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Spring Has Arrived...

By Lynn Slackman, President

Due to the teamwork of our membership, "The Greatest Daffodil Show on Earth" was a spectacular daffodil show this year. We are truly grateful that our membership to the south of St Louis who brought their wonderful daffodils to our St Louis show. The support from the general public was heartening and we had crowds of people on both Saturday and Sunday.

Spring finally arrived in the St Louis area during early April and daffodil blooms peaked at a rapid rate due to the sudden weather warm up. The bloom size for my flowers seemed bigger this year, some of the intense color was a little paler, but they all looked fabulous. I'm always happy to see all those blooms no matter how long they last.

Dig Daffodils Day at the Shaw Nature Reserve was extraordinary this year. Good weather, good daffodil friends, and loads of daffodils...Ahhh. New members, members we hadn't seen in awhile, and regular attendees joined us at the Shaw Nature Reserve for this annual event. I hope more of our membership can join us next year.

Our friend Becky Fox Matthews will be the featured speaker for our July meeting. Becky has worked with youth at the national level, and will show us how to support and inspire young members. As a Master Gardener and

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Spreading Yellow Fever to the New Generation

By Cindy Haeffner

I am pleased to announce that Becky Fox Matthews will be our featured speaker for our summer program.

Becky Fox Matthews is First Vice President of the American Daffodil Society, a daffodil judge and judges' instructor, a past-president of the Middle Tennessee Daffodil Society and a Davidson County Master Gardener.

Becky is an informal science educator at the Adventure Science Center in Nashville. Her two-acre garden in Brentwood, TN, includes an extensive collection of daffodils.

Please join us July 11, 2010, 1pm – 3pm at the Missouri Botanical Gardens, in the Garden Room of the Ridgeway Center.

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science educator Becky is well suited to show us how to educate and recruit young members for our organization. We look forward to welcoming Becky to St Louis and, enjoying a very informative presentation.

Happy Spring!!!
Lynn Slackman



John Reed and Dave Niswonger comparing photos and hybridizing notes this spring.

**American Daffodil Society
2010 National Convention
by Kam Fok**

Place: Ironstone Vineyards, 1896 Six Mile Road, Murphys, California 95247

Time: March 12 to March 14, 2010

Sponsor: The Northern California Daffodil Society

The 2010 American Daffodil Society was held at Murphys, California. It is about 150 miles east of San Francisco. The meeting place was at the Business and Meeting Facilities of Ironstone Vineyards at Murphys. About 200 people attended the meeting with about 40 international guests.

Highlights:

1. The 2010 Daffodil National Show was dominated by people of California. They picked up about 80% of all awards and prizes. Dr. Melissa Reading of California won five medals and Dr. Kirby Fong won three medals.
2. Dr. John Reed, owner of Oakwood Daffodils, Niles, Michigan, was awarded the Gold Medal from American Daffodil Society. and his 'Millennium Perfection' (1 Y-Y) entered by Bob Spotts has been named "Best Bloom" at the 2010 National ADS Show.
3. Over 600 miniature daffodils were entered in the competition; many of them were still under

seedling numbers.

4. Green daffodils appeared to be one of the highlights at the National Show.
5. In Photography Division there were 24 competitors with 88 entries.

There were six classes in Flower Arrangements there - 'Swirling Around the Globe', 'Simply Oriental', 'Continental Bounty', 'Monet's Melody' (Underwater Design), 'Welcome to Gold Country', and 'Down Under Topsy Turvy'.

Features:

1. This show featured over a thousand of daffodils and about 600 miniature daffodils. Many of them were seedlings, giving you a personal look into the future of these tiny daffodils.
2. The second feature was the green, greenish, and highlighted green colored daffodils.

There are about 28,000 daffodil cultivars registered. Only eight of them were color coded 'G-G'.

The main contributors are Harold Koopowitz, Bob Spotts Manual Lima and Janus Ruksans. Some beautiful green daffodils were displayed in the 2010 National Show.

'Mesa Verde' (12 G-GGY) made a good show there.

3. Panel Discussion: "What is in our daffodil future?"

Our daffodil future is not dependant on invention of new cultivars or technology breakthroughs. We should actively recruit young members into our Daffodil Society.

