the regular meeting. Please plan to attend.



Tim Brown’s car full of winners

FOR DISCUSSION AT THE JULY 21 MEETING

Summary by Beth Holbrooke

Part of the business portion of July's meeting will be about changing the by-laws to allow future annual meetings to be held at a more convenient time than after the daffodil show. Most members are too busy with the show and the visitors, especially the volunteering at the Kid's Corner. In order to make this change of timing, the proposed change must be published in the *Rave*, and then discussed at the next meeting. Below is the proposed change to section 3.

CURRENT BY LAWS READ:

ARTICLE VII

Meetings

- Section 1 The organization shall hold a minimum of four meetings per year, the exact dates and place to be at the discretion of the executive board.
- Section 2 A quorum shall consist of a minimum of:
 - (1) Either two officers or Four Directors of the Board; and
 - (2) 20% of the Society membership, including officers and directors.
- Section 3 An annual Board of Directors meeting shall be called by the President in **the month of the annual Daffodil show**. Meetings may be called at any other time the President deems necessary.
- Section 4 Additional meetings may be conducted between members of the executive board by means of fax and/or internet as deemed necessary by the President.

PROPOSED CHANGE TO BE MADE IS HI-LIGHTED:

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Showing new displays and photos – thanks, Peter!



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Kid's corner was a hit again...

Collaboration Produces Colorful Palette

Cindy Haeffner, President, Greater Saint Louis Daffodil Society
Member of Gasconade County Master Gardeners

Do you sometimes catch yourself wondering, "Would a massed daffodil planting work there?"

I was caught up in this thought several times when departing the parking lot at the Gasconade County RII School, where my Master Gardener classes are held. Directly across from the Owensville High School, on MO Hwy 19 stretches a very nice, slightly sloping right-of-way, which ironically happens to be comprised of very good soil not typically found in Gasconade County. What a perfect location for a mass of daffodils.

Upon contacting the Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) to discuss planting this area, I was informed that such a planting met the criteria for a MoDOT *Growing Together* beautification program. So, I met with our local MoDOT road supervisor to discuss the current mowing practices and schedule, the feasibility of such a planting and where a sign could be placed to recognize the planting, should it occur (currently, MoDOT has a mandatory seasonal mowing of 15ft from the road's edge by May 31, with the remainder of the right-of-way getting mowed after July 1, to provide the necessary habitat for ground-nesting birds). The delayed mowing area was an ideal location for the planting site, as it would provide the daffodil foliage ample time to mature for next year's bloom. An application was submitted and eventually approved, the site was planted, and a sign was erected honoring the Greater St. Louis Daffodil Society, the Gasconade County Masters Gardeners Association, and the Owensville High School horticulture classes, each of whom played an integral role in the endeavor.

Fulfilling a community outreach clause in our organization's by-laws, the Greater St. Louis Daffodil Society provided the bulbs used for the display, procuring them from local Midwest daffodil growers Oakwood Daffodils, in Michigan, and PHS Daffodils, in Missouri. The Gasconade County Master Gardeners Association also has a goal to support the local community through volunteering. The hours earned by planting were eagerly put toward maintaining the Master Gardeners' required yearly hours. And Ms. Sherry Byrnam's horticulture classes at the Owensville High School provided much enthusiastic support with students planting and working very efficiently to complete the project (as it turned out, a day out of the classroom to plant daffodils was really a lot of fun!).

Everyone involved enjoyed the project, and the community now reaps the benefits with a colorful palette of springtime daffodils for many years to come.

For more information on how you can support the roadside planting, please contact the Greater Saint Louis Daffodil Society (www.stldaffodilclub.org) or the Gasconade County Master Gardener's Association (636-221-7406/Cindy Haeffner).

