



# The Daffodil Rave

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## There Will Always Be Spring...

*"...planting bulbs is an incredible act of optimism. Built into bulb planting are several important assumptions: (1) Spring will come again. (2) The bulbs won't be eaten by deer, squirrels, voles, mice or moles. (3) They will actually bloom. (4) We will be around to see them, in all their colorful glory."*

Sara Evans, Editor, *Perennials*, Summer, 2001

## Garden Daffodils, Iris and Hybridizing Insights

Speakers for our first meeting of the year were our own members, Dave Niswonger and Bob Skaggs. They showed us some of the daffodils and iris from their gardens and shared some of their extensive daffodil and iris hybridizing knowledge during their excellent presentations.

Dave reviewed the daffodils currently growing in his garden and shared some of the latest insights. If you aren't familiar with Dave's garden, there are photos from our group visit a few years ago that can be found on the GSLDS website. He has been hybridizing daffodils since his wife suggested it many years ago. (He is also excellent at iris and daylily breeding, too). Dave's goals in daffodil hybridizing include an aim for "bold and beautiful" cups and he doesn't care if the perianths are a little rough. He is trying to improve color, ruffles and getting white "teeth" at the edges of the cups. We think he's making excellent efforts judging from his slides.

Bob Skaggs shared photos of his 2013 iris blooms from his garden, including his own seedlings. He told us that he has specific qualities he is breeding to find and many seedlings end up on the trash heap because they don't have what it takes. Bob has been hybridizing for 12 years and has introduced three iris cultivars: 'Marilyn's Skirt', 'Golden Snitches' and 'Judy's Smile'. In their garden they presently grow 1300 named iris varieties, along with over 3,000 iris seedlings that he crosses each year. He has generously donated his new introductions to our annual bulb exchange for auction, and they have been highly sought after by the membership.



During the standard type iris blooming season, which peaks on Mother's Day weekend, the Skaggs' will host tours for various garden clubs. They will also be featured at the 2015 Region 18 convention.

## Presidents Message, February, 2014

By Cindy Haeffner, President  
Greater St. Louis Daffodil Society

This winter, as you all know has been substantially colder than normal. Now, when the thermometer hits 25 degrees, it feels like a spring day, depending upon the WIND!!!

Yes, old man winter seems to have his grips on us, with no end in sight, but, spring is on its way!!!

Is everyone done planting???? There are a few I know that are not, and awaiting a break in the weather is constant on those minds. Planting this late can be problematic, i.e. planting one day at 55 degrees, and 7 degrees the next, literally, one runs the risk of the bulbs completely freezing, doing irreversible damage. Daffodil bulbs require time to start the rooting process, releasing the plant hormone, protects the bulb from freeze damage, the "built in anti-freeze" for the plant. Mulching over the planting area will help, and snow cover will also help with its insulating properties, so needless, I am hoping for more snow. Yes, I am one of the late planters!!!

With all this winter, color cannot come soon enough!!! On Feb 23, 2014, our own Dave Niswonger and Bob Skaggs gave us the color respite we will all be yearning to see!!!

Dave shared his 2013 daffodil season and Bob shared his iris season, each also shared their hybridizing experiences. Be sure and join us!!!!

Let's welcome spring!!!!

## As Seen On Daffnet

By Nancy Tackett and Lynn Slackman

Lynn Slackman and I are proud to announce that the ADS website has a brand new look! It is still located at [daffodilusa.org](http://daffodilusa.org) so no need to change your bookmarks. You will immediately see a big difference with new functionality and new navigation with the top menu bar.

One important feature is the ability to automatically detect and display on all sizes and shapes of devices. Visitors can now use desktop computers, iPads & tablets, or their cell phones to view our web site. We hope this one item alone will make the ADS look attractive and appeal to prospective ADS members.

Complete details about these new features and more will be in the upcoming issue of the *ADS Journal*. We plan to expand this site, however it was important to release this now with the [2014 show calendar](#).

I want to personally thank Lynn for partnering with me to complete this major remodeling effort and thank both our husbands for their patience and contributions.

Please let Lynn and I know if you find something we may have overlooked. In the meantime, enjoy and we hope to see you all in Little Rock! Nancy Tackett and Lynn Slackman

Co-Chair, Internet Services Comm and Chairman, Publicity

## Members Corner – An Introduction to Our Newest Members

By Cindy Haeffner

Wm. Cole grew up in Cheshire, England, where gardening was a part of the lifestyle, more than here in the US. He mentions he would report on flower shows (including daffodil shows) for the weekly papers. The flower shows were taken very seriously and daffodils had a huge appeal and they grew in many fields. Bill describes the climate of his childhood as similar to Oregon, a moderate climate. His family packed their garden full of vegetables such as brussel sprouts, carrots, tomatoes and many others.

