



The Daffodil Rave

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Spreading Yellow Daffodil Fever throughout the St Louis area...

By Lynn Slackman

Once again, our St Louis summer has been oppressively hot, but...very soon the weather will cool down, the bulbs we ordered long ago will start arriving at our door, and the Greater St Louis Daffodil Society will be selling daffodil bulbs at three venues this year. **Yes you read that correctly.** We will have a bulb selling event at the Greentree Festival and Missouri Botanical Garden, but this year we are reaching out to our friends in Gasconade County and selling bulbs at the 60th Annual Brush & Palette Club, Arts & Crafts Festival, in Hermann, MO.

We really appreciate everyone helping with the bulb cleaning in Shiloh on August 27th, but we still need to bag & tag all those daffodils bulbs at our September 11th meeting in the Garden Room at the Missouri Botanical Garden for our upcoming sales. The following weekend, September 16 – 18th we will be at the Greentree Festival in Kirkwood selling daffodil bulbs. If you haven't attended the Greentree Festival it is an incredible "Family Friendly" event with lots of Arts & Crafts, Food, and a Folklife Festival. So stop by Booth #54 and help us sell daffodils for a couple of hours and then enjoy the festival.

October is a busy month for the Greater St Louis Daffodil Society. During the second weekend, October 8 – 9th, we will be selling daffodil bulbs at the Arts & Crafts Festival in Hermann, MO. This festival, with many quality crafters and artists, has a long history and a fine reputation. Proceeds from this festival provide a scholarship for a Hermann High School senior and assists The Brush & Palette Club in promoting the arts and preserving local history. Take a pleasant drive to Hermann to help us sell daffodil bulbs at our new venue and make new daffodil friends.

For our third daffodil bulb sale of the year, we will be at the Missouri Botanical Garden. Our friends, the Mid America Regional Lily Society and their annual Liliium bulb sale, will be sharing the Orthwein Floral Hall with us. Daffodils make great companion bulbs for lilies. We are looking forward to sharing daffodil and lily knowledge with the public and spreading companion bulb fever at the botanical garden.

On Saturday, October 29th, prepare to reward yourself by attending our annual Daffodil Bulb Exchange! This is the highlight event of the year, and the anticipation of receiving more prized daffodil bulbs is



where our hard work is rewarded. *Please refer to Cindy's article in this newsletter for all the details.*

As yellow daffodil fever spreads throughout the St Louis area during the fall of 2011, I hope to have the opportunity to see all of our members at some, if not all, of our fun and rewarding events!

Welcome to the Fall Planting season!!!

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 Cindy Haeffner

Sunday, July 17, 2011

Garden Room, Ridgeway Center at MOBOT

President Lynn Slackman opened the meeting & welcomed new members present, Adrian & Nida Willis and Brenda VanBooven. There were 20 members/guests present.

Lynn Slackman next asked the membership to approve the minutes, printed in the last issue of the Rave. Debra Pratt and Suzanne Raymond will provide the drinks, ice, tea, lemonade, water and coffee, but no soda. Suzanne made a motion to correct the minutes to such.

Lynn next asked for the approval of the treasurer's report, printed also in the Rave, Peter McAdams not present. Sonya Lallemand made the motion to approve the treasurer's report, subject to audit. Pam 2nd the motion, approval by membership by acclamation.

Vice President Cindy Haeffner introduced Connie Goss, a Master Gardener from the St. Louis Master Gardener's Speaker's Bureau. Connie Goss' program, titled "The Dirt on Soil" was presented. The membership learned how to help identify their type of soil with the jar test demonstration and handouts provided.

At 2:30 PM, Lynn began the meeting, recapping the Show "Say it with Daffodils". Positive comments were made on the Youth Display, Lynn thanked Jason Delaney and Cindy Haeffner for their efforts for the success. Lynn asked the membership for comments of the one day set-up, one day show. Many liked the format, Cindy Haeffner and Lynn Slackman agreeing more help is needed with the general setup. Jean Morris commented on the design show, the one day setup work ok, and she and Suzanne continue to repair the properties.

Suzanne Raymond gave an update on the table coverings. The queen size sheets the club borrowed for the 2011 show are no longer trendy or available in that green color. Sonya Lallemand suggested a restaurant supply store. Jean & Suzanne will continue to research the table coverings.

