



Narcissus Notes

A Gloucester Daffodil Club Newsletter Volume 8—Issue 1

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Upcoming Meetings—

- ◆ February 12th, “GDC Youth Program”, Speakers: Carla Stanley, and Tammie Spivey.
- ◆ May 14, “Pink Daffodils” with Becky Heath
- ◆ September 10, Annual Meeting
- ◆ October 23 and 24, Middle Atlantic Regional Meeting

GDC Quarterly Meetings take place from 4:00—6:00 pm in the Chesapeake Room at Brent and Becky’s Bulbs, 7900 Daffodil Lane, Gloucester .

A Message from our President — Katherine Mazzocco

Isn’t this an exciting moment?! We welcome our third newsletter editor in our GDC history. Karin Andrews, a GDC member. She comes to us with editing and newsletter experience as well as an artistic flair. Karin is looking forward to her new responsibilities, and we are thrilled to have her!

Jim and Susan Camp have announced that they will be retiring from GDC bulb planting responsibilities, which is a key initiative for our club. Susan was also our newsletter editor for the last four years. We are so grateful for their dedication and contribution to our club and are looking for committed members to take their place with regard to coordinating and facilitating our bulb planting programs. I am truly excited about 2026, as our club continues to grow and we seem able to face most challenges that come our way. An early initiative of our club, increasing youth participation, has really taken hold! Carla Stanley and Tammie Spivey will tell us more about that at our February meeting.

Our May meeting will be all about pink daffodils with Becky Heath as our speaker on all things pink! We will also be unveiling our 2026 GDC Bulb Collection, which will also be pink!

In October, our club will host the American Daffodil Society’s Middle Atlantic Region Meeting, with Della Garrett leading that initiative. In closing, please enjoy our upcoming daffodil season and your daffodils! Go to daffodil shows! Enter your own daffodils and visit some of our members gardens on April 2 and April 3! We are all looking so forward to spring!

Please join us in welcoming our New Members and in remembering Dr. Nick Elam, a valued member of the GDC:

Joanna Bousquet
Kasey Edmiston
Kimberly Reno

Harry Belvin
Cheryl Johnson
John Spence

Mitch Carney
Hunter LeClair
Berna Heyman

Kate Carney
Debbie Legg
Joe Heyman

Daffodil Program for Youth and Garden Clubs as Presented at the February Gloucester Daffodil Club Meeting—

The Gloucester Daffodil Club has always made youth education an important priority. Since the club’s beginning, our members have been speaking in schools, before groups, garden clubs, giving away hundreds of bulbs and encouraging youth and club members to grow daffodils and bring their beautiful blooms to the show every spring. Because of these programs, the youth division of the Gloucester Daffodil Show has grown and grown, last year with 100+ entries strong. This is wonderful news, which we intend to continue.

The basic program includes botanical information, descriptions and illustrations of the 13 Divisions of daffodils, planting information, a little daffodil history, and information about the upcoming shows and how to enter blooms. Everything you need to know to become a part of the daffodil world. Youth participants are encouraged to bring in their blooms in the spring and enter the show. Youth who accomplish this, become sponsored members of the American Daffodil Society. We hope many of you can help us spread the daffodil love with groups you are connected with.

Carla Stanley and Tammie Spivey

Treasurers Report — Linda Lemasters

September 1, 2025—January 31, 2026

Balance in GDC Checking Account on January 1, 2026:

\$7,808.61

Balance in GDC Savings Account on January 1, 2026:

\$2,073.64

Total Balance from all GDC Accounts:

\$9,882.25

Treasurers Report Summary:

Starting Total: \$10,580.52

GDC Income: \$9,713.76

GDC Expenses: \$10,412.03 (-698.27)

Ending Total: \$9,882.25

A full copy of the Treasurers Report, is available upon request

Gloucester Daffodil Club Bulb Planting Report—Jim and Susan Camp—2025

The GDC’s bulb planting efforts in 2025 will yield an even more beautiful Gloucester in the years to come! This major undertaking is a foundation of our mission, which is made possible by the donations of our benefactors and volunteers. They are a vital part of what we do. This year GDC planted 13,316 bulbs at nine locations in Gloucester County. Locations included: RCC—Glenns Campus, Page Middle School, The Gloucester Museum of History, Walter Reed’s Birthplace and other locations from Hayes to Gloucester Courthouse to Glenns. 7,700 bulbs purchased by the GDC were planted by Jay Hutchins, using Brent and Becky’s Dutch Bulb Planting Machine at the Shops at Tidemill. Brent & Becky’s gave 2,000 bulbs which were donated to The Friends of the Ware Neck Store, a non-profit foundation which owns and oversees historic Nuttall’s Country Store. The Heath’s also donated daffodil bulbs to local schools. Maddie Porter, one of our youth participants in the Gloucester Daffodil Show, presented Brent Heath with a “Thank You” poster signed by many of the students at her school. The Heath’s also donated 250 Wister award bulbs to give to our youth members and show participants. We placed

nine collections of twenty-five bulbs each with the children that Marty Ross identified as part of our youth programs. The last remaining bulb collection was given

to those who contributed ten yards of soil for the planting bed at Nuttall’s.



A special “Thank You”, presented by Maddie Porter to Brent Heath

Gloucester Daffodil Club 2025 Bulb Planting Report—Jim and Susan Camp—Continued

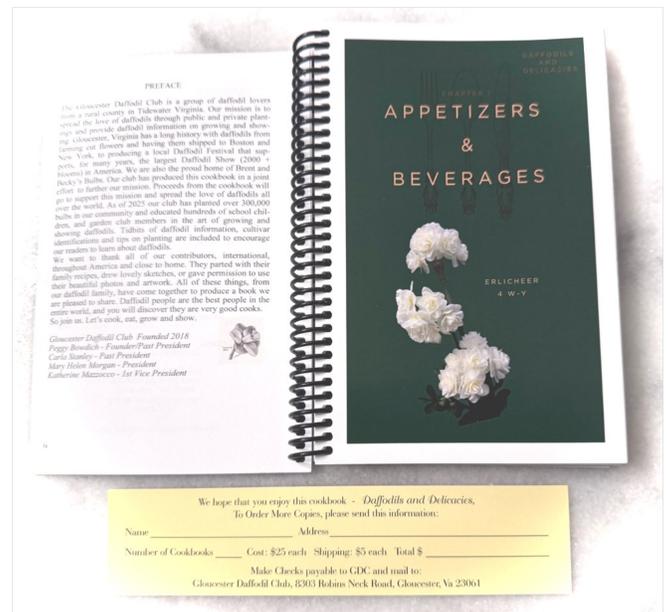
Jim and Susan Camp and Katherine Mazzocco planted bulbs at the Gloucester County Museum of History and at Split Enz. Bill Anderson and others also planted daffodil bulbs at the Sopko’s house on Main Street. All of our volunteers deserve a great big “Thank You” and round of applause for the dedication of their time during a very busy holiday season. Jim and Susan Camp will be stepping down from their duties as committee chairs. If you are looking for a very special role to fill and have a passion for planting daffodils, or know of someone that you might wish to nominate, who is a member of GDC, please reach out to the Camps, Katherine Mazzocco or any of our Board Members for additional details.



Fundraising: Peggy Bowditch “Daffodils and Delicacies” — Cookbook Sales and Distribution

The sale of our cookbooks continues to bring in revenue to support the Gloucester Daffodil Club’s budget. Every cookbook sold is profit and our profit is ahead of schedule. The success of this club’s cookbook has is due to the work of many club members. We recognize the help from those who edited the cookbook. Many have helped with sales, and the majority of the members have also purchased books.

We still need to sell more than 200 cookbooks. We need to reach out to all available markets. In order to do this we need members who will sell books at special events. Members will be asked to volunteer to sell books at the daffodil show and other opportunities that become available. You can make a difference by helping. One of the characteristics of this young club is the participation of its members.