Bill moved to the US around 1973 to Winchester, a St. Louis suburb, working for the St. Louis Globe Democrat as a journalist reporter. The Winchester property had a huge yard that faced into a public park. Here he grew antique roses, vegetables, lots of flowers and his first daffodils. Bill moved into a nice Victorian house, a "fixer upper" in Steelville, MO during the Globe's strike of 1979-1980 and it had another big back yard. Again, daffodils were planted to enjoy. Bill joined The Greater St. Louis Daffodil Society in 2013 and attended his first bulb exchange and is waiting to see and enjoy his selections. Welcome Bill!



Linda York grew up in Indiana with her parents, who were avid gardeners. She remembers her mother took care of the flowers and her father tended the vegetables. She mentions that back then she did not care for gardening, like many of us, but it was work that had to be done. As she grew older, she lived in an apartment

which included a patio where she grew her own tomatoes along with flowers. She and her husband now live in Webster Groves, where oak trees are abundant, and they grow an herb garden, including lots of lavender and many different flowers. After taking classes at MOBOT, she uses the lasagna gardening method to amend her clay soil.

Gardening has been very therapeutic for her, and even in the winter she goes out to see what is going on, raking leaves and checking on her birds that she feeds and waters.

All the streets in her neighborhood have flower names, and Linda lives on Jonquil Lane, which I think is no coincidence. Linda also planted all her daffodils from her first bulb exchange and is waiting through the long winter to see her selections blooming. Welcome Linda!

## **Minutes, Greater St. Louis Daffodil Society**

Sunday, February 2, 2014

Commerce Bank Education Center, MBG

GSLDS President Cindy Haeffner called the meeting to order at 1:30 PM with 27 in attendance. Minutes of the November 2013 meeting were distributed and reviewed. Pam Hardy moved that the minutes be accepted, Dave Niswonger seconded the motion. The minutes were accepted by a voice vote.

Treasurer Peter McAdams presented the Treasurer's Report with final numbers for 2013. Of note were funds we have received from Brent and Becky's Blooming Bucks, with the latest check from them being \$1044. Jason Delaney reminded us to identify GSLDS whenever we order anything from Brent and Becky's, to identify GSLDS as the non-profit to receive credit.

**Old Business:** Risers—Peter McAdams reported that we now have about 15 table sets of the 3 tier risers for the show. We discussed painting them black with a matte finish being better for taking photos and a gloss finish easier to wipe clean. If Peter wants help with painting, both Pam Hardy and Vaughn Meister volunteered. Pam Hardy moved that the society pay Peter for all materials purchased to build these risers, with an estimate of \$750. Dave Niswonger seconded the motion and after a vote the motion was passed.

**MODOT Grow Together Program**—Cindy Haeffner reported that the signage for our area along Highway 50 on the East side of Gerald, is ready and should be up within a month. This is our second area, the first along Hwy 19 across from the Owensville High School. Lynn said that we need to get good photos as the American Daffodil Society is interested in chapters that do community service. We can post info and photos on their webpage and maybe encourage other chapters to increase community service.

**New Business: Spring Daffodil Show** is Sunday April 6<sup>th</sup>, with set up the Sat evening before, April 5<sup>th</sup>, starting at 6PM. We may be able to get in at 5 PM. It will be in the enlarged Beaumont Room which gives us nice space for horticulture, design and photography as well as the Children's Corner. Lynn Slackman identified areas for each. All set up needs to be done Sat evening, because judging starts at 7 AM. Judging for horticulture will include Gary Knehans, John Beck, Debra Pratt, Beth Holbrooke and Cindy Haeffner as a student judge. We will need a guest judge also. Cindy requested the judges to let her know what gift certificate they would like. Vaughn Meister moved that that we approve \$150 for Cindy to get some more gift certificates. Pam Hardy seconded the motion and it was passed. Brenda VanBooven and Vaughn Meister will clerk for horticulture.

