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President's Message

This makes my 20th year of planting daffodils to enter in shows. Before that I never knew they all had names (my favorite would be called 'unknown') and there were any daffodil shows anywhere. I've enjoyed most of the results of my created daffodil gardens over the years, but now that I have friends giving me portions of their space to carve out new beds I face different challenges and rewards.

I can't believe we went from temps of 93 degrees to an overnight change to 61 degrees. Soon there will be winds coming from the north to create temperatures in the 30's. This is the incentive I need to finish planting my all new bulbs and several of my old favorites.

I've made tags to go underground and labels on markers to go above as I watch TV. This year I'm making maps to avoid disasters like I suffered with thoughtless weed whacking (*see article, p. 5*). I've been enjoying the enthusiasm of new youth growers who only need the timing of the blooms to coincide with the show judging dates. The 2020 GSLDS schedule will be online at our fantastic website, stldaffodilclub.org, later this year.

I look forward to the remaining events of this year - our MOBOT sale across from the lily sale, *p. 4*. Also the exchange event and wrap up of the year. I'm looking forward to seeing many of you soon and hope that you will have success with your plantings. I look forward to our spring show on April 9, 2020 and wish you the best for your future blooms.

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Bulb Exchange Participation Guidelines:

- Members attending at least two events or meetings, prior to the bulb exchange, pay usual \$10 entry fee.
- Members attending fewer 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.

2019 Bulb Exchange & Pitch-In

~by Gary Knehans

Get ready for the Greater St. Louis Daffodil Society's Annual Bulb Exchange Sunday, October 27.

The gathering will begin at 12 noon October 27 in classroom #125 in the CBEC Building on Shaw Avenue at Kings-highway in St. Louis, starting with lunch. A main dish will be provided by the club, however the rest of the meal is comprised of delicious side dishes, salads and desserts brought by members. (Side dishes and salads are most especially welcomed as we usually have a surfeit of desserts.) Plugs for crock pots or warming trays will be available.

At 1:00. there will be a drawing of tickets to decide the order in which participants will be able to select bulbs. Anyone who arrives once the bulb selection process has started will be assigned a spot at the bottom of the selection list.

Bulb Exchange Participation Guidelines are listed on the front page of this newsletter and also on the website.

For the Bulb Exchange this year, the committee, comprised of Cindy Haeffner, Brenda VanBooven, and Gary Knehans, has acquired bulbs from three growers--Oakwood Daffodils in Michigan, PHS Daffodils in Illinois, and Esker's Daffodils in Northern Ireland. In addition, Jim and Jean Morris will be bringing named bulbs they lifted from their daughter, Suzanne Raymond's place.

For the exchange, each bulb will be named, listed, and the list with exchange rules will be e-mailed to members the week before the exchange.

Some of the varieties are 'Oh Cindy!' 2Y-P intermediate, 'Whispering Pink' 2 P-P, 'Tropical Tango' 4 Y-O, and 'Florida Orange' 2 W-O.

So, get ready to have an afternoon of food, fun and friendship!



Above: Intermediate, 'Oh Cindy!', 2Y-P named after our own Cindy Haeffner.

Above: 'Florida Orange' 2W-O

'Whispering Pink', a 2P-P by Brian Duncan.

More on the Bulb Exchange

~by Cindy Haeffner

Exciting time ahead for GSLDS members! Mark your calendars for Sunday, Oct. 27th, 2019, the date of our annual bulb exchange. So, what is a bulb exchange???? It's the highlight of every GSLDS member, it's a pat on our own backs for the year's work well done.

Many members dig their own favorite daffodils to share and add into the fun. Please supply 2-3 bulbs per mesh bag with name of cultivar. The committee encourages member to donate items for the silent auction area of our fun day, but you are not required to donate. *Please note: deadline to send names of donated daffodil bulbs and/or items for silent auction is Oct. 20th, 2019, so they make the list.*



The 2018 exchange. Left: Linda York was the lucky draw of Number One for first choice on the table last year. Right: Jason Delaney chooses numbers from the tickets which are handed out, and then writes the names on a white board so one always knows how soon one's name will be called, even for the third or fourth round. Late arrivals go at the end of the rotation. All photos: Suzy Wert



Food brought in 2018 was a nice mix of healthy and not-so-healthy, but all was delicious! Judy Skaggs made the 8-layer cake, and Suzanne Raymond made the fresh Kale salad.

2019 Bulb Sale Report

~by Lynn Slackman

The Greater St Louis Daffodil Society, and the 2019 Bulb Sale Tribe, Peter McAdams, Vaughn Meister and I, would like to thank everyone for their support during our Fall Bulb Sales at the Kirkwood Greentree Festival and the Missouri Botanical Garden. We really appreciate the support of our members, their friends and families, St Louis and surrounding communities, as well as the City of Kirkwood and the Missouri Botanical Garden.

We had a weekend of good weather and good traffic at the Greentree Festival, as well as many return customers who look forward to seeing us each year. We also experienced good weather during our Bulb Sale at the Missouri Botanical Garden, but daffodil bulb sales there were dismal this year.

At our MBG daffodil bulb sale, we also sponsored the sale of Liliium bulbs dug from the Bulb Garden at the Missouri Botanical Garden. Proceeds from the lily bulb sale will be donated to the Horticulture department at the Missouri Botanical Garden. These funds will be designated for education.