There are some things we can do for help. Community service, invite people to see your garden, internet communication, invite young people to join us at social level or organization level, support hybridizers, get family members involved and inspire them, combine with other societies for the daffodil show, give bulbs to young families who just started gardening, attract young peoples attentions.

In conclusion, the 2010 Daffodil Society National Meeting was a highly successful event. It provided information, build up friendships, and having fun for every one attended.

APOLOGIES

The article about the Camden Daffodil Festival in March will be printed in the next issue. I apologize for the materials being left at an office I haven't been in since April, since I thought they were here at the house. I apologize to all – the writers and the future readers of the article. Camden Arkansas is one of my favorite places and the article will be on the front page in the next issue. Again, sincere apologies.

GREATER ST LOUIS DAFFODIL SOCIETY MINUTES

Sunday, February 21, 2010
Garden Room of Ridgeway Center, MOBOT

President Lynn Slackman called the regular meeting to order at 1:18 PM. Twenty-seven members and guests were present. Copies of the minutes of the meeting on November 15, 2009 were distributed. President Slackman then called for any additions or corrections.

One correction was suggested: Beth Holbrook was changed to read Beth Holbrooke to correct the spelling of her name. No other corrections were made, and Ralph McTall moved that the minutes be accepted as corrected. Seconded by Chick Buehrig, the motion passed.

President Slackman called for the report of the Treasurer. The report was given by Peter McAdams, and a copy is filed with the Secretary's minutes for February 21st. Debra Pratt moved that the Treasurer's report be filed, subject to audit. Motion seconded by Bob Skaggs, motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

The Rave Newsletter, Editor Beth Holbrooke stated that the deadline for getting the articles to her is April 15th. Kam Fok will be attending the American Daffodil Society Convention and volunteered to submit a convention report for publication in the Rave. Others were reporting on the upcoming Daffodil Show on March 27-28, 2010, and Debra Pratt will report on the Photographic Division of the show.

The 2010 GSLDS Show, Suzanne Raymond and Jean Morris, Design Co-Chairs: This is the 14th year the Greater St Louis Club has presented a Daffodil Show. The title of the event is "The Greatest Daffodil Show on Earth". Show Schedules were distributed and all members were encouraged to enter a design...even if they had never shown previously...".because, its fun!"

The show will be held as in the past in the Beaumont Room on Saturday, March 27th and Sunday, March 28th. Noon to 5:00PM on Saturday and 9:00AM to 4:00PM on Sunday. We will have use of the Missouri Room for staging our entries and will have until 10:00PM Saturday evening to complete our entries.

Gary Knehans, Show Chair reported on the status of the show and it was noted that the packet of show ribbons will arrive next week. There was a discussion on how the show would be set up in the Beaumont Room to direct traffic more efficiently during the public viewing.

Debra Pratt, Photography Show Chair reported on

entries. She discussed the various classifications placements and distributed copies of the Rules and Requirements Schedule along with a Registration Form to submit with the entries. She stated she would have a complete report on the Photography Division for publication in the next Rave.

Cindy Haeffner, Daffodil Pots Sale Chair reported that she was hopeful that several pots would be in bloom for the show and had been rearranging the pots to receive more sunshine. This year she used more of the earlier blooming varieties in hopes of having more bloom showing on time for the show.

NEW BUSINESS:

President Slackman suggested the possibility of holding the Annual Board Meeting on a different day than during the show because some of the board members were busy at the show and couldn't attend. The By-laws state that the Board meeting must be held in the "same month" as the show and not necessarily at the same time. No action was taken at the meeting.

Cindy Haeffner and Jason Delaney discussed purchasing T-shirts with our club emblem for the times we participate in club events at MOBOT and when we do the daffodil dig at the Nature Reserve. This would identify us as club members authorized to be present. A show of hands was requested for those willing to purchase a T-shirt. Contact Cindy to stipulate the style, color and size to be ordered. Shirts are nice quality and would cost about \$14.00 apiece. Pam Hardy moved that the club pay the \$25.00 fee for designing the setup for the club emblem, seconded by Jim Morris, motion passed.

President Slackman announced that Cindy Haeffner had volunteered to be in charge of our Club order from Mitch this year. The catalogs have come out and discounted daffodils are marked with a "D".

ADS Youth Program: President Slackman asked if anyone knows of a child that our club could sponsor by paying the ADS dues this year.