Jean Morris reviewed our **Design theme** for this year's show: "Childhood Memories" and ideas for each of the six categories; How did you travel?, Leisure Time, Mama's Kitchen and Penny Candy for the adults, and Old Fashioned Toys and Games and Pets for the children's categories. Jim and Jean Morris will be in Dallas at an Iris Conference that weekend so we will need to step up to the plate to make sure we have at least four entries in each category. Jean reviewed the 4 keys to a design entry: line, daffodils, other flowers, and ground cover. Jean then passed around a sign-up sheet for volunteers. Suzanne Raymond will help coordinate design in Jean's absence. All members are asked to bring in dried materials that may be of use in creating a design entry.

Beth Holbrooke discussed the **Photography** section; foam core matting is not required, several pieces of matte will be available maximum size is 11" by 14". Minimum size photo is 4" by 6". Beth is working on judges.

**Daffodils for sale at the show.** Cindy Haeffner reported that we will be selling the pink potted daffodils (with proceeds going to Komen Foundation) as we have done before. We also will be selling bouquets of cut daffodils like we started last year. These bunches of 12 fresh daffodils for \$5 went very well. Anyone who has lots of daffodils is asked to bring some that are just starting to open. We will also need rubber bands to secure them. The Children's Corner, will have crafts, coloring and bouquet making. We need to keep this free bouquet making for kids and to charge adults if they want to do one. Anyone who has plastic containers that can be given away with the bouquets should bring them. During the show it is helpful if members take a turn hosting in the Children's corner.

**Purchase of bulbs** for our fall sales. Jason Delaney opened a discussion of whether or not we should purchase bulbs for our fall sales. The bulbs we got from our Memorial weekend trip to Oakwood Daffodils this year were really smaller, and it may not be worth the effort to go there, if we aren't getting more bulbs that are large enough to bloom the first year. Jason has done some research and asked us to consider the possibility of purchase from Ruigrok Bulbs in the Netherlands (<http://www.ruigrokflowerbulbs.com>). He asked us to look at their selection, as our reputation for sales will be bolstered by our customers good results. The niche we fill can be to sell nice bulbs that aren't available at Lowe's and Home Depot. They have over 50 varieties and when purchased

in bulk, we may be able to get them at a cost of \$0.15 to \$0.75 each for massive bulbs. The members are asked to look at the Ruigrok website, as we will discuss this further. For bulbs ordered by June there is no shipping charge.

Jason Delaney let us know that we have a date for the **Shaw Nature Reserve Dig**. It will be Tuesday, April 8<sup>th</sup>. We were not able to get a weekend date this year, but still will have a chance to collect some of the SNR stock. We meet at the Main Entrance at 9Am and work until 3:30 PM. Bring a lunch, as well as a shovel, any other tools you will need, bug spray and sunscreen, bags to put your daffodils in and dress for the weather. You will need to wear your Green GSLDS tee shirt, see Cindy if you need one.

**Garden Tours.** We are still trying to get a date from Tim Brown of Wycliffe, KY. for a field trip. Jason stated that Sunday, April 13 may be available for a garden tour of PHS in Flora, IL.

**GSLDS website.** Lynn Slackman reported that we have had the website for 10 years. We will renew our URL for 5 years, at \$8.99/yr, as we have before. She asked the officers if they minded having their names listed on the public site, and those present said they did not. We discussed having contact by email available on the site and currently it goes to Lynn. We discussed creation of a blog on the website that Lynn would maintain. It would create a place for good information available that can be readily updated. Pam Hardy moved that we approve creation of the blog, Jim Morris seconded the motion. It was passed by a voice vote.

**Donation to MBG Horticulture Department.** After discussion, Beth Holbrooke moved that we donate \$500. Dave Niswonger seconded the motion and it was approved. The money is held in the Horticulture department for purchase of daffodil bulbs for the garden collection.

**Additional information:** Lynn Slackman showed some beautiful brochures she has created for the American Daffodil Society including a new member flyer. Peter McAdams garden in Godfrey, IL has been designated as an ADS public display garden. Jason showed us the signage. Brenda Van Booven won the \$25 door prize gift certificate and many other items were rewarded. Several items were auctioned off from Jason Delaney, with proceeds going to the society. Thank you, Jason. New members, Kevin Tillman of SE Missouri, and Anita Stephens of Fairview Heights were recognized as was Cindy La Boube whom we haven't seen in a while.

After the business meeting, we adjourned to presentations by Dave Niswonger and Bob Skaggs "Garden Daffodils, Iris and Hybridizing Insights". Their beautiful flowers and pictures were enjoyed by all.