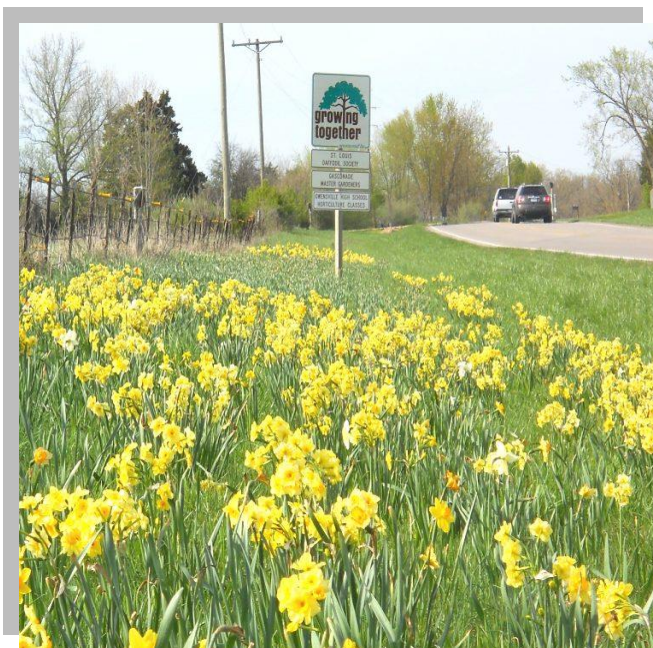


Photo of the final results



Along HWY 19 in Gasconade County

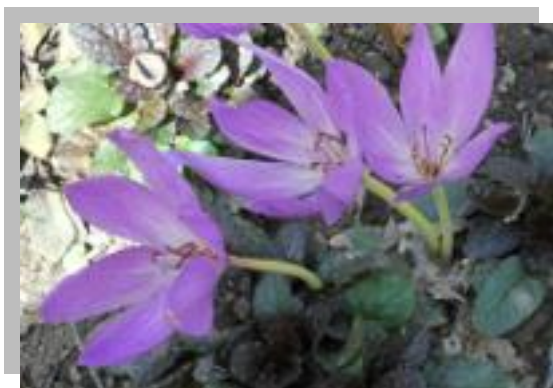
COLCHICUM – FALL BLOOMING BEAUTY

By Beth Holbrooke

After the spring and summer seasons have surrounded my yard with color (and work), things start winding down and browning up. In September I am always delighted and surprised to see clusters of colchicum popping up out of the ground like the magic lilies did two months earlier. Actually, colchicums are also part of the lily family. They are low to the ground – three to seven inches tall, opening like goblets and closing at night. They come in bright shades of purples and lilacs and even a few clumps of white doubles that look like scattered snowflakes. Colchicums line the path of my sidewalk in the same way the hyacinths do in the spring. Their fat leaves come up early in the year and get that sickly green-yellow color as they flop over and plump up the bulb. I have spaced them between daylilies to try and disguise the dying foliage. Not too pretty, but effective.

In the late 1800's through the mid 1920's, colchicums were used as a cheap plant trap to decoy eelworms from invading the daffodil crops. They would be ravaged by the eelworms so the more valuable flower crops would live on. Nowadays, colchicums aren't as inexpensive as they were, but for color in a dreary autumn landscape they are well worth the money. Dave Burdick offers several varieties in his catalog, and ordering is the first thing on my list in the spring. Since his bulbs are grown in Massachusetts, they are ready to plant – even eager to grow – when the box arrives in St. Louis. They send out a bloom whether they are in the ground or not, so planting immediately is what I try to do. Otherwise, they will keep growing in the box and a flower won't be seen for another year.

The most common colchicum in commerce seems to be 'Lilac Wonder', although like the hyacinths, many other hybrids have been lost over the years. The bulbs should be planted as soon as possible after purchase or delivery, about 6 or so inches deep and 6-8 inches apart, although I squeeze them closer because I'm running out of garden space. The bulbs have a little "foot" where the roots and flower stems grow from and they remind me of a clam's "foot" as it tries to dig down in the Cape Cod sand so I won't steam it at a clambake. Silly, I know, but they are both odd little things that amuse me. And whenever I'm digging, I need amusement.



Colchicum 'Lilac Wonder'



White Colchicum Double Variety



Little "clam" foot on the right

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 (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



Digging 'February Gold' at SNR on April 2, 2013

GSLDS PROFIT & LOSS STATEMENT COMPARISON JUNE 30, 2013

	2010	2011	2012	2013 YTD
CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE JAN 1	\$6,387.56	\$5,835.94	7,408.66	10,551.71
INCOME				
MOBOT ANNUAL BULB SALE	\$1,182.00	\$1,190.00	1,635.25	
HERMAN FALL SALE	\$0.00	\$624.11	775.00	
GREENTREE FESTIVAL	\$1,005.50	\$578.00	1,287.00	
ANNUAL EXCHANGE	\$1,254.50	\$1,056.00	1,187.00	
POTTED BULB SALES - TO PUBLIC	\$604.00	\$638.00	25.00	580.00
SALE OF GOLDEN DAWN AT MOBOT				365.88
TOTAL SALES	\$4,046.00	\$4,086.11	4,909.25	945.88
DONATIONS RECEIVED	\$16.00	\$335.50	1.40	
DUES RECEIVED				
2010 Membes dues Received	\$178.00	\$0.00		
2011 Members Dues Received	\$98.00	\$111.00		
2012 Members Dues Received	\$17.00	\$108.00	66.00	
2013 Members Dues Received	\$17.00	\$26.00	120.00	85.00
2014 Members Dues Received			31.00	
2015 Members Dues Received	\$0.00	\$7.00	14.00	
TOTAL DUES RECEIVED	\$310.00	\$252.00	231.00	85.00
OTHER INCOME				
BLOOMIN BUCKS - BRENT & BECKYS	\$633.69	\$107.69	557.20	478.64
BULB SALES TO MEMBERS- MITSCH DISC BULBS	\$474.20	\$368.00	451.50	
MISC INCOME	\$37.50	\$299.50	22.50	111.00
PLANT LABEL SALES	\$1,017.00	\$768.50	175.00	17.00
T SHIRT SALES - CLUB EMBLEM	\$630.00	\$292.00	191.50	90.00
TOTAL OTHER INCOME	\$2,792.39	\$1,835.69	1,397.70	696.64
TOTAL INCOME	\$7,164.39	\$6,509.30	6,539.35	1,727.52
EXPENSES				