There were several announcements of upcoming events. The \$25.00 drawing was won by Beth Holbrooke, and Gary Knehans donated 2 New Zealand daffodil bulbs as door prizes. The business meeting was adjourned at 2:25PM

Our featured speaker was introduced by Cindy Haeffner who presented Donna Dietsch, a member of the Central Ohio Daffodil Society. She demonstrated little tricks of the trade which could make the difference in winning a blue ribbon on the show bench. She was very entertaining and took seriously the art of presenting her entries.

Ann Henson, Secretary

GREATER ST LOUIS DAFFODIL SOCIETY ANNUAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Sunday, March 28, 2010
Ridgeway Center at MOBOT

The Annual Board Meeting was called to order at 3:45 PM by President Lynn Slackman stating that a quorum was on hand. Those attending were: Joy and Cindy Haeffner, Ann, Ernie and Ellen Henson, Beth Holbrooke, Jan and Peter McAdams, Lynn Slackman, Jason Delaney, John Beck, Kam Fok and Debra Pratt.

President Slackman reviewed the items discussed at the March, 2009 Board Meeting, and Treasurer Peter McAdams reported on the financial position of the Club.

OLD BUSINESS:

A review of the 2010 "The Greatest Daffodil Show on Earth" was given and it was pronounced a rousing success. The condition of the black tablecloths was discussed, and it was recommended that they be replaced or other type of table covers be acquired. They detracted from the display because they were torn and had to be taped in several places. Jason was going to look into obtaining a better quality of table covers for next year. Debra Pratt made some suggestions for 2011 in displaying the Photography Division entries.

There was a discussion of presenting monetary prizes at future shows. Peter McAdams moved to table the discussion until a later meeting, seconded by Beth Holbrooke. Motion was tabled.

Ways and Means, Budget and annual audit for the treasurer's books: The club has committee provisions for various money making projects, the treasurer's report is virtually the same as a budget for the club, and it was decided we didn't need to appoint any committees for finances.

President Slackman appointed Ann Henson, Beth Holbrooke and Ernie Henson to audit the treasurer's books.

NEW BUSINESS:

President Slackman stated that it would be a good idea to publish the minutes in the Rave Newsletter. Secretary Henson agreed to get the minutes to Editor Beth Holbrooke for publication.

President Slackman announced that GSLDS now has a Missouri sales tax number for Non-Profit Tax Exempt Status. She thanked Cindy Haeffner for her efforts in securing this.

Participation at the Green Tree Festival in Kirkwood was discussed and President Slackman asked for volunteers and stated that she would appoint someone to chair this project at an early date.

Cindy Haeffner announced that speakers for subsequent meetings would be Becky Fox Matthews for the July 11, 2010 meeting. She also stated that she was looking into various ways to do the club exchange. The bulb exchange will be on **Saturday** October 19 this year. Cindy then mentioned a game, "Rob Your Neighbor" for

November meeting, which will be our annual holiday party.

Jason announced that our Annual Dig at Nature Reserve will be next Saturday. Everyone has to have a shirt to identify as a person authorized to be digging for bulbs. Meet at 8:45AM; bring your own lunch, shovels, dress for the weather. Club will furnish drinks...water, tea and sodas. Be on time.

Officer or board member elections during 2010 for subsequent year: Slate to be announced at November meeting for the positions: One Director (currently held by Joy Haeffner), Treasurer and Vice President.

There being no further or other business, meeting was adjourned at 5:00PM.

Secretary, Ann Henson

Shaw Nature Reserve Dig April 3, 2010 By Cindy Haeffner

April 3, 2010 was predicted to be a rain filled day, but our 4th annual dig day was sunshine filled!!!! Following are some highlights:

New members, with enthusiasm and shovels, participated!!!! We were all greeted by the new Greater St. Louis Daffodil work shirts, in force. Our club was well represented and visible with the new work shirts!!!! Woo HOOO, we looked united!!!!

Lunch was enjoyed again at the Trail House, with good food and good conversation of the finds of the morning!!!!

In the afternoon, Hidden Valley, the name given by our fearless leader, Jason Delaney, was visited by the group for the first time. The valley is near the Meramec River, and was planted in daffodils in the mid 30's!!!! At that time there were most likely no trees in the valley, now there are mature trees, flourishing in the deep, rich river bottom soil!!!! Not only are the trees flourishing, but the thousands of daffodils also!!!!!!!!!!!!!! On our approach to the valley driving on the road high above, the daffodils came into site, it was just beautiful!!!!!! The sun shining on them brightly, despite all the trees, they still manage to bloom!!!!