Respectfully submitted,  
Vaughn Meister, Secretary

## 2013 GSLDS PROFIT & LOSS STATEMENT COMPARISON

Submitted by Peter McAdams, Treasurer

	2010	2011	2012	2013
CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE JAN 1	\$6,387.56	\$5,835.94	7,408.66	10,551.71
<b>INCOME</b>				
MOBOT ANNUAL BULB SALE	\$1,182.00	\$1,190.00	1,635.25	783.50
Bulb sales after Show				458.38
HERMAN FALL SALE	\$0.00	\$624.11	775.00	574.00
GREENTREE FESTIVAL	\$1,005.50	\$578.00	1,287.00	1,479.25
ANNUAL EXCHANGE	\$1,254.50	\$1,056.00	1,187.00	966.00
POTTED BULB SALES - TO PUBLIC	\$604.00	\$638.00	25.00	580.00
TOTAL SALES	<b>\$4,046.00</b>	<b>\$4,086.11</b>	<b>4,909.25</b>	<b>4,841.13</b>
DONATIONS RECEIVED	\$16.00	\$335.50	1.40	170.00
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	102.00
2014 Members Dues Received			31.00	71.00
2015 Members Dues Received	\$0.00	\$7.00	14.00	5.00
TOTAL DUES RECEIVED	\$310.00	\$252.00	231.00	178.00
<b>OTHER INCOME</b>				
BLOOMIN BUCKS - BRENT & BECKYS	\$633.69	\$107.69	557.20	529.57
BULB SALES TO MEMBERS- MITSCH DISC BULBS	\$474.20	\$368.00	451.50	0.00
MISC INCOME	\$37.50	\$299.50	22.50	111.00
PLANT LABEL SALES	\$1,017.00	\$768.50	175.00	393.25
T SHIRT SALES - CLUB EMBLEM	\$630.00	\$292.00	191.50	90.00
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TOTAL OTHER INCOME	\$2,792.39	\$1,835.69	\$1,397.70	\$1,123.82
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<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$7,164.39</b>	<b>\$6,509.30</b>	<b>\$6,539.35</b>	<b>\$6,312.95</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>				
ADVERTISING - GATEWAY GARDENER & MOBOT	\$0.00	\$215.00	0.00	0.00
EXCHANGE BULB COSTS	\$1,500.00	\$1,476.30	1,000.00	1,218.60
BULBS DISCOUNTED TO MEMBERS - MITSCH	\$474.20	\$363.20	451.50	
BOOTH FEES - HERMAN MO	\$0.00	\$67.50	65.00	67.50
CHARITABLE DONATIONS - KOMEN ST LOUIS	\$250.00	\$250.00		250.00
Missouri Botanical Garden donation				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	218.40
GIFT CERTIFICATES	\$25.00	\$50.00	195.00	250.00
GREENTREE FESTIVAL EXPENSES	\$368.25	\$60.00	60.00	291.58
MEETING EXPENSES	\$236.01	\$101.85	146.79	115.59
MEMBERSHIPS	\$300.00	\$355.00	375.00	420.00
MISC SOCIETY EXPENSES	\$90.00	\$170.00	220.00	165.00
OFFICE EXPENSES	\$0.00	\$18.55		
PLANT LABEL COSTS	\$918.72	\$692.00	160.00	240.00
POSTAGE and DELIVERY	\$10.56	\$130.87	18.00	58.04
PROGRAM SPEAKER EXPENSE	\$874.26	\$175.00	354.00	25.00
SUPPLIES	\$239.69	\$191.87		116.01
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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<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$7,035.73</b>	<b>\$5,628.58</b>	<b>\$3,556.30</b>	<b>\$4,547.72</b>
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<b>OVERALL TOTAL</b>	<b>\$128.66</b>	<b>\$880.72</b>	<b>\$2,983.05</b>	<b>\$1,765.23</b>
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ENDING BANK BALANCE DEC 31	\$5,835.94	\$7,408.66	\$10,551.71	\$12,581.94

NOTES:

Bulb sales after show by Cindy Haeffner to groups in or around Herman MO  
Donations received are from Jason Delaney for PHS bulbs sold at meetings  
Bloomin Bucks money is received in Jan for prior yr. \$1046 was for 2014 for 2013  
and is largely purchases by Jason Delaney for PHS and MOBOT  
Gift Certificates are used to compensate judges.  
Membership expenses are to MOBOT, ADS, and youth ADS  
EOY inventory of plant labels is 2050 valued cost of \$656.08  
World Convention in 2016 will deplete some of our cash in bank.

