



Narcissus Notes

Gloucester Daffodil Club Newsletter

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Next Meeting

The GDC will meet Thursday, September 12th, 4 p.m. at the Chesapeake Lounge at Brent & Becky's Bulbs.

Message from Mary Helen—

Dear Club Members,

Finally, the heat is abating, and we can feel more like human beings again!

As a teaser for the September 12th Meeting ... do we have a meeting for you!

Katherine Mazzocco, Vice President, will have Daffodil Show Toolboxes for you to purchase. Jim Camp will be giving an overview of all the planting sites he has for this fall and recruiting volunteer support. There will be handouts for your use in planting and planning your Daffodil year, special recognitions for club members, sign-up sheets for all types of opportunities ... none which will you want to miss. And, a major special surprise announcement that will need everyone involved for fun and success. Oh yes, for refreshments, all the board members will be bringing special dishes for you to enjoy. What more could you want? Door Prizes? Yes, they will be there too! Come see what else is happening.

Further in this newsletter, is a request for "Hosts for Housing" judges who will be at the Gloucester Daffodil Show, an announcement about the flower identification and preparation workshop held before the show, and a final request for original artwork for our Club logo to be used on stationery and brochures, so please participate and support these opportunities.

As a reminder, November is our Bulb Exchange meeting, so be prepared to find extraordinary bulbs- you may even have some you would like to contribute to the Exchange. Please let Katherine know about this. And one more special event to consider- this spring will be another anniversary of our club and election of officers. Please consider agreeing to be nominated, and stay tuned for the announcement of the special celebration for May.

Don't Forget...Our next meeting is at 4 pm at Brent and Becky's Bulbs on September 12th.

Look forward to seeing each of you,
Mary Helen Morgan

In 2023-24, GDC members planted approximately 5900 bulbs!

Our total bulb count since the club's beginning is 238,740!

Thank you, GDC members for your commitment to turning Gloucester yellow!



Planting prep at TC Walker House

Dianne Spence Awarded the Massie Medal from the Garden Club of Virginia

In June 2024, GDC member Dianne Spence received the prestigious Massie Medal for Distinguished Achievement for 50 years of service to the Garden Club of Williamsburg. Congratulations, Dianne!

From the VDS Facebook page:

Massie Medal for Distinguished Achievement



Congratulations to Dianne Nea Spence, 2024 recipient of GCV's most prestigious honor.

Inscribed on her medal are the words, "In gratitude for her visionary leadership, her unwavering dedication and her gift of mentorship." Dianne celebrates 50 years of service to her club, the Garden Club of Williamsburg, and she has been a nonresident member of the Garden Club of Gloucester and Mathews since 2005. Dianne has served as GCV Finance Committee Chairman, GCV Treasurer and Restoration Committee Chairman. She is renowned for her exhibition daffodils. Her many years of dedicated board and committee work are inspiring and reflect her generous spirit.

Pictured: Scott and Dianne Spence, Jack and Nina Mustard

Welcome New GDC Members!

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| Tal Ambrose | Bill Andersen |
| Kathy Andersen | Roxanna Andersen |
| Karen Bristow | Kathleen Bristow |
| Kristi Buckman | Sara Stