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A Gloucester Daffodil Club Newsletter October 2026

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Upcoming Meetings—

- October 23 and 24, Middle Atlantic Fall Forum Regional Meeting
- February 11, 2027—"Historic Daffodils in Gloucester—A Restoration Project" (Speakers: Caela Gilsinan and Amber Bridgeman)
- May 13, 2027—"Joe Hamm" the "Daffodil Man's Legacy and Historic Bulb Preservation", Speaker: Matt Duddy, Daffodils.com

A Message from our President — Katherine Mazzocco

As you all know, it is the Gloucester Daffodil Club's turn to host the American Daffodil Society's Middle Atlantic Region meeting, which will take place on October 24th. Thank you so much for working hard to make the meeting special and informative! Look forward to delicious food organized by Della Garrett (and cooked by many), excellent topics, and our traditional bulb exchange. If you have any bulbs to contribute, please let Judith Williams know- and bring your bulbs to the meeting marked with the cultivar name and color code. Judith's email address is judithgail@gmail.com.

We've scheduled our bulb planting projects for the fall. And, this year, we've appointed different leaders to head up each planting. Please join us to help plant daffodils throughout Gloucester! It's fun, good exercise, and our club mission!

I hope you are all looking forward to planting daffodils in your yard this fall. Information on good horticultural practices are in this newsletter. And while our gardens sleep, Carla Stanley and Tammie Spivey will be meeting with children at many different schools to teach them about daffodils- and give them daffodils supplied by wonderful growers. Our Daffodil Driving Tour brochure will be updated for next spring. Members are now meeting regularly to prepare for the Gloucester Daffodil Show in early April. Our next club meeting won't be until February 11th so enjoy the fall and our upcoming gathering. Thank you so much for being such great members!

Membership- September 2026 - Chris Conley

We welcome Jim Woodward and Douglas Dear as new members. We also offer our sincere condolences to member Lisa Yeaw on the loss of her granddaughter and to members Alan Goeke on the passing of Lynne Goeke.

Middle Atlantic Region's Fall Forum —Live!

Our entire club has been busy getting ready for our regional event on October 24th . I think that you will enjoy it and learn from our accomplished speakers. Supporters for the agenda have been very generous . We appreciate what they have done. We have over 100 people coming. Seven clubs will represent the Middle Atlantic region. Website and Facebook publicity was successful! Food will be served from our very own Daffodils and Delicacies cookbook. Many thanks to all of you!

MIDDLE ATLANTIC REGION'S FALL FORUM—LIVE!

Saturday, October 24, 2026

Pre-Forum Activity for Early Arrivals – Friday, October 23, 2026, 6 p.m.
at the Party Barn at White Hall, 5631 White Hall Road, Gloucester

(Registration Required, Space Limited)

Supper from the pages of Daffodils and Delicacies
History of Daffodils in Gloucester – Jay Hutchins

Saturday
Fine Arts Museum of Gloucester
6894 Main Street, Gloucester, Virginia
8 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. Registration
Breakfast items, juice and coffee

Forum Boutique Opens
8:30 a.m. Judge's Refresher -Growing, Identifying, and Judging Miniatures—Kathy Welsh
9:30 a.m. Business Meeting – Julie Minch, ADS regional Vice president
and Katherine Mazzocco, Gloucester Daffodil Club President.
10 a.m. Reports from Middle Atlantic Groups
Carolina Daffodil Society
Gloucester Daffodil Club
Maryland Daffodil Society
Virginia Daffodil Society
Washington Daffodil Society
Garden Club of Virginia
Upperville Daffodil Club

11 a.m. to 12 noon - Engaging Youth - Mary Malavase and panel of Marty Ross, Tammie Spivey and Carla Stanley

12 noon Lunch from the pages of Daffodils and Delicacies

1 p.m. to 2 p.m. Historic Daffodils - Janet Hickman

2 p.m. Bulb Auction - Jay Hutchins, auctioneer- followed by Bulb Exchange

3 p.m. Forum Boutique closes

3 p.m. to 4 p.m. Planting Bulbs in Pots - Brent Heath
4 p.m. Leave for a tour of the gardens, wine and cheese at
Brent and Becky's Bulbs—7900 Daffodil Lane, Gloucester.
The gardens and bulb shop will be open for those attending the forum.

Upcoming Club Events—

- October 23 and October 24- ADS Middle Atlantic Region Fall Forum and Bulb Exchange.
- November 4th, Club Members to pick up Pink Bulb Collection purchase at Brent & Beckys Bulbs, 2:00-3:30 pm.
- November 7th- Outing to Lewis Ginter Botanical Gardens. "Daffodil, Jonquil, or Narcissus?", given by GDC member Susan Auman. Register at: Daffodil, Jonquil, or Narcissus? Learn Classification, Outstanding Cultivars, and More - Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden , 10-11:30 am. Class is $20/$25 with emphasis on the 13 divisions of daffodils and the Wister Awarded Cultivars, Lunch at the Lewis Giner cafeteria (great food!). We will carpool from the Gloucester Public Library parking lot at 7:45am. Arrive back in Gloucester by 3:30 pm. Join us!
- 11/11-11/15 American Daffodil Society Fall Forum, Atlanta
- November 14th- Bulb Planting at Gloucester Toyota.
- December 3rd- Bulb Planting at Gloucester High School and at State Farm/Joshua Junker.
- December 10th- Bulb Planting at VDOT Turn Around at Gloucester Point.
- 4/1/27- Daffodil ID and Show Preparation Workshop, with Brent Heath. 5-7PM at Brent & Becky's Bulbs.
- 4/2/27 (Set Up) and 4/3-4/4/27- Gloucester Daffodil Festival /Gloucester Daffodil Show. Carla Stanley, 2027 Show Chair. Many GDC members are involved and meeting now.
- Daffodil Driving Tour. Brochures available in March.

Treasurer's Report —Linda LeMasters

Cash on Hand

Bank Account Overview

Account	Fun / Las
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Financial Activity September 1, 2026-—October 12, 2026

Budget Heading	
Administrative Income and Expense	$83
Activities/Fund Raising	$2,92

Fundraising: Treasures Galore/Silent Auction/Boutique

Fundraising is always a vital component of a non-profit. The cookbooks continue to sell, and we hope people will want them after the forum for Christmas gifts. The Treasures Galore/Silent Auction/ Boutique, offers members items they may enjoy and brings in some funds for the club. The committee handing this fundraising effort work hard to obtain and then offer items. The inventory for the forum is incredible. For members attending, don't fail to check it out. The members' response to help with forum expenses has been generous.

Members have contributed over $3,000 in cash plus items for the live bulb auction, bulbs for the bulb exchange and many other things needed for the forum. Our dues can remain low because of various fundraising projects. Let any ideas you may have for generating income be known.

GDC Bulb Planting Schedule- please sign up!

Our Mission- to plant daffodils throughout Gloucester County!

Katherine Mazzocco will send a club wide email out to you about bulb planting sign up. Please reply to her at katherinemazzocco@gmail.com if you can help and which project(s) you are available to help with. We'll email you with a reminder or if there is a weather delay.

Here are our upcoming projects with dates and times:

- November 14th, 10:00 AM: Gloucester Toyota, 6357 S. George Wash Mm Hy. They are longtime supporters of the Daffodil Festival and the work home to Anne Earman. 300 bulbs around 9 banners. John Capin to lead. **Need 12 volunteers**.
- December 3rd, 9:30: Gloucester High School with Future Farmers of America and teacher Renee Hypes. 225 Daffodils in Gloucester Dukes colors! 6680 Short Lane. Enter at the Dukes Kiosk, Bus and Stadium Entrance. Kelli and Harry Belvin to lead. **Need 6 volunteers.**
- December 3rd, 10:00: State Farm/Joshua Junker, 6728 Sutton Road. Bill Thomas is donating the soil for the planters and will lead the project. 140 bulbs. **Need 4 volunteers**.
- December 10th, 10:00: VDOT Turn-around at Gloucester Point with Gregg Tonge and crew, Gloucester Parks and Recreation. The turn-around is on the east side (VIMS side) of Rt 17, across from the Gloucester Inn Motel. The motel address is 1408 George Wash. Mem. Hwy. 2500 bulbs will be donated or discounted by Brent & Beckys. Parks and Rec people will prepare the bed, add soil, and cover the bulbs with soil. They recommend that we "throw" the bulbs over the bed since the bulbs will right themselves once the roots grow. Our major task will be smoothing the soil at the end so please bring a hard rake. John Capin to lead. **Need 10 volunteers**.

LAST CALL!
to list your cultivars on the Bulb Exchange Excel Sheet.
PLEASE INCLUDE:
Name
Division / Color Code
Hybridizer
Year Registered
Number of Bags/Bulbs
Send your list to:
judithgail@gmail.com

A DAFFODIL GROWER'S YEAR....

SEPTEMBER

Prepare beds for planting. Don't dig any more bulbs, new roots are starting Still chance to order new bulbs. Fertilize existing plantings if you want (opinions vary). Potato fertilizer is economical and is low in nitrogen. This is better for the bulbs

OCTOBER

Are your beds ready? Some top old plantings with a layer of compost. Store new bulbs in a dry safe place with air circulation until you are ready to plant. Some daffodil growers in this area plant in October. Plant only firm bulbs. Let the supplier know if he has sent you a soft bulb You may want to take a picture of the bad bulb

NOVEMBER

Plant your bulbs. Watch for soil to cool. A temperature of fifty-four (54) degrees is suggested. Consult greencasteoronline.com/tools/soil-temperature. It is important that you identify your bulbs. Use markers and chart your plantings. Some also plant a small label next to the bulb. Make sure new and old bulbs get plenty of water

DECEMBER

Finish planting in our area if you want blooms for our show. Don't forget to water
Bulbs make wonderful holiday gifts

JANUARY

Daffodils may still be planted if the ground isn't frozen. Start thinking about daffodil show schedules. Get a daffodil show toolkit prepared- or buy one from the GDC
Some fertilize as the green shoots appear
They still need water if the ground isn't frozen

FEBRUARY

Keep a record of when the various cultivars bloom. Continue record keeping. Register at daffodil shows.
Cut blue ribbon winners to hold in the fridge.

MARCH

Correct charts of plantings if necessary. Cut for your home, gifts and shows. Still remember to water. Mark clumps that need dividing

APRIL

More shows. Water, water, water. Attend shows and take notes. What daffodils win? Notice staging of vases of three. Study winning collections. Note the daffodils you want.Some advocate a third fertilizing after blooming.

MAY

Water for about three weeks after blooming then STOP. Don't cut your daffodils foliage until it turns a crispy tan (four to six weeks after blooming). You'll be cutting next year's flower. Start digging early enough to know where the daffodil you want to dig is buried. If you feel you need to dig, replant immediately or begin drying process. Start ordering new bulbs.

JUNE

Many daffodil growers never dig, others dig every three years. If you dig this is a good time Order, order, order
Discard dead foliage. Do not add to your compost.

JULY

Don't let divisions 6 and 9 bulbs go completely dry. You can still dig.

AUGUST

Still ordering. Still digging if you want
Then be ready to start all over again

Your best source of information is another grower in your area.

Middle Atlantic 2027 Spring Shows

March 13: The Carolina Daffodil Society will hold its show at Carmel Presbyterian Church, Charlotte, NC. Contact Lewis Bozard at info@carolinadaffodil.org

March 23-24: The Garden Club of Virginia show will be held at King Family Vineyard just west of Charlottesville. https://gcvirginia.org/events-workshops/flower-shows/

March 26-27: The Virginia Daffodil Society will hold its show and the Midddle Atlantic Regional Show at Lewis Ginter Botanical Gardens, 1800 Lakeside Ave., Richmond, VA. Contact Nancy Fuchs, nanfox@gmail.com

April 3-4: The Gloucester Daffodil Club Show will hold its show in conjunction with the Gloucester Daffodil Festival at Newington Baptist Church. Show Chairman: Carla Stanley, daffodilshowofgloucester23@gmail.com

April 6: The Upperville Garden Club will host its show at Buchanan Hall, Upperville ,VA. Show Chairman: Rose Rogers, rar1960@verizon.net

April 7-8: The Maryland Daffodil Society Show will be held at Cylburn Arboretum, 4915 Greenspring Ave., Baltimore, MD . Chairman is Sally Waller, sallywaller77@yahoo.com, 443-761-2363. For more info and a show schedule- https://marylanddaffodil.org

April 10-11: WDS Daffodil Show will be at the Alexandria Scottish Rite Temple 1430 West Braddock Rd, Alexandria. Contact Mary Anne Barton at daffyfun100@gmail.com or text 571-225-0345

April 15-18: The ADS 2027 National Convention and Show in Providence, RI. Information on American Daffodil Society web site: https://daffodilusa.org

Youth Program — Carla Stanley

The Gloucester Daffodil Club will be continuing their youth education classes this fall. We have plans to work with four elementary schools, the Montessori school, and possibly the Boys and Girls Club.

Many fabulous growers help support this program by donating bulbs to give to each child. Last year there were over 100 entries in our youth division in the Gloucester Daffodil show.

This program really helps to get students interested in planting, growing and showing daffodils.

If you would like to help us you can contact Carla Stanley, Tammie Spivey and Marty Ross.

Keep your eyes open for the 2027 Daffodil Driving Tour. Details available in late Feb and early March. The tour always includes some of the most beautiful daffodil sites in Gloucester County.

It also features some of our Clubs' recent plantings. This self-guided tour is a wonderful and fun thing to do as the daffodils are blooming in the Spring.

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, 2026 for Thanksgiving and December 18, 2026 for Christmas. For other special occasions, please note the date to be honored.

GLOUCESTER DAFFODIL CLUB MEMORIAL & HONORARIUM DONATION

Please complete all requested information below to appropriately note your kind donation and wishes and return to Kathleen Gillerlain. For other special occasions, please note the date to be honored.

DONOR INFORMATION:

Name_____ Mailing Address_____

Email Address_____ _____

Phone_____ _____

Acknowledge donation to individuals) as: Anonymous/self/etc._____ DONATION AMOUNT ($_____) Date to be Honored:_____

RECIPIENT: **"In Honor of:"**

Name_____

Mailing Address_____

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"In Memory Of"

Name of Deceased _____

Individual to Notify_____

Mailing Address_____

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Additional Named Recipients, and information may be noted below.

CHECK PAYABLE to: Gloucester Daffodil Club .

RETURN CHECK AND INFORMATION SHEET TO:

Kathleen Gillerlain, (757) 268-5124

2758 Frying Pan Farm Lane

Hayes, VA 23072

Club Information: Date Received /____/26 Acknowledgement /____/26