Lynn asked Debra Pratt, Photography Show Chairman to comment on the show. Debra mentioned that the new tiered format of displaying the photography entries, worked much better than the poster boards. Debra then asked for comments, and received positive remarks. Debra Pratt mentioned that the Lily Club encourages photography participation by giving monetary awards ie...\$25 Best Picture,\$25 Judge's Choice Award and \$25 Best Picture. Debra Pratt made a motion that the GSLDS give \$25 for the Wells Knerin, \$25 Best Picture & \$25 Judge's Choice. Pam Hardy commented that the Lily Club also awards a popularity award with free bulbs. Jim Morris posed the question of whether the ADS would allow monetary awards??? Debra Pratt volunteered to research this question by contacting Jaydee Ager. Jean Morris tabled the motion.

Jean Morris announced that she rescued the leftover blooms from the 2011 show, putting them to use with a St. Charles Girl Scout group. Jean worked with 12 girl scouts, using mugs, making designs, enjoyed by all.

Jim Morris presented the newly designed Shaw Nature Reserve Trophy to the club to review. The cup donated by Cindy Haeffner, given to her by Cliff Benson family. Lynn Slackman noted the GSLDS Challenge Trophy was also present for review and updated. Discussion about whether winners of the awards should be able to take trophies home. Much discussion ensued, also with Dave Niswonger mentioning that he understands that on a national level, how this may be problematic, but on a local level, he felt the winners should be able to enjoy at home if they so desired. Suzanne Raymond also commented that she was also told that when you win this award, you get to take the trophy home with you. Lynn and Cindy mentioned that presently that practice had not been done. No motion made on this subject.

Lynn Slackman asked Beth Holbrooke what was needed for the next issue of the Rave. Many positive comments were given for the nice edition of the latest Rave. Beth mentioned she will do an article on another plant article to follow her Alliums article. Topics suggested for upcoming articles included digging, drying, and storage. Beth volunteered she will do this piece on digging, drying and storage, referencing the recent article in the ADS Journal. Beth asked members to please submit photos and articles.

New Business:

President Lynn Slackman presented the possibility of hosting the 2016 World Daffodil Tour here in St. Louis. Our club would be working with the Northern California Daffodil Society. Lynn mentioned that the ADS committee approached members of the GSLDS about this proposal at the 2011 ADS Convention in Jackson, MS. Lynn commented that some of the details on work assignments have been assigned, ie NCDS will be responsible for the registration and the show, but NCDS is not interested in chairing the design and photography. Lynn commented that the GSLDS Board had already approved of the proposal and what was needed next was GSLDS membership approval. Members commented on the date of the proposed world show date of April 6-10,2016. This date was too early for a well represented show for this area. Sonya Lallemand made a motion that the GSLDS participate in the 2016 World Tour, pending the possible date change. Pam Hardy 2nd.

Debra Pratt made the announcement that GSLDS has a booth at the Kirkwood Greentree Festival this year, Sept. 16-18, 2011. Debra asked for volunteer help on Thursday, Sept. 15,2011 to set up the booth. Pam volunteered, and Jean Morris commented she will also be there setting up the Iris Society booth.

Jim Morris mentioned that 35,000 people participated in the 2010 Greentree Festival. Debra mentioned she really needs volunteers. Jean Morris suggested that the booth have a floor, to avoid the mud mess from the storm of last year.

Cindy Haeffner mentioned that the GSLDS will for the first time participate in the Brush & Palette Club's 49 Arts and Crafts Festival, during the Oktoberfest. We have a booth, which will be setup at the Hermann Middle School, dates are Oct. 8 & 9th, 2011.

Lynn Slackman announced that the GSLDS Public sale will be held at the Missouri Botanical Garden, in conjunction with the Lillium Society, Oct. 15 & 16, 2011.

Cindy Haeffner asked that members please submit their Mitsch discount orders to her by Aug 1, 2011.

Cindy Haeffner, Bulb Exchange committee member asked the membership to approve the \$ amount for this year's exchange. She mentioned that last year we spent \$1500, but last year had asked for \$1200. Debra Pratt made a motion to spend \$1700, Bob Skaggs 2nd.

Lynn Slackman announced that she will host the 4th GSLDS bulb cleaning party at her house in Shiloh, IL. The date set for Aug. 27th, 2011. Bob Skaggs mentions that this date conflicts with an iris activity.

Lynn announced that she will submit an advertisement for the Best of Missouri Newsletter if approved for \$100. Jim Morris moved to spend \$100, Pam 2nd. Lynn will include a cut out coupon. No discussion, approved by acclamation.

Lynn asked if the membership would approve a 1/8 page ad in the Gateway Gardener for \$190. Pam made the motion to advertise all 3 upcoming bulb sales, Greentree, Oktoberfest, and MOBOT Public sale in the September issue. Jim Morris 2nd. Approved by acclamation.