ADVERTISING - GATEWAY GARDENER & MOBOT	\$0.00	\$215.00	0.00	
EXCHANGE BULB COSTS	\$1,500.00	\$1,476.30	1,000.00	
BULBS DISCOUNTED TO MEMBERS – MITSCH	\$474.20	\$363.20	451.50	
BOOTH FEES - HERMAN MO	\$0.00	\$67.50	65.00	92.50
CHARITABLE DONATIONS - KOMEN ST LOUIS MOBOT DONATION FOR 2013	\$250.00	\$250.00		1,000.00
CORPORATE FEES/EXPENSE	\$15.00	\$10.00	20.00	
JUDGE EXPENSE	\$475.28	\$250.00		
SHOW SUPPLIES	\$517.68	\$754.44	112.61	208.01
GIFT CERTIFICATES	\$25.00	\$50.00	70.00	
GREENTREE FESTIVAL EXPENSES	\$368.25	\$60.00	60.00	75.00
MEETING EXPENSES	\$236.01	\$101.85	146.79	
MEMBERSHIPS	\$300.00	\$355.00	375.00	
MISC SOCIETY EXPENSES	\$90.00	\$170.00	220.00	75.00
OFFICE EXPENSES	\$0.00	\$18.55		
PLANT LABEL COSTS	\$918.72	\$692.00	160.00	16.00
POSTAGE and DELIVERY	\$10.56	\$130.87	18.00	
PROGRAM SPEAKER EXPENSE	\$874.26	\$175.00	354.00	
SUPPLIES	\$239.69	\$191.87		32.71
TEE SHIRTS-CLUB EMBLEM	\$701.25	\$297.00	131.50	112.00
WORLD 2016 DAFFODIL SHOW EXPENSES			246.90	
WEB SITE EXPENSE	\$39.85	\$0.00		
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TOTAL EXPENSES	\$7,035.73	\$5,628.58	3,431.30	1,611.22
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OVERALL TOTAL	\$128.66	\$880.72	3,108.05	116.30
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ENDING BANK BALANCE DEC 31	\$5,835.94	\$7,408.66	10,551.71	



Graham Phillips helping Tim Brown set up



True 'Van Sion' found at SNR for a lucky few

*"In 1629, Parkinson called gardeners ignorant who called some daffodils 'narcissus', as "we" all know that the Latin 'narcissus', is 'daffodil' in English. Parkinson divided daffodils into **narcissus**, and named them 'true daffodils', and **pseudonarcissus**, the 'bastard daffodils'. **Narcissus pseudonarcissus**, the bastard daffodil, was so called because the petals were longer than the cup. At that time, true daffodils were thought to be flat faced, or short cupped such as the **n. Poeticus** which was popular at the time."*

Pamela Todd, *Flora's Gems, The Little Book of Daffodils.*

Greater St. Louis Daffodil Society Calendar of Events 2013

DATE	TIME/PLACE	ACTIVITY
Sunday, July 21, 2013	1:00 PM - 3:00 PM Garden Room of Ridgeway Center at MOBOT	Presentation by Jason Delaney "The Allure of Garden Daffodils" <i>Refreshments provided by members.</i>
Saturday, August 24, 2013	10:00 AM - 5:00 PM Brighton, IL at the McAdams residence	<i>Cleaning Bulbs for Bulb Sales.</i> Please bring casseroles, side dishes or desserts as your contribution to the lunch. If you have special beverage requirements please bring your own, otherwise beverages will be provided.
Sunday, September 8, 2013	1:00 PM - 3:00 PM Garden Room of Ridgeway Center at MOBOT	<i>Bagging and Tagging of Bulbs for upcoming Exchange and Sale.</i>
September 13 - 15, 2013	Friday, 5:00 - 10:00 PM, Saturday, 9:00 AM - 7:00 PM, Sunday, 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM Greentree Festival, Kirkwood, MO	Join us at the Greentree Festival to sell daffodil bulbs and spread yellow daffodil fever to residents of the Greater St Louis area.
October 12 - 13, 2013	Saturday, 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM, Sunday, 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM Arts & Craft Festival, Hermann, MO	Join us at the Brush & Palette Club, Arts & Crafts Festival . We will be selling daffodil bulbs to residents of Hermann, MO and surrounding communities.
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. Setup Friday night October 25th 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. Please refer to participation guidelines below. <i>Food and drink provided, side dish & desserts requested.</i>
Sunday November 17, 2013	1:00 PM - 3:00 PM Classroom #127 at CBEC	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.

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.