<https://gloucesterdaffodilclub.com/gdc-cookbook>

Fundraising: “Treasures Galore” — Judith Burlbaugh / Silent Auction Items Needed

In 2026, we introduced a new fundraiser to the GDC to supplement proceeds from cookbook sales, in order to continue funding our daffodil bulb plantings.

We are counting on you to clean out your attic or other storage areas, to find treasures that need a new home. Those once treasured items can be donated to the GDC and become part of a silent auction held at our meetings. We’re calling it “Treasures Galore” and will be offering five to eight items at each of our upcoming meetings. Along with your item, you may have a story to share, that would be fun to include. We ask that each of your donated treasures have a minimum value of \$20.

For those who wish to buy rather than donate, your purchase is also a contribution!

How will it work? When you check in at the meeting you will get a number to use when you bid on an auction item. Please use the social time before the meeting and 30 minutes after the meeting adjourns to place a bid. The winning bids will then be announced. Winners may pay with cash, checks or by QR Code. Please contact Judy Burlbaugh if you have items you wish to donate.

Judy Burlbaugh

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Public Relations — Anne Earman GDC Webmaster and Publicity Chair

Press Releases:

Two press releases were submitted to the Gazette Journal. Katherine also contacted the Beehive and they are running a feature about the 2026 Daffodil ID and Show Preparation Workshop in their next edition. I plan to submit additional press releases to the Gazette Journal, Southside Sentinel, and Rappahannock Record related to the GDC's daffodil show participation in the upcoming spring shows. Anyone attending a show is encouraged to send me photos of GDC members and information on our show attendance and performance. I hope to attend the VDS, Gloucester Mid-Atlantic Regional and WDS shows so I should have those covered. Press releases will also be sent from the GDC Show Committee in order to promote the show and our upcoming Workshop with Brent Heath and Katherine Mazzocco at Brent and Becky's Bulbs.

Website:

Three new pages have been added to our website. They are the **Membership page** which includes a Membership request form to be emailed to Chris Conley – Membership Chair. Once completed, the PayPal/Venmo payment website is displayed. Visit: <https://gloucesterdaffodilclub.com/membership>. The **Cookbook page** includes information on where to purchase our cookbook or how to order by mail. It also includes a photo of GDC members in Peggy's kitchen and Betty Wrenn Day's feature from the Gazette Journal. Visit: <https://gloucesterdaffodilclub.com/gdc-cookbook>. Our Gloucester Daffodil Show page is live with a Workshop Registration link on the website. Visit: <https://gloucesterdaffodilclub.com/gloucester-daffodil-show>. Our **Driving Tour** has been added to the **Home Page** along with a downloadable PDF brochure.

Facebook:

GDC events/meetings and post content relevant to daffodils is posted regularly to engage our Facebook members. The GDC monitors our FB page to ensure all posts are daffodil related. Since becoming a "Members Only" Facebook group, we have not had SPAM issues. Anyone can request membership to our Facebook Group and do not need to be a GDC member for approval. If a SPAM poster does get past our approval process, we can easily revoke their membership and delete their post. We now have almost 400 daffodil loving members from around the world.

The 2026 Gloucester Daffodil Show ~ March 28-March 29

**Newington Baptist Church
6169 Main Street, Gloucester, Virginia 23061**

Tradition! Tradition! As I visualize the singing of the song from Fiddler on the Roof, I realize the Gloucester Daffodil Show is a truly cherished tradition that celebrates the beauty and love of daffodils!

We hope you will come visit the show, March 28 & 29, 2026 for our 88th year! Get ready to be dazzled by the vibrant colors and stunning displays of our favorite flowers—Daffodils! You will be so delighted that you took the time to enjoy our beautiful community show and festival. The Gloucester Daffodil Show's success is made possible by the tireless efforts of many volunteers who work behind the scenes to make it a memorable event and tradition. If you are interested in lending a hand for this year's show, please reach out to Carla Stanley, the show chair and become a part of this beautiful annual tradition!

**For additional information on the Gloucester Daffodil Show, Registration Forms and Show Categories, please visit our GDC Daffodil Show webpage at:
<https://gloucesterdaffodilclub.com/gloucester-daffodil-show>
or contact Carla Stanley, the 2026 show chair.**

Daffodil ID and Show Preparation Workshop — With Brent Heath

March 26th from 5:00—7:00 pm

Brent and Becky's Bulbs

7900 Daffodil Lane

Gloucester, Virginia 23061

Do you want to find out what kinds of daffodils you have growing in your yard? Are you thinking about submitting one of your beautiful daffodils to the Gloucester Daffodil Show competition?

If so, there is a free workshop on March 26th in the Chesapeake Lounge, at Brent and Becky's Bulbs. Brent Heath will identify daffodils from your garden. Instructors from the Gloucester Daffodil Club will be on hand to help you choose and groom the best daffodils for competition.

No daffodils? We'll have some for you to work with but you can only exhibit daffodils that you've grown yourself, so bring yours in!



**Workshop Registration can be accessed online by visiting:
<https://gloucesterdaffodilclub.com/gloucester-daffodil-show>
or the Gloucester Daffodil Festival page www.daffodilfestivalva.org. Registration is under the Daffodil Show tab. Please feel free to also contact Katherine Mazzocco for details.**

Picking Daffodils to Show from your garden — Peggy Bowditch

When considering daffodils to pick for showing, you can start choosing your show blooms a couple of weeks out if you find show quality daffodils already in bloom. There are also specific reasons you will want to consider picking early, especially if weather threatens with temperatures below 22° degrees with heavy rain and wind. I think heavy winds can be more damaging than frigid temperatures. It can break stems and dry out blooms.

Your orange, red, and yellow cups can be picked in bud. Recognize that reverse bi-colors and some pink cups need sunlight to realize needed color. Others have told me to leave whites to get rid of the yellow that needs to be white. Reverse bi-colors need to do their color deals before picking. Another consideration is green on back of division 4 double daffodils needs to bloom out. Many decisions to pick must be weighed against potential harm.

While many will be picked ahead and held in the refrigerator, there will be a few that need to be encouraged to open before they are ready. Sometimes your warm breath is all you need. They can be put in very warm, almost hot, water in a warm location. You can gently open the cups very little at a time with your fingers or breath. Some pointers are as follows:

- ◆ Pick early or late in the day, not in heat of the day.
- ◆ Take with you tepid (80 ° +/-) water in a manageable container.
- ◆ Bring a pen (I take several in case they get tired of writing on stems).
- ◆ Pick with your fingers as low on the stem as is comfortable and snap off.
- ◆ Write the name on the back of the stem.
- ◆ If picked ahead of the show more than a day or two, you may want to refrigerate.
- ◆ Start by clocking the bloom to the stem. Carefully!
- ◆ Clean and groom your bloom of dust, pollen, any debris. At first I used a Q-Tip, now I use a make-up brush. Licking is also allowed. On white cultivars with stains, I have used milk.
- ◆ Toilet paper tubes can be cut in ½” rounds to hold reflexed daffs or to eliminate reflex.
- ◆ Tubes that often come on Gerber daisies can encourage a head to be held high or position them to rest on the counter with their head hanging over if you need them to look down.
- ◆ You may want to approach placing the daffodils in the refrigerator as you would in containers to take to the show. Separate them by division or collections — all bi-colors, historic daffodils, classics, intermediates and of course, miniatures.
- ◆ Make a clean cut of all stems with a very sharp knife or razor blade on a slant before you put the cultivar in fresh cool water.
- ◆ At this point I start using distilled water and the florist packets (floralife) to keep flowers fresh longer. When putting them in the refrigerator use tall open mouth containers filled to overflow with another change of fresh water.
- ◆ I place water-soaked towels on the shelf of the refrigerator before setting the jars in.
- ◆ Remove fruits and old veggies that will produce gas killing toxins from the refrigerator.
- ◆ Be careful that the blooms have their own space, touching and crowding can deform the bloom.
- ◆ If you are keeping daffodils more than a couple of days you will need to spritz.
- ◆ Be sure your spray bottle is clean and that the water is clean and fresh if you are not using distilled water. Do not overdo the spray. You do not want water marks.
- ◆ You will also need to replace the water every few days. I have kept blue ribbon winners in the refrigerator for more than two weeks. If you are not refrigerating, still do the clean cut, grooming and place in fresh cool water.
- ◆ Avoid fans and heat sources. The blooms with perfect timing are cut late in the afternoon before the show.