Cindy Haeffner announced the thank you letter from the 4th Susan G. Komen, Pink Daffodil Donation Project. She also passed a "thank you" card for members to sign for Oakwood Daffodils for the bulbs donated.

Bob Skaggs announced that Dave Niswonger's iris "Back to the Future" won favorite at the Region 18 Spring Convention and his daylily "Gasping for Breath" won favorite at the Region 11 Daylily Summer meeting. Bob also announced the Iris Sale, Aug 13 & 14, at MOBOT and the Southeast Missouri Iris Sale, Aug. 7th, 2011 at the County Extension in Jackson, MO. Greater St. Louis Iris Auction/Potluck Aug. 21, 2011 & the Jefferson County Iris Sale Aug. 11, 2011 in Cedar Hill, MO.

Lynn Slackman won the \$25 Mitsch Gift Certificate door prize.

Lynn also announced that Jason will be featured on Great Day St. Louis July 20th, 2011 at 10am, KMOV, Channel 4, mentioning the partnership with Bright Side.

Submitted
Cindy Haeffner
Vice-President
(for Ann Henson)



Treasurer's Report

By Peter McAdams

GREATER ST. LOUIS DAFFODIL SOCIETY 2011 PROFIT & LOSS STATEMENT 1/1/2011 THRU 9/2/2011

CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE JAN 1, 2011 \$5,835.94

INCOME

POTTED BULB SALES - TO PUBLIC \$638.00

DONATIONS RECEIVED \$4.00

DUES RECEIVED

2011 Members Dues Received \$97.00

2012 Members Dues Received \$5.00

2015 Members Dues Received \$7.00

TOTAL DUES RECEIVED \$109.00

OTHER INCOME

BULB SALES TO MEMBERS- MITSCH DISC
BULBS \$368.00

MISC INCOME \$6.00

PLANT LABEL SALES \$210.00

T SHIRT SALES - CLUB EMBLEM \$90.00

TOTAL OTHER INCOME \$674.00

TOTAL INCOME \$1,425.00

EXPENSES

ADVERTISING - THE GATEWAY GARDENER \$215.00

EXCHANGE BULB COSTS \$1,050.00

BULBS DISCOUNTED TO MEMBERS - MITSCH \$363.20

BOOTH FEES - HERMAN MO \$67.50

CHARITABLE DONATIONS - KOMEN ST LOUIS \$250.00

DAFFODIL SHOW EXPENSE

JUDGE EXPENSE \$250.00

SHOW SUPPLIES \$604.44

TOTAL DAFFODIL SHOW EXPENSE \$854.44

GREENTREE FESTIVAL EXPENSES \$60.00

MEETING EXPENSES \$49.09

MISC SOCIETY EXPENSES \$135.00

PLANT LABEL COSTS \$196.00

POSTAGE and DELIVERY \$108.80

PROGRAM SPEAKER EXPENSE \$150.00

TEE SHIRTS-CLUB EMBLEM \$75.00

TOTAL EXPENSES	----- \$3,574.03
OVERALL TOTAL	----- (\$2,149.03) =====
ENDING BANK BALANCE SEPT 2, 2011	\$3,882.91

We have an inventory of 4869 Plant Label Markers EON15 with an inventory cost value of \$1551.08. Place your orders with Jason for your fall planting needs. New labels are Aluminum.

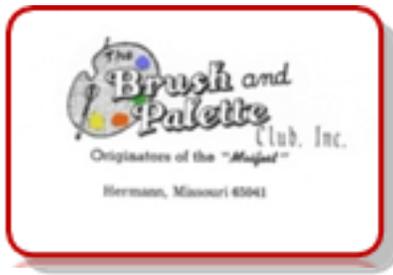
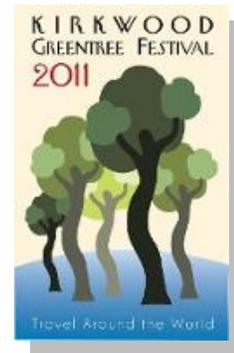
GSLDS will be selling bulbs at three places this fall and hopefully sales will at least meet and hopefully exceed 2010 sales of \$2187.00. Income has been stagnant the last two years, while expenses are up. We continue to hold our own, our checking account balance is adequate, and should be back up to the years beginning balance if bulb sales and exchange proceeds are similar to 2010.

Greater St Louis Daffodil Society Bulb Sales

By Lynn Slackman

2011 Kirkwood Greentree Festival

Bring your folding lawn chairs, your family and friends, and make some time to visit with the Greater St Louis Daffodil Society at the annual Kirkwood Greentree Festival! We will be selling daffodil bulbs and providing information about daffodils. Please find some time to join us on Friday, September 16th til Sunday, September 18th. Further details about this festival can be found on the [Kirkwood Greentree Festival](#) website.