## Minutes Greater St. Louis Daffodil Society

Sunday, November 16, 2013

Commerce Bank Education Center at MBG

In the absence of President Cindy Haeffner, and Vice President Gary Knehans, Lynn Slackman called the regular meeting to order. We agreed to conduct our Board meeting in conjunction with this meeting.

The July minutes were reviewed, and Pam Hardy moved we accept them as written. Beth Holbrooke seconded the motion and it was approved by the group.

Peter McAdams reviewed our financials. Pam Hardy moved we accept the treasurer's report, subject to audit. Jim Morris seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

Lynn first reviewed the old business. The Tent for the Greentree Festival was replaced. Cindy Haeffner has someone who will still look to see if the old one can be repaired. Jim Morris said the Iris Society had had their tent repaired and he could identify who did it if we need another option for repair.

We discussed the risers Peter McAdams made for our 2013 spring show. Several of the members will look at risers used by other chapters at upcoming shows, as we prepare for the 2016 World Daffodil convention. Vaughn moved that Peter make more of the 3 tier risers for our 2014 show and bill the society. Beth Holbrooke seconded the motion and it was passed by a voice vote.

Lynn will put the bylaws on the website so that all have access to them. Pam Hardy seconded the motion

New business:

Our bulb sales. We have been having three bulb sales each year; Greentree Festival in Kirkwood in Sept, Herman and MBG in Oct. The question was raised, do we need three? As long as there are volunteers to work the booths it works well. Cindy Haeffner and Brenda work the Herman sale. Dave Niswonger moved that we keep the Kirkwood and MBG sales, and that Cindy continue the Herman one if she chooses. The movement was seconded by Jean Morris and passed.

Bulbs for the Hotel hosting the 2016 World Daffodil Convention. The convention hotel plants daffodil bulbs for the front circle, but we plant the beds around the banquet room. Pam Hardy offered a motion that we bet large bulbs for this use. Leora McTall seconded that motion and it was passed by the members.

Annual schedule. We discussed the schedule, if we still want to have a November meeting for the next year. Beth Holbrooke moved that we retain the existing list of meetings. Pam seconded and the motion passed.

Spring daffodil show. Jean Morris presented a couple of themes for our spring show: A Walk in the Park; and Childhood Memories. We discussed possibilities for each and by a show of hands, the theme selected was "Childhood Memories". The group thanked Jean for her creativity in developing ideas.

The Rave: Beth requested that members try and come up with non meeting related articles for the Rave.

At the conclusion of our business meeting there were two drawings. Dave Niswonger won a \$25 gift certificate and Leora McTall won the organic garden.

Our presentation for this meeting was a collection of photos from members. We all enjoyed daffodils and other flowers from multiple gardens and drooled over the colors and varieties we each have grown.

### 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.

# Greater St. Louis Daffodil Society

## Calendar of Events

### 2014

DATE	TIME/PLACE	ACTIVITY
Sunday, February 23, 2014	1:30 PM - 3:30 PM Classroom #125 at CBEC	Presentation by Dave Niswonger and Bob Skaggs <b>"Garden Daffodils, Iris &amp; Hybridizing Insights"</b> <i>Refreshments provided by members.</i>
Sunday, April 6, 2014	9:00 AM - 5:00 PM Beaumont Room of Ridgeway Center at MOBOT	<b>"Childhood Memories"</b> Celebrate Spring at the Greater St. Louis Daffodil Society's annual Daffodil Show. <b>Setup and Staging starts at 6:00pm on Saturday April 5th in the Beaumont Room. Staging continues until 7:00am Sunday morning.</b>
Sunday, July 20, 2014	1:30 PM - 3:30 PM Classroom #125 at CBEC	Talk by outside speaker to be announced... <b>Refreshments provided by members.</b>
Sunday, September 7, 2014	1:30 PM - 4:00 PM Classroom #125 at CBEC	<b>Bagging and Tagging of Bulbs for upcoming Exchange and Sale.</b>
October 18 - 19, 2014	9:00 AM - 5:00 PM or until sold out, Beaumont Room of Ridgeway Center at MOBOT	Annual public bulb sale and our big fund raiser. <b>Setup Friday night October 17th</b> in the Beaumont Room 5:00 PM until done.
Sunday, October 26, 2014	NOON - 5:00 PM Classroom #125 at CBEC	Annual exchange of <i>better</i> donated and purchased bulbs from various sources. <b>Open to active members only.</b> <b>Main Course and drink provided, Side dishes &amp; Desserts requested.</b>
Sunday, November 9, 2014	1:30 PM - 3:30 PM Classroom #125 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, October 26, 2014:**

- 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 and sink.

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