I must confess I do a final walk about even after I have all my groomed flowers in the car to make sure I do not leave a blue-ribbon winner at home!

Wishing you happy picking and a successful daffodil show!

Middle Atlantic Region Fall Forum — Della Garrett October 24, 2026

Members of the club voted at the our November 2025 meeting to change the date of the club’s 2026 November meeting. This request was made so the Gloucester Daffodil Club could hold the meeting they were assigned on site. Save the date notices have gone out to representatives of this region’s organizations. Julie Minch, the Middle Atlantic Region Vice-President, has approved an on-site fall forum to be held in Gloucester. The GDC Vice-President, will coordinate the activities and all plans for the Fall Forum to be held on October 24, 2026. Every member of our club will be asked to help and an executive committee will be named to help with the plans which are in their infancy now. We hope to have a judges refresher and two keynote speakers.

There will be a bulb auction, the bulb exchange and a silent auction will also be offered. Rooms at the Hampton Inn have been reserved. Much of the food for the events will be from recipes in Daffodils and Delicacies. If you have any questions or would like to find out how you can help, please contact Della Garrett. We hope members will agree to help when they are called on. This event will showcase our young club and it successes. Our attention is focused on the show season for daffodils now. When the spring Daffodil Show season has passed, we will focus on the Fall Forum and the opportunities it presents to put our best foot forward.

Take a Self-Guided Driving Tour through Gloucester’s glorious spring countryside, featuring endless views, vistas and rivers of daffodils!



Drive the Daffodil Tour

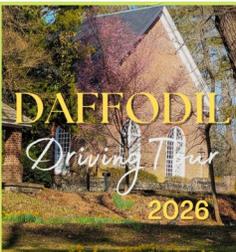
This is a *visual tour*. Please respect each property and view the daffodil locations from your vehicle or the roadside. Above all, do not disturb any part of the properties and do not pick the flowers! Please leave them for all to enjoy.

Contact us at daffodildrivingtour2020@yahoo.com

Created and designed by
Carla Stanley

The creator of this tour is not responsible for how many flowers are in bloom on any particular day, although she wishes she possessed this power.

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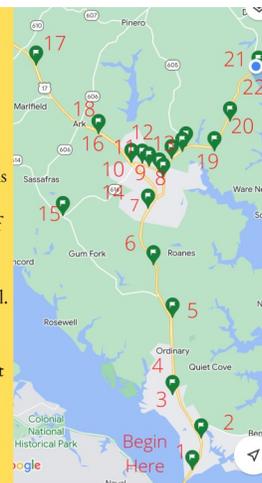


A self-guided visual tour of selected Daffodil locations in Gloucester County, Virginia

Visit gloriously arrayed gardens featuring endless views, vistas and rivers of daffodils! A self-guided tour, from your vehicle, along the highways and by-ways of Gloucester County, Virginia!

