



# Narcissus Notes

*Gloucester Daffodil Club Newsletter Vol. 7, No. 3 September 2025*

## Next Meeting

The GDC will meet Thursday, November 13th at 4 p.m. at the Chesapeake Lounge at Brent & Becky's Bulbs.

## Message from Mary Helen—

Dear Members,

Thank you for a wonderful two years. Our club has grown by double digit percentage points and with it increased its visibility in the community, region, at and national levels. Members are growing, showing, and winning ribbons at an astonishing level. Members, who never believed they could, have taken award winning photographs, developed “yellow” thumbs, helped plant thousands of bulbs in Gloucester, and entered artistic categories in shows around the country. In this issue, you will discover many more updates and activities that have been or will be done by the Gloucester Daffodil Club. Your contributions are invaluable. Our next meeting is September 13th at Brent and Becky's at 4 p.m. where we will celebrate our sixth year, congratulate retiring officers, and elect new officers. Give yourselves a generous “Pat on the Back” for a job “Well Done.”

Thank you,  
Mary Helen

## Welcome New GDC Members!

Lewis Bozard                      Cindy Comer  
Linda Nuttall                      Kelly O'Toole  
Anne Sullivan

## Visit the GDC Facebook page & website!

**Facebook:** Type “Gloucester Daffodil Club” in the Facebook search bar.

**Website:** [www.gloucesterdaffodilclub.com/](http://www.gloucesterdaffodilclub.com/)

## Dues and Daffodil Collection Payment

GDC annual dues and payment for the 2025 Daffodil Collection pre-orders are due at the September meeting.

Dues are: One year- \$10, 3 years- \$25,  
Lifetime- \$100.

Club folders, which include a directory, are provided to all dues-paying members.

New Membership Chair Chris Conley will collect dues at the meeting, or you can mail your check, made out to Gloucester Daffodil Club, to Treasurer Linda Lemasters. Please see our GDC Directory for Linda's mailing address.

## 2025 Daffodil Collection

If you ordered the 2025 GDC Bulb Collection, containing 3 each of ‘Llanfair,’ ‘Better Still,’ ‘Falmouth Bay,’ ‘Pipit,’ and ‘Aspasia,’ you can pick them up at the November meeting. There are still some

collections available to order at the September meeting.

### **September 2025 Activity Reports**

#### **From Judith: Upcoming Bulb Exchange**

Hello Members! We will hold our Annual Bulb Exchange during the November GDC meeting at Brent & Becky's Bulbs, Chesapeake Room, 4 p.m., November 13th. Please consider contributing a bulb or two from orders you may be receiving from bulb companies. Email me at [judithgail@gmail.com](mailto:judithgail@gmail.com) so I can add your donated bulbs to the sale spreadsheet. Please bring those bulbs a few minutes prior to the meeting start time at 4 p.m. Thank you! We hope to have some exciting offerings. This is a great opportunity to expand our collections!

#### **From Peggy: Cookbook Report**

Less than six months ago, we took delivery of 1,000 copies of the club's fundraising project *Daffodil and Delicacies, Divine Dining*, a 218-page cookbook containing more than 230 recipes from daffodil lovers in 22 states and 5 foreign countries. Recipes that relate to a daffodil are enhanced with pen and ink drawings of the cultivar. There are notes about daffodils and our club's history, and the names of all the club's members are in the book.

Before the news of our sales, I want to acknowledge the participation of many members, and we have an important job ahead of us. The production of the book required much work. Once the book arrived the work turned to selling the cookbook. We had stars step up and sell books at daffodil

events and in stores and throughout the daffodil world. Their work continues.