Thanks again for everyone's support and efforts throughout the Bulb Sale events, and 'Happy Planting'!



Above: Vaughn Meister and Su-Li Cheng selling at Greentree.



2019 Sales booths at Greentree and MBG photos: Lynn Slackman



Pesky Markers

~by Beth Holbrooke

My new gardens are at friends' houses. The boyfriend of one of those friends decided to weed-whack the back yard and garden to surprise her. He decided that if he took out all the metal markers he could do a faster job of trimming. All 150 metal markers were tossed in a bucket. Yes, he did. After my heart started beating again, I remembered that I had put a cut piece of venetian blind under each bulb with the name written in Sharpie marker. Luckily, doing that kept me from having a garden of unknowns that couldn't be entered in future shows. I tried to lift the bulbs to read the tags but new white sprouting roots prevented me from relabeling them this year. I need to wait until they are blooming to pull the tags and relabel the bulbs. In the future, tags will go behind the buried bulb.



I should have made a map of the row layout but by then it had gone into winter cold and freezing rain. I won't forget in the future. Metal labels for each bulb works well if the label is done with UV resistant tape. Sharpie will fade in the sun and grease pencil will also fade unless put on the back of the label. I have 15 labels with faded Sharpie markings that show where 15 known bulbs used to be. Now they go in the orphan graveyard in Arkansas giving me 15 new spaces. Tags always seemed like a bother to me until this year proved their usefulness. If I run out of venetian blinds I will switch to strips of yogurt cups with Sharpie marker on them to bury with the bulbs. I also hope to update my maps as some bulbs die out and more get planted. Seems like a lot of effort until needed. *Both photos, Beth Holbrooke*

2020 ADS National Convention

~by Lynn Slackman

The [Texas Daffodil Society](#) is proud to announce that they will be hosting the American Daffodil Society 2020 “A Texas Tribute to Daffodils” National Convention in Dallas, TX on March 12 – 15, 2020. Their lodging and daffodil show will be held at the [DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Dallas – Campbell Center, Dallas, Texas](#). To receive the discounted rate of \$129 for king or two queen rooms, call 214-706-0212 using Group Code: “NDC” or “2020 National Daffodil Convention”. Rates are guaranteed until February 10, 2020 or until block is sold out.



The National Daffodil Show will include daffodils in the Horticulture and Photography Divisions. Keith Kridler will chair the Daffodil Show, and he is already hard at work to make your experience enjoyable and unforgettable.

Sandra Nance and Annie Hibbs will co-chair the Photography portion of the Daffodil Show. For those of you who are unable to attend but want to enter the Photography Division, we will include information on where to mail photos as we get closer to the convention.

More information about this exciting Spring event can be found on the [2020 National Convention page](#) of the ADS website.

GSLDS:

Summer Fun

On August 17th, 2019, the Haeffner's hosted a bulb cleaning at their house. The event was attended by GSLDS members, Roy and Kim Peterson, Lynn Slackman, Valerie Mertz, Vaughn Meister, Brenda VanBooven, Joy and Cindy Haeffner.

Joy grilled hamburgers and bratwurst, and members provided a vast array of good eats enjoyed by all.



A shout out to GSLDS Members Lynn Slackman, Rose Bradley. Joy and Cindy Haeffner and Pam Hardy, who attended the ADS Convention in Minneapolis this past May. *Photo provided by Cindy Haeffner*

Buying Downunder

~by Beth Holbrooke

Buying bulbs directly from Australia or New Zealand can be a challenge. They bloom south of the equator during the time that North America is planting. To get them to bloom during our spring, they need to be tricked or rested to make the big adjustment. I've tried several ways and so far the resting in my vegetable drawer seems to work best. I take the paper bags (making a tag to bury with them) and put as many as will fit into a Ziploc bag and put the Ziploc bags in a separate vegetable drawer.



John Reed - in cooler Michigan — chooses to plant immediately upon receipt in a bed that gets afternoon shade. He keeps watering the bulbs and some of them bloom the same year and later settle down to bloom in spring with his other blooms. I have planted as soon as I get the bulbs but they sit in the ground until the next spring with all the others. Only one has ever bloomed but it's worth a try. If you buy with others and ship to one address money can be sent on the phytosanitary fees.

Dafflibrary.org has the catalogs on file; new catalogs should be going up starting in mid November. Orders are almost always placed by Christmas for Spring delivery. The following ADS members always have an order going, and assure us it is no trouble to add some bulbs to their New Zealand orders:

Sue Luken chemocurl@hotmail.com -- Graeme and Faith Miller

Kirby Fong fong@alumni.caltech.edu -- Templeton Daffodils (Dave Adams)

Kirby Fong kfong@alumni.caltech.edu -- Fisher Imports



Checking for dampness during the summer could help to prevent blue mold from forming while the bulbs wait. In the fall most of them will have green tips ready to shoot up and there may be small roots emerging from the basal plates.

The photos above show a bulb with blue mold (which is not the same as basal rot), the Lysol, and a clean bulb after the tunic was removed and the bulb sprayed down. It is ready to plant. ~photos Suzy Wert