2026 Locations

1. Gloucester County Entrance—Gloucester Pt. turnaround.
2. Gloucester Point Baptist Church
3. Tidemill Shops/Scoots BBQ
4. Phillips Energy
5. Abingdon Episcopal Church – Entrance and cemetery
6. Old Page - Water Tower Rt. 17
7. Lockwood Carpets
8. Gloucester County Library
9. Split Enz Salon
10. Edgell Shopping Center/ Morgan Building
11. Gloucester Courthouse Area
12. Botetourt Elementary School
13. Newington Baptist Church – Daffodil Show Location
14. Fiddler’s Crossing
15. Walter Reed’s Birthplace – NEW! ADS Display Garden Location
16. Ark Park/Farmer’s Daughter
17. Adner: up County entrance turnaround head back up to the Courthouse Area to Rt. 14
18. Brown Park Skate Spot
19. Ware Episcopal Church – Cemetery in the back WOW!
20. Ware Academy
21. Nuttalls Store –Ware Neck PO
22. Brent & Becky’s Bulbs



The best times to see daffodils blooming in Gloucester is during the spring months of March and April, usually peaking the last week of March and first week of April. How many flowers are in bloom at a particular time is unpredictable and dependent on variables in nature.

Scan QR for Google Map:



Look for these signs!



Download a copy of our Driving Tour Brochure from our Website!

<https://gloucesterdaffodilclub.com>

Gloucester Daffodil Garden Tour

April 2 and April 3, 2026.

For Members Only—A special treat for you! Come see six different daffodil gardens, have lunch together and end with wine and cheese!

Thursday, April 2, 2026

Debbie Burgess - April 2 at 10:30 AM, 165 Redleaf Court, Kilmarnock, VA 22482, 703-431-8415, debsgarden4u@gmail.com

Debbie Burgess has always had a great love of gardening, birds and pollinators. From growing perennials, annual cut flowers, vegetables, ornamental shrubs and trees. After moving to Kilmarnock in 2010, she was surprised to see how many daffodils came up the following spring. After joining the Gloucester Daffodil Club her passion for all the different divisions grew and now has over a hundred varieties.

The shade gardens are her favorite. They have over 20 varieties of hellebores, native columbine, primroses, and more. The property has several ornamental trees including weeping cherries, redbuds, a star magnolia, a tulip magnolia, red buckeyes, a fringe tree and a much-admired coral bark maple. To have a successful vegetable garden, her husband built raised beds, which later they added a picket fence around it.

For LUNCH 12:00 noon we will venture to "The Office Bistro" for lunch located in Irvington at 4346 Irvington Rd, Irvington, VA 22480. If you plan to join us, please contact Deborah Brooks at lv2cdoo@verizon.net or 804-314-2168 by for her to make reservations.

Deborah Brooks -April 2 at 2:00 PM, 11 Muskreek Road, White Stone, VA 22578, 804-314-2168, lv2cdoo@verizon.net

Deborah's Garden is an eclectic and enchanting private retreat where art, nature, and imagination coexist in harmony. Created over 20 years from a once-wooded clearing, the garden reflects Deborah's belief to plant more. She keeps adding to her gardens encouraging the pollinators. She strongly believes in pollinator gardens. There are thousands of Daffodils in early spring followed by peonies, dogwood, crape myrtle, bayberry, fruit trees, blueberries, grapes, herbs, vegetables, and three varieties of wisteria throughout the seasons. From late winter through spring, the landscape comes alive with many varieties of daffodils, followed by peonies, daylilies, hydrangeas, annuals,

and year-round bloom. A natural transition flows from lawn to woods and onward to the shoreline of Mosquito Creek, creating seasonal interest and a sense of quiet seclusion. Whimsical mermaids appear in unexpected places, while wind chimes and garden art add charm and gently deter deer, ducks, and Canada geese.

A pool, terrace, gazebo, and small pond with frogs, koi, and fountains provide focal points, and a lighthouse swing near the pier offers views of herons arriving for breakfast, dinner and resting for the night. An Official Monarch Waystation and sustainable gardening practices-including bird, bat, and pollinator habitats-support abundant wildlife. In this serene yet playful paradise, visitors will find beauty, creativity, and joy at every turn.

Genie Applegate -April 2 at 4:00 PM, 8711 Exchange Lane, Gloucester, VA 23061, 571-217-2939, genie.applegate@gmail.com

Genie says daffodils are in her DNA. Her mother was a Midwesterner with an Aunt Milly who had a garden of hollyhocks behind a white picket fence. Her father was an Englishman who loved strolling in and admiring the gardens. Some of her earliest memories from childhood are of her mother's fields of daffodils-a little Genie lying in a bed of the blossoms overhead silhouetted against a perfect blue sky in a cloud of fragrance. Back then her fields and gardens contained state of the art flowers, but now they (and, alas, I?) are considered antiques. Historic daffodils speak to her from history and sentiment, even more so after she was fortunate enough to acquire Exchange in August, 2019.

Her first thought about daffodils was "to just wait and see what came up". She could not stand the suspense, so that first thought became "well, I'll plant just 25 varieties I can't live without" (only 25? ha-ha) ...then it was "well, I have to bring the varieties, some no longer commercially available, that I love from my Arlington garden."

In the end of the first fall, the situation morphed into Genie planting about 2,000 daffodil bulbs. Since then, she has added about 8,000 more daffodils and numerous small bulbs. She is guessing that about 800 varieties are there now, including some as yet unidentified ones that wonderfully popped up along Exchange Lane itself.

Gloucester Daffodil Garden Tour April 2 and April 3, 2026—continued

Friday, April 3, 2026

Debbie Rollins, April 3 at 11:00 AM, 744 Lovers Lane, Mathews, VA 23109, 804-725-0401, debcrollins@gmail.com

Debbie Rollins' garden is about twelve years old. Each year, she has planted between 1,000 and 2,000 daffodils. She looks forward to Brent and Becky's annual warehouse sale, where she buys multiple crates of bulbs to add to her ever-growing collection. The garden is a mixture of in-ground and raised beds. Her show daffodils are planted in raised beds and carefully labeled with plant markers. Several years ago, Debbie found a free boat on Facebook Marketplace and turned it into a unique planting project. She invited her two granddaughters to help her plant 300 daffodils in the boat. Positioned at the edge of the property with a creek behind it, the boat has become a cherished focal point. Each year, the girls have their picture taken beside it, and Debbie delights in seeing how much they have grown over time. This year, Debbie tried something new by planting approximately 50 pots of bulbs. She draws inspiration from Claus Dalby of Denmark, whom she enjoys watching on YouTube. He plants thousands of bulbs in pots and displays them throughout his garden each spring. Debbie hopes her own pots will be in full bloom when GDC visits in April.

Peggy Bowditch -April 3 at 1:00 PM, 8303 Robins Neck Road, Gloucester, VA 23061, 804-693-4811, peggyb72@gmail.com

Peggy purchased "Cedarow" (then called Brentwood) in 1972. We suspected there were daffodils on the 28 acres when the seller requested permission to dig bulbs. Our attorney advised us to decline, noting their likely value.

In the spring of 1973, John brought Peggy a bouquet of *Narcissus pseudonarcissus* with her morning coffee and that small handful of daffodils soon revealed eight acres of blooms. A pecan grove, mulched with *N. pseudonarcissus* and a few other cultivars, greets visitors as the first field of daffodils. As you travel down the lane, historic and classics appear throughout, leading to a brilliant field of Emperors and beyond that, scattered beds and nine boxes of daffodils. One side of the house features a large bed of historic and classics planted by the previous owners,

while the other side-between the house and the water displays a sweeping field of all-yellow daffodils. Peggy has continued to add at least 50 cultivars each year, even though the area occasionally receives saltwater "baths" during exceptionally high tides.

In 2016, when Peggy chaired the Gloucester Daffodil Show under county sponsorship, her son designed and built a raised bed. While she enjoys exhibiting, her greatest joy comes from sharing her daffodils. Each year in late May or June, she digs and give away around 1,000 bulbs.

Katherine Mazzocco - April 3 at 3:00 PM, 6179 Green Cove Lane, Ware Neck, 847-544-8701, katherinemazzocco@gmail.com

Katherine purchased her home in Ware Neck, overlooking the Ware River, in 2016. Although the property was new to her then, the area was not. She grew up spending summers just one road over on the North River with her cousins and extended family on her mother's side, whose roots trace back to Richmond. A lifelong gardener, Katherine holds degrees in Plant Science and Landscape Architecture. When she moved into the house, she discovered that the previous owner had left behind a diary containing five years of daily entries-an intimate record of the property's past. Many of the existing plants had been installed years earlier by the former owner and Katherine's neighbor and garden consultant, George Mclellan. Over time, much of the landscape had become overgrown. With George's guidance and Katherine's dedicated hands-on work, the vegetable garden and woodland garden have been carefully restored. Since then, Katherine has expanded the landscape dramatically, adding new garden areas and creating a sweeping "river" of 4,000 daffodil bulbs. One striking feature is a pair of 20-foot 'Jean May' camellias that have been trained and tied to form a graceful arch. Along the road, visitors will find a deciduous azalea garden and a vibrant red garden composed of both deciduous and evergreen azaleas interplanted with ferns. Katherine's passion for daffodils deepened in 2018, when she took the Judges Course, given by The American Daffodil Society at Brent & Becky's Bulbs. She has been "smitten" ever since. Her daffodil gardens now include a pink-and-white section, a chartreuse garden, the patio garden, and an area near the vegetable garden planted with bulbs hybridized by Brent & Becky's Bulbs and featuring cultivars named after birds. Together, these gardens reflect Katherine's deep personal history with the land, her professional training, and her enduring love of plants.

Upcoming Club Events in Gloucester—

- ◆ 2/21- Vendor Event at Brent & Becky’s Bulbs. Help sell cookbooks at this annual Open House and Vendor Market. There will be a Master Gardeners talk on Pruning at 10 am and the Vendor Market will be from 11 am to 2 pm. The market will be held in the greenhouse so you will be dry and comfortable! Sign up sheet circulated at the 2/12 meeting.
- ◆ 3/26- Daffodil ID and Show Preparation Workshop, with Brent Heath and Kathering Mazzocco. 5-7 pm at Brent & Becky’s Bulbs.
- ◆ 3/28 and 3/29 Gloucester Daffodil Festival /Gloucester Daffodil Show and ADS Middle Atlantic Regional Show. Carla Stanley, 2026 Show Chair. Many GDC members are involved.
- ◆ Daffodil Driving Tour
- ◆ 3/27, 3/28 and 3/29- Daffodils and Delicacies Cookbook sold at the Daffodil Show welcome table. Be where all of the action is!! Sign up sheet will be circulated at our 2/12 meeting.
- ◆ Gloucester Daffodil Garden Tour, 4/2 and 4/3. See previous page for info. Sign up sheet to be circulated at February 12, 2026 meeting. For those who could not attend, please contact Deborah Brooks to sign up for these GDC Member Only Garden Tours!

Upcoming Events Outside of Gloucester—

- ◆ 3/7- Carolina Daffodil Show, Charlotte, NC
- ◆ 3/21-22- VA Daffodil Society Show, Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden, Richmond, VA
- ◆ 3/24-25- Garden Club of Virginia Daffodil Show, VA Beach, VA
- ◆ 3/28-29- Gloucester Daffodil Show/ADS Middle Atlantic Regional Show, Gloucester, VA
- ◆ 4/7- Upperville Garden Club Daffodil Show, Upperville, VA
- ◆ 4/10-12- WDS Daffodil Show, Alexandria, VA
- ◆ 4/16- Maryland Daffodil Society Show, Baltimore, MD
- ◆ 4/17-19- Tuscarora Daffodil Group Show Chambersburg, Pa.
- ◆ 4/22-25- ADS National Show and Convention, Chicago, IL.

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