Icicle was rediscovered, a cultivar once thought to be commercially extinct. Some years ago, it was discovered with the original metal tag!!!! Joy Haeffner was able to site it high on a bluff, dug it, walking proudly into the valley, sharing it with many, to insure its safe keeping!!!!!! 4 bulbs were planted back for prosperity!!!!

Icicle is registered as a pre 1936 1W-W by Wister himself. Daffseek presently does not have any pictures, which soon the Greater St. Louis Daffodil Society should be able to provide!!!!!!

If you were not able to attend this year's SNR Dig, please place on your next year's TO DO LIST!!!!!!

**GREATER ST LOUIS DAFFODIL SOCIETY
TREASURERS REPORT**

For The Period January 1, 2010 thru March 31, 2010

CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE JAN 1, 2010 \$6,387.56

DAFFODIL SOCIETY INCOME:

POTTED BULB SALES TO PUBLIC \$529.00

DUES RECEIVED:

2010 Members Dues Received \$138.00

2011 Members Dues Received \$7.00

TOTAL DUES RECEIVED \$145.00

DONATION RECEIVED \$3.00

OTHER INCOME:

MISC INCOME \$5.00

PLANT LABEL SALES \$44.00

TEE SHIRT SALES \$535.00

TOTAL INFLOWS = \$1,261.00

OUTFLOWS / EXPENSES:

CHARITABLE DONATIONS - KOMEN \$250.00

DAFFODIL SHOW EXPENSES:

SHOW EXPENSES \$86.87

JUDGE EXPENSES \$472.26

PROGRAM SPEAKER EXPENSE \$508.19

TEE SHIRTS – CLUB EMBLEM 653.25

MEETING EXPENSES \$70.13

WEB SITE EXPENSES 39.85

PLANT LABEL COSTS 22.72

POSTAGE \$10.56

TOTAL EXPENSES: \$2,116.83

NET REVENUE OVER EXPENSES: - \$ 855.83

CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE MARCH 31, 2010 \$5,554.45



"Going Green"

**2010
"The Greatest Daffodil Show on Earth"
SHOW REPORT**

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'Double Play'

was the winner of both the single stem Gold Ribbon and the vase of three White Ribbon at our spring show, entered by Larry Force.

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Most eye catching John Reed seedling from Jason's 'daffodil patch' in Flora, IL. It will be introduced when there are enough to meet demand.

Calendar of Events for 2010

DATE	TIME/PLACE	ACTIVITY
Sunday, July 11, 2010	1:00 PM - 3:00 PM Garden Room of Ridgeway Center at MOBOT	Becky Fox Matthews will tell us about "Spreading Yellow Fever to the New Generation". <i>Members bring snacks.</i>
Sunday, September 12, 2010	1:00 PM - 3:00 PM Missouri Room of Ridgeway Center at MOBOT	Cleaning and Preparing of Bulbs for upcoming Exchange and Sale.
September 25 – 26, 2010	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 September 24 in Orthwein Hall from 5:00PM until done.
Saturday October 9, 2010	NOON – 5:00PM Beaumont Room of Ridgeway Center at MOBOT	Annual exchange of "better" donated and purchased bulbs from various sources. Open to Active Members only. <i>Food and drink provided, side dish & desserts requested.</i>

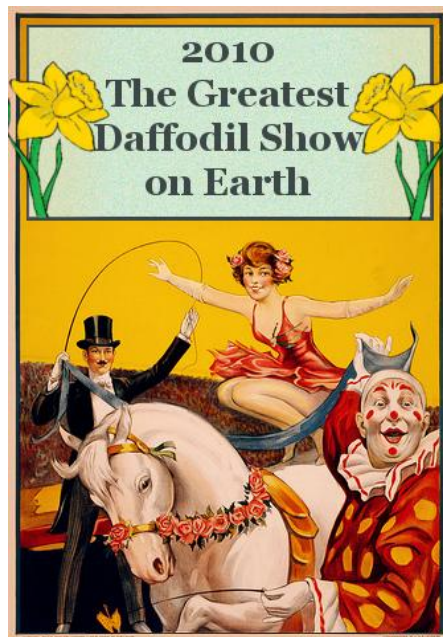
Sunday November 14, 2010	1:00 PM - 3:00 PM Missouri Room of Ridgeway Center at MOBOT	Wrap up of the year. Slides and snacks brought by members with Holiday party theme. A chance to visit and exchange ideas for next year.
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****Members need to attend 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 9, 2010.**



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2010 Daffodil Show Report

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The Design portion of the show had 8 separate adults and 4 youth exhibitors. ***Best Design of Show & Vince Italian Memorial Award*** were won by *Jean Morris*. With two 1st place designs, two 3rd place designs, and one 4th place design *Jean Morris* also won the ***Design Sweepstakes*** for the show.

The ***Best Youth Design*** was won by *George Pratt* for his "***Peanuts, Popcorn, & Cotton Candy***" design. *George Pratt* then won a blue ribbon for his Class 7 entry for "***Let's Clown Around***". *Grace Raymond* also won a blue ribbon for her entry in the Class 6 design for "***Peanuts, Popcorn, & Cotton Candy***".

Design Classes and Winning Exhibitors:

Class 1 Circus Parade:

1st Place: Jean Morris**

3rd Place: Nadine Wallenstein

2nd Place: Debra Pratt

4th Place: Suzanne Raymond

Class 2 The Menagerie:

1st Place: Suzanne Raymond

3rd Place: Jean Morris

2nd Place: Debra Pratt

4th Place: Nyla Hughes

Class 3 The Side Show:

1st Place: Jean Morris

3rd Place: Lynn Slackman

2nd Place: Nadine Wallenstein

4th Place: Su Li Chang (Fok)

Lavender Ribbon: Lynn Slackman

Heidi's Sister	6Y-Y
Bird Music	1Y-Y
Pico Blanco	2W-W
Jumblie	12Y-O
Small Talk	1Y-Y

Red-White-Blue Ribbon: Larry Force

03-173-1 (Caribbean Snow o.p)	2W-W	Larry Force
04-107-1 (Little Ruby x Brooke Ager)	2W-P	Larry Force
00-64-1 (Pol Voulin x Fine Romance)	2Y-P	Larry Force
05-157-1 (Elfin Dell x Brooke Ager)	2W-P	Larry Force
03-174-1 (Whiskey Mac o.p.)	1W-W	Larry Force

Bozievich Ribbon: Gerard Knehans, Jr.

Penstraze	7Y-GRR
Biosphere	2W-WWY
Uncensored	11aW-P
Rapture	6Y-Y
Majestic Star	1W-W
Boyne Bridge	1Y-O
Avalanche	8W-Y
Wild Women	1Y-Y
Flaming	2Y-R
Meteor	
Brackenhurst	2Y-O
Bender99ADS2	1Y-Y
Night Flight	1W-W

Roberta Watrous Award: Larry Force

04-185-1 (EyeSpy x Graellsii)	10W-W
06-89-2 (Yellow Pearl x Mite x Gypsy Queen)	7Y-Y
06-89-1 (Yellow Pearl x Mite x Gypsy Queen)	7W-W
04-181-1 (Golden Bells x Julia Jane)	10Y-Y
03-86-1 (Assoanus minutiflorus x MS 434)	7Y-Y
01-12-2 (Brooke Ager x Fernandesii)	2P-YYP
02-80-1 (Jonquilla x Cyclamineus)	12Y-Y
04-115-1 (Link101 x Little Kibler)	9W-GYR
04-91-1 (Triandrus x Little Kibler)	5W-Y
05-86-1 (MS434 x o.p.)	7Y-Y
04-114-1 (Three of Diamonds x Little Kibler)	9W-GYR
02-86-1 (Baby Moon x Cyclamineus)	12Y-Y

Elise Havens: Gerard Knehans, Jr.

Wayne's World	6Y-O
Suzie's Sister	6Y-Y
Emperor's Waltz	6Y-YOO
Ocean Breeze	6W-W
Jana	6Y-Y
Penstraze	7Y-GRR
Rapture	6Y-Y
The Alliance	6Y-Y
Scilly White	8W-W
Tuggle 66/49	8Y-R
Jamage	8W-Y
Avalanche	8W-Y