60th Annual Brush & Palette Club, Arts & Crafts Festival

For another opportunity to obtain some daffodil bulbs, join us at the 60th Annual Brush & Palette Club, Arts & Craft Festival in Hermann, MO from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM on Saturday, October 8th and 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM on Sunday, October 9th. Further details about this festival can be found on [The Brush & Palette Club](#) website.

Missouri Botanical Garden

If you missed visiting with us in Kirkwood and Hermann, please join us at the annual Greater St Louis Daffodil Society Bulb Sale on Saturday, October 15th and Sunday, October 16th from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM, or until sold out. This event is being held in the Orthwein Floral Display Hall, at the [Missouri Botanical Garden](#). Members of the Greater St Louis Daffodil Society will be on hand to answer questions and share experiences with daffodils. Entry is included with Garden admission.



2011 GSLDS BULB EXCHANGE

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2011, NOON-5PM

Missouri Botanical Gardens, Beaumont Room

By Cindy Haeffner

Mark your calendars now!!!! THIS IS THE EVENT!!!!

Once again this year, the highly coveted bulb exchange plans are well underway. As in the past, we are asking for donations to add to the variety of the already select bulb cultivars and other gardening items. Please consider donating this year, either with individual cultivars for the exchange. Look over those orders as they come in, there may be an extra here and there, and before you know it you may have a FANTASTIC Collection to offer. Examples for the donations include gardening and non-gardening items as follows: bulb collections, individual bulbs, bird feeders, stepping stones, art work, honey, photography, jewelry, surprise us this year!!!!!! Please email items to Cindy Haeffner to add to the list by Oct. 9, 2011 to: chaeffner@haeffnerfamily.net

The luncheon event the past few years has been a culinary delight, and because of its popularity, we will continue. Again, the club will provide the Bar-B-Que along with buns, drinks and utensils. Members please bring dishes to add to the meal for sharing. The "B" list returns again this year, instrumental in keeping the afternoon moving along at a faster pace.

The bulb exchange committee wishes to welcome Suzanne Raymond to the ranks this year. Suzanne will be assisting in creating the lists, along with the links to view the selections on DAFFSEEK & NEW IDEAS!!!! WELCOME Suzanne!!!!

New this year, the committee has placed an order with Ron Scamp, from Cornwall England. We look forward to many new exciting cultivars, some not available here in the States. Along with Ron's varieties from Quality Daffodils, will be Oakwood Daffodils(Dr. John Reed), PHS(Jason Delaney), & Mitsch Daffodils(Richard & Elise Havens. Many have noted an interest in adding miniatures to the list for the exchange, and Elise has mentioned she will this year, along with upper divisions, a Mitsch cornerstone!!!!!!

The bulb exchange committee wants to thank you for your patience as we make every effort to keep the pace moving quickly to wrap up by 5 PM. Please consider volunteering with set-up and clean up to make the day go quicker. The membership looks forward to this HUGE event, and the committee wishes to make it an enjoyable day!!!!

A reminder that the "pay to play" this year will be \$10, paid to Peter McAdams prior to the start of the exchange. Please also be aware of the "active members" amendment as follows:

****Members need to attend at least two events or meetings, prior to the bulb exchange, to participate as an Active Member at the Daffodil Bulb Exchange on Saturday, October 29, 2011.**

Please make note of the above, but do not despair, the GSLDS events calendar is full with many activities to volunteer!!!!!!!!! Hope to see all at the GSLDS BULB Exchange.

Surprise! It's a Naked Lady...or a Resurrection Lily...or a Magic Lily...Or...

By Beth Holbrooke

Once many years ago, my brother (the landscaper/lawn mower) came home with a bushel of huge daffodil bulbs from a customer. He was so pleased and excited that I planted them in the front row of our newly made garden. The next spring only foliage came up and I thought they just needed to be settled in for a year. The leaves were nice and green and I had high hopes for the next year. I forgot about them as I acquired daylilies and peonies and other perennials. I think you can guess the rest of the story. In late August, huge stalks started shooting up through the ground and beautiful rose pink flowers tinged with lilac lined the front row of my garden like kicking Rockettes .

I later found out they were Surprise Lilies, the common name for *Lycoris squamigora*, one of the genus of 13 – 20 species of the amaryllidaceae family originating in mostly China and Japan. They grow well and multiply quickly, sending up foliage in spring, going dormant in summer and blooming in early fall. But they don't really belong in the front row! I've also learned that lots of different types of lycoris with colors ranging from electric blue to yellow and bright red and pure white. There are a few types listed in the Brent and Becky catalog and on various web sites. Their blooms come during a very dull time in the perennial garden, and seem to be the only flower blooming in my yard full of green and browning foliage.

We will be selling some Surprise Lilies at our next three sales events, and I hope you will discover the sudden beauty coming up from nothing except the ground.



Got Drought? Bulbs Are Built for It

Our condolences to you if you're one of the millions of gardeners suffering through the drought that's afflicted huge swaths of the country this summer. (And our hearts go out to the farmers who are already facing billions of dollars in losses.) It may be small consolation, but bulbs are one of Nature's clever ways for hanging on to a back-up supply of moisture, safe underground, and surviving when there's no rain for days and days on end. They have their limits, of course, but when the drought finally breaks, you'll probably find that your bulbs recover better than most plants. Here's hoping that's soon.

A Year in Daffodils

By Helen Trueblood

(Editor's note: Helen Trueblood is one of the first people who helped me start growing historic bulbs and entering national shows. I student judged at one of her shows in her barn at Leota, where every spring for many years she set up her own sanctioned show by herself, even into her seventies. She has been a force to be reckoned with in the ADS and is a super lady.)

Select a site for a new bed and rototill two or three times. When ordered bulbs arrive, open the sacks and check to see that all are solid. Same for bulbs from sales or exchanges. store in a cool area until planting. Make a list of all bulbs in a notebook. I list the hybridizer and year registered for each bulb. A list of how the bulbs are planted in the bed is in another notebook. I do it by divisions and try not to have the same colors together. Sometimes I may mix divisions. Name tags are made and put in each sack. Bulb sacks are placed in rows in a short box in the order to start planting. Indicate the direction of N-S-E-W going end to start. Add to the wagon:



the box, the tools, a big thermos of coffee and set off to the field. Make a crooked row in the prepared soil and make as many rows as needed. Dig holes to fit the bulb. Three times the bulb height and deeper if any compost, peat, fertilizer etc. is used under the bulb. Mix it all in the soil and tamp down. Put some soil on top with perlite on top of that and place the bulb in and cover with soil. When the bulbs are planted, a name tag is put in as the hole is filled. Another metal tag that has been put on a hooked wire goes above the ground. Check the list before you leave to see that the order of planting is the same as your list. When done you can stand and listen to the musical chiming of tags above the newly planted bed. I mulch the bed before any weeds can start.

Spring will soon be sending up green leaves so we can see if any were lost over winter, heaven forbid! Enjoy all the blooms. Any old plantings may need fertilizing with low nitrogen (6-24-24) fertilizer. About the middle of June, dig bulbs that have been in the ground 3-4 years. Foliage can be cut off now. I use three short boxes when I dig. The first box holds topsoil. Bulbs in a clump go in the second box. Sorted out bulbs go in the third box (after being unclumped from the second box). Any amendments are put in the bottom of the recently dug hole – same as the instructions for new bulbs that were planted. Plant back the number of bulbs you want to keep. Put surplus bulbs in a mesh bag with a name tag. Hang bags to dry in a cool, dry area. I clean at the end of July and get ready and get ready for the Kentucky sale first and then the Indiana sales. Many are given to parks and public areas as well as to friends. By the time my porch is free of bulbs it is time to start planting again.

GSLDS Wrap UP!!!

Sunday, November, 13, 2011

By Cindy Haeffner

Plan to attend the final GSLDS meeting for 2011, November 13th. “Historics as Building Blocks in 20th Century Hybridizing” by our own JASON DELANEY, Senior Outdoor Horticulturist and curator of bulbs at the Missouri Botanical Garden and owner of Professional Horticultural Services(P.H.S.). Jason will enlighten us on how historic have led to the daffodils we all know and love.



“Rob your Neighbor” will make a return this year, with even more exciting cultivars!!! Following is a sampling: Lisnamulligan, Bistro, Baltic Shore, Rager, Blitz ,Fania, Remembered Kiss ,Tideford & White Tea to name drop just a few!!!



The club made a special purchase through Beth Holbrooke’s efforts and sweat equity!!!

Beth, thanks for thinking of this event for the GSLDS wrap up!!!

Calendar of Events 2011

DATE	TIME/PLACE	ACTIVITY
Sunday, September 11, 2011	1:00 PM - 4:00 PM Garden Room of Ridgeway Center at MOBOT	Bagging and Tagging Bulbs for upcoming Bulb Sales. Members please bring snacks.
September 16 – 18, 2011	Friday, 5:00 - 10:00 PM, Saturday, 8:30 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 8 - 9, 2011	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 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 "better" donated and purchased bulbs from various sources. Open to "active" 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.

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