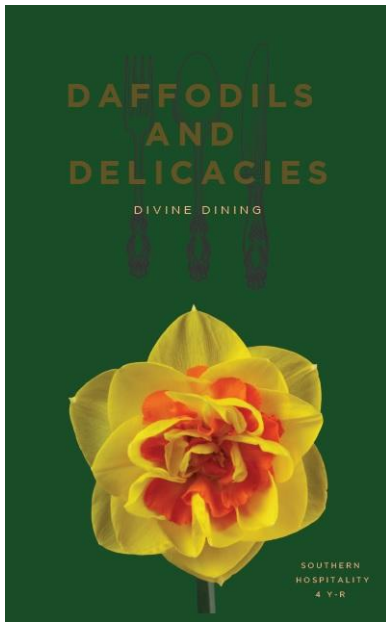
The pre-sale price was extended until March 1<sup>st</sup>. These sales paid for 50% of the book and delivery cost due 10 days after delivery. Sales covered the balance of our \$9,108 cost due in May. Our next deadline is to have an additional \$3,000 for the purchase of bulbs by our September meeting. Then we need another \$2,000 by the end of the year. These goals will not be realized unless every member of the Gloucester Daffodil Club participates in making this a successful fundraiser. Then we will need to sell another \$3,000 in 2026 and \$3,000 in 2027. We will have help with a good Christmas market, and then in the Spring we have numerous daffodil events.

We can't do it without members participating. Your dues are very low. I hope each of you will buy at least one book. It makes a fabulous gift. It's a great item.

We're getting excellent reviews. Our daffodil friend and club member who lives in Bloomington, Indiana, Sara Kinne wrote: *This cookbook is truly a work of art and the recipes are intriguing, especially ones from the eastern shore. Because I live in the land-locked Midwest, there is hesitation about seafood recipes. We love seafood, but I seem to need the kiss of endorsement from those who know. Thank you for ALL your effort in creating this book and the daffodil touches melt my heart.*

Many of you contributed recipes that many are enjoying. The cookbook is getting notice in the fall newsletters in many regions. Now we need everyone to help here.

Thank you for what you have done or will do.



### **From Jim: 2025-26 Planting Plans**

Welcome to our 2025-2026 planting season. Planting daffodils in and around the County was the founding principal for our club. At the end of last year, 2024-25, we had successfully planted 184,620 bulbs...mostly in Gloucester County. This has been a magnificent accomplishment, and we hope this year will add large numbers to that total.

Susan and I are making one change to our established planting schedule. In the past, we always planted on Thursdays and Saturdays, but we have found that the amount of labor/effort in sorting, hauling, loading, and delivering in two days was just too much work in a short period of time. This year we will plant on Wednesdays and Saturdays. We start at 10:00 AM and are usually done no later than 11:30 AM. We often finish planting in an hour, depending on the number of volunteer planters. The last few years we have scheduled to begin in November, but the soil temp hasn't dropped to 55-60°F so that the bulbs will

begin to grow roots. This year we will not begin planting until the first week in December. The following is the planned schedule for planting this year...remember all dates are subject to change depending on weather or emergencies that may occur.

December 3<sup>rd</sup>-- Suzanne Sopko's home garden on Main Street.

December 6<sup>th</sup>-- Split Enz Salon in the Courthouse

December 10<sup>th</sup>-- Fiddlers Crossing in the Courthouse front section

December 13<sup>th</sup>-- Phillips Energy Main Sign

December 17<sup>th</sup>-- Rappahannock Community College Sign

January 7<sup>th</sup>-- Ken Houtz Chevrolet

January 10<sup>th</sup>-- Page Middle School (bulbs planted in 2023 were destroyed by the - utility company).

If you don't see a location that you recommended for this year, it will move to next year's list. We will also contact Jay Hutchins about a possible mass planting at the south side of Tidemill Shops.

I will pass out a sign-up sheet at the September 11<sup>th</sup> meeting, and I hope a lot of you will sign up to participate. There is a great deal of satisfaction in planting bulbs to help beautify our community.

Jim Camp

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**From Susan:** Due to an overloaded schedule, I must give up editing the "Narcissus Notes." This issue will be my last. The new GDC President will be searching for a member with some tech skills. (Mine are in the journeyman category.)

Your job would consist of compiling and editing items and photos sent to you by Board members, committee chairs, and club members. Please contact me at [srcnetherwode@gmail.com](mailto:srcnetherwode@gmail.com) if you are interested in taking on this project.

## **Spring 2025 Daffodil Show Reports**

### **Reno Royale 2025 National Convention**

**By Carla Stanley**

Thinking about the show season, I am always giddy just remembering the long hours in the workrooms, pinching, smoothing and tweaking, only to break the head off the prettiest bloom while attempting to clock it into place. Alas, it was an amazing time and once again affirms in my heart and mind "Daffodil people are the best people in the World."

Although there are many things to remember and talk about, we MUST talk about the 2025 National Daffodil Convention in Reno, Nevada, which was a huge success. Convention Chair Susan Duncan and her team did an excellent job planning the 5-day

event at the Peppermill Reno resort. The convention featured a spectacular daffodil show, educational programs, delicious food, and exciting activities.

The event kicked off with ADS Judging School I and a "Reno Royale" convention collector pin given to participants. The show featured hundreds of horticulture exhibits and photography entries. A silent auction, live auction, and ADS Board Meeting also took place.

Notable sessions included "Judging the Unjudgeable" and breeding intermediates, led by experts Harold Koopowitz and Elise Havens. Ian Tyler presented on "Daffodils in the UK," and Christopher Harley discussed cross-pollination and the Dutch-American daffodil experience.

The convention concluded with a tour to Donner Pass Memorial State Park and Lake Tahoe. The 2025 National Daffodil Convention was a celebration of daffodils, with something for everyone to enjoy. The next convention will be in Chicago in 2026.

### **Also from Carla:**

#### **Gloucester Daffodil Club Youth Program**

The GDC youth program has had a great impact. This year at the Gloucester Daffodils Show there were over 100 youth entries. Many of these youth were sponsored by the GDS and attended the youth programs and seminars offered by the club.





Emerson Byrd has been showing her flowers for the past three years. She came to one of our youth programs and also planted bulbs at the Walter Reed's Birthplace Display Garden. She is a past Little Miss Daffodil.



**Reno Royale ADS National Convention**

## Fun Memories of Reno



**Packed up and ready to go!**



**Tammie, Carla, and friends at Lake Tahoe**



**Tammie and Nancy**



**Deb and Deborah**



## **Planting 2024-25**

**Peggy, Kathy, Arlene, & Jim at Woodville**



**Jim at GMHS**



**2025  
Daffodil  
Festival  
Booth**



**Varetta at Crabs Express**

Hi Folks, the gift-giving season will soon be upon us, and a gift of daffodil beauty for our county is the perfect way to celebrate a loved one, whether for a birthday or an annual holiday. Please use the donation form below to indicate your wishes.

## GLOUCESTER DAFFODIL CLUB HOLIDAY DONATION

Please complete all requested information below to appropriately note your kind donation and wishes, and return on or before November 20, 2025 for Thanksgiving and December 18, 2025 for Christmas. For other special occasions, please note the date to be honored.

### DONOR INFORMATION:

- Name \_\_\_\_\_ Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_
- Email Address \_\_\_\_\_
- Phone \_\_\_\_\_
- Acknowledge donation to individual(s) as: Anonymous/self/etc. \_\_\_\_\_  
(Circle or fill in the blank)
- Donation Amount (\$ \_\_\_\_\_)

### RECPITENT:

“In Honor Of”

- Name \_\_\_\_\_
- Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_  
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“In Memory Of”

- Name of Deceased \_\_\_\_\_
- Individual to Notify \_\_\_\_\_
- Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

- Additional Named Recipients, and information may be noted on back

**CHECK PAYABLE:** Gloucester Daffodil Club

### RETURN CHECK AND INFORMATION SHEET TO:

Kathleen Gillerlain, (757) 268-5124  
2758 Frying Pan Farm Lane  
Hayes, VA 23072

☐ **Permission to have this gift listed in the *Narcissus News*.**

Club Information:

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