



Greater St. Louis Daffodil Society

The Daffodil Rave

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Welcome to 2017.

What's on the top of your gardening wish list? Fewer weeds, more time, more knowledge, more expertise? Adequate moisture helps me with the next on my wish list: No drought. I guess all gardeners have different lists from non-gardeners.

My wish for 2017 is to spend more time enjoying my garden, taking that time to smell the proverbial rose, or with our perspective in mind, that daffodil. Another wish I have for myself is to spend time with my friends in the Greater St. Louis Daffodil Society and to helping our society move forward after hosting the 2016 World Daffodil Convention. While the convention presented a huge opportunity to showcase our area and our public and private gardens, its massive planning and execution has left many of us exhausted. With that said, 2017 is another new year that promises new experiences, new flowers, and new friends.

I want to be able to have more time at meetings to answer any questions you may have, and once I turn the reins over to the new President, I hope to have more time for interaction with our members and friends. The year will see many exciting, upcoming events for the Greater St. Louis Daffodil Society!

Let's all enjoy our gardens to the maximum. And let's look forward to spending more time with one and all throughout 2017.

Cindy Haeffner, President



Hosta La Vista

Many daffodil enthusiasts are moving out of the sun into a shady business—growing hostas that thrive in low light



We all expect to find daffodil bulbs, plants and literature at a Daffodil Society meeting. But what are those iris, bamboo plants, hyacinths, ferns, succulents, even cactus doing over there on the table? And how did hostas get in here?

Hybridizing leaders will tell you that it is evidence that cross-pollination of interests is a staple of the society and its neighboring organizations.

“Most of us do have hostas in our gardens,” says GSLDS president Cindy Haeffner. “We love them, just as hosta enthusiasts love daffodils and other flowers and plants.”

Hosta giant in the region is Bruce Buehrig, a co-founder of the St. Louis Hosta Society, who for 40 years had been growing plants on a steep, shady hillside. For more than 40 years Buehrig has been growing plants on a steep, shady hillside. He has taught classes about the culture of hostas at the Missouri Botanical Garden and several local nurseries.

It is only natural that he would become acquainted with our own Jason Delaney, vice-president of the GSLDS. He recently spoke at a meeting of the Hosta Society. Buehrig’s water garden is not just a regional attraction. It has been featured at two National Hosta Society conventions.

Erosion issues created by heavy rains have forced him to seek solutions to uncontrolled rolling water. Using rocks, perennials, conifers, trees and shrubs, he has curbed most of the water into planned channels/

Best of all, he has discovered a hobby he enjoys sharing with others.

Fast beginnings

A young daffodil admirer came, looked and started planting

A little six-year-old girl is proving that a passion for daffodils is not just for, shall we say, the mature among us.

Even at age four, the youngster, a neighbor and distant great niece of Daffodil Society president Cindy Haeffner, was taking notice of narcissis.

Eileen would be glued to her mother’s vehicle window whenever they drove by the



**Greater St. Louis
Daffodil Society
Hybridizers**

Haeffners' spectacular field of daffodils at their farm in Hermann, Mo. [We are protecting Eileen's privacy by not publishing her last name].

"When her mother told me about it, I invited Eileen here for a private tour," says Haeffner. "And she really enjoyed the visit. I let her pick her own bouquet, including hyacinths. She spied a flat of pansies I had purchased to plant in my outside pots to add some color for the tour at our home during the World Daffodil Convention." Her dad told Haeffner that his daughter really liked the "purple" flowers—the pansies.



Eileen's bouquet she picked by herself

"So I took them to her house and helped her plant them," says Haeffner.

"She was very happy."

But it was no fluke. She watered and cared for those pansies all summer, checking them almost daily, says Haeffner.

That was just the beginning. Eileen was soon into planting daffodils in a big way.

"Last fall I had extra bulbs from our annual bulb exchange and from my own orders," said Haeffner, "I did not have far to go to plant some yellow fever."

Moreover, they planted the kind of selections that would please any professional: Lady Eve, Crugmeer, Blushing Lady, Fertile Plains, Pacific Rim, Cinnamon Ring, Angkor, Chelan and Katonga.

Armed with information and pictures about each of the bulbs from the American Daffodil Society website/Daffseek, she and her mother can anticipate what spring will bring.

"We placed labels with each cultivar and watered them in, and gave them gardening blessings," says Haeffner. "I am hopeful she will be able to attend our annual spring show with her blooms."

Now, as an ADS Youth member, Eileen recently received her first ADS Journal.

She read it all the way to school, said her mother.

Haeffner field Eileen visited



"Gardening has always been a part of my life".



White Lantern

1W-W

John Reed



Icicle 1W-W

John C Wister

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Exhibited by Peter McAdams

Member spotlight

Getting to know horticultural expert Sonja Lallemand via Q&A



What do you do professionally?

Until August 14 2015 I worked for the University of Illinois Extension as a Horticulture Educator. As such, I answered home owners' gardening questions, helped them solve problems with woody and herbaceous perennials, vegetables, all sorts of garden pests and diseases, and the list goes on. Prior to working for UI Extension, I had my own landscaping company which focused on municipal landscaping and maintenance. The focus there was on renovating landscapes with Missouri native plants, such as Blue False Indigo, a tall blooming plant which is perfect for attracting butterflies. We also used shrubs such as Scented Sumac, ideal for erosion control, and Ninebark, which can grow up

to 10ft. tall. I was also partial to pretty varieties of Cammasia, and River Birch trees with exfoliated bark.

How did you become interested in gardening, and how long have you been involved?

Gardening has always been a part of my life. My interests began with my mother's rose garden when I was about 10 years old. That was when I learned grafting from the caretaker.

Do you have a favorite plant group and gardening style?

Growing up in Haiti on the Caribbean island of Hispaniola, I would say that my style and tastes are comfortable, easy and eclectic. I like gardens that have good bones; good structure and at the same time look timeless. I also appreciate the French-style gardens of the 16th century with all their clipped hedges and shapes. I know how much work goes into making these gardens and I applaud all the gardeners who have the patience it takes to maintain such displays.

When and how did daffodils enter into your gardening interests?

My first encounter with daffodils was in the early '70s when I migrated to New York. After my first winter on the Campus of SUNY-Stony Brook, the yellow flowers were like a burst of sunshine for me. I have been planting daffodils since I moved into my first house in 1975 and continue to do so.

Do you have a favorite daffodil or division of daffodil?

Like all daffodil fans I have something to like about all of them. However, I

“Open your mind and be ready to learn from others”.



Mr. Daffodil



**Suzanne Raymond
with her winning
2016 WDC Design**

especially like many of the antique daffodils, and I also have a preference for all-white daffodils such as the multi-stemmed poeticus. I tend to favor the standard daffodil look, so divisions one and two appeal to me.

Do you prefer growing or exhibiting, or a little of both?

So far, my schedule has not allowed me to participate in any exhibitions. So growing has been the focus. But now that I am retired, I hope to be able to do both.

How long have you been a member of GSLDS?

I joined in 2011 while working on my daffodil thesis. Like so many others in the society, I was convinced by Cynthia Haeffner to join GSLDS after meeting her in Rolla. .

What do you like most about your membership in GSLDS?

I enjoy the camaraderie, the exchange and sharing of knowledge and the educational programs to name a few things.

What advice can you share for new members?

Open your mind and be ready to learn from others.



**19th Annual Daffodil Show Presented by
The Greater St. Louis Daffodil Society
“Daffodils-A Work of Art”
April 9th, 2017**

9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

**Saturday show setup 5:30 PM to 7:00 AM Sunday morning
“Open to the Public”**

At the Missouri Botanical Garden: Beaumont Room
Design, Horticulture & Photography at the Daffodil Show



**Fairy Chimes
Exhibited by Lynn
Slackman**

**January 21, 2016
Gerald, MO MoDOT
"Growing Together"
planting**



**L-R: Cindy Haeffner,
William Cole and
Pam Hardy**



Reed 98-61-2



Members of the Gerald, MO Planting crew

On a beautiful, sunny, 70 degree Saturday afternoon, it was planting time. The 3rd installment of daffodils on the community beautification site was planted. All 3 sponsors were represented, Master Gardener's , Greater St. Louis Daffodil Society and local Boy Scouts. Great afternoon to spread daffodil fever with gardeners!!!!

GSLDS Board of Directors Corner

The GSLDS Board is proposing the following changes to the by-laws:

ARTICLE V: ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Section 3: change to read:

The term of office shall be for two years, and no officer shall serve in the same position for more than two consecutive terms, with the exception of the Treasurer. Terms of office shall be alternated; the President and Vice President shall be elected one year, and the Secretary and Treasurer shall be elected the next year. The Vice President shall assume the duties of President at the expiration of, or the vacating of, the President's term of office, subject to confirmation by vote of the membership. Elected officers shall remain in office, if willing, past the two consecutive terms limit if no member can be found to assume the office and/or until a new officer shall be elected.

ARTICLE VI Executive Board (change last sentence)

The governing body of this organization shall be known as the Executive Board. The Executive Board shall consist of all the elected officers, the Immediate Past President **and three members elected to three year staggered terms, one director to be elected each year.**



What is it??



**Jason Delaney SNR
DIG 2012**



**Vaughn Meister SNR
DIG 2012**

ARTICLE VII - MEETINGS

Section 2

- (1) - a quorum shall consist of a minimum of:
- (1) Either two officers **OR** Four Directors of the Board;

**ARTICLE XII
Amendments**

ADD > For the safety of our membership, new society members must be approved by members of the Greater St Louis Daffodil Society Board of Directors.

The current GSLDS By-Laws can be found by clicking on this [LINK](#).

GSLDS Spring Fling

Place April 2, 2017 on your calendars. Beginning at 8AM to 3PM, at the Shaw Nature Reserve, members will embark on another epic dig. Jason Delaney will once again take us on another tour of the reserve and inform us of the historic daffodils still gracing the grounds. SNR has initiated a native prairie restoration project, including controlled burns. Our job, rescue as many daffodils to preserve these historic cultivars in these burn areas. We are happy to oblige.

BUT, there's more, later that day-4PM

Recently, I was introduced to Haue Valley Farm in Pacific, MO, the homestead of John Haue. During his lifetime Mr. Haue hybridized and sold daffodils. Mr. Haue provided the first Sir Watkins to the SNR back in the 50's. John Haue's nephew and family now manage the farm as a wedding/events venue, and we are INVITED. John's daffodils still flourish on the grounds, and including the current McLaren family's yearly plantings.

After our tour, let's gather at the Pacific Brew House, compliments of Greater St. Louis Daffodil Society!!!! Check it out: [Pacific Brew House](#)

Calendar of Events 2017

DATE	TIME/PLACE	ACTIVITY
Sunday 12 February 2017	1:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m. Classroom 125 Commerce Bank Education Center	Hosta Gardening by Bruce Buehrig <i>Please bring refreshments</i>
Sunday 02 April 2017	8:00 a.m – 3:00p.m. Shaw Nature Reserve	GSLDS Spring Fling
Sunday 09 April 2017	9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Beaumont Room, Ridgway Center Missouri Botanical Garden	Daffodils—A Work of Art Celebrate spring at GSLDS's annual Daffodil Show. Setup and staging begin at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 08 and continues through 7:00 a.m. on Sunday morning.
Sunday 16 July 2017	1:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m. Classroom 125 Commerce Bank Education Center	Presentation, to be announced. <i>Please bring refreshments</i>
Friday-Sunday 15-17 September 2017	Friday 5:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m. Saturday 9:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m. Sunday 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Greentree Festival, Kirkwood, MO	Join us at the Greentree Festival to sell daffodil bulbs and spread yellow fever to the greater St. Louis area!
Saturday and Sunday 30 September -01 October 2017	9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. or until sold Beaumont Room, Ridgway Center Missouri Botanical Garden	Annual public bulb sale and our best fundraiser. Setup on Saturday morning
Sunday 22 October 2017	12:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. Classroom 125 Commerce Bank Education Center	Annual Bulb Exchange <i>Please bring side dishes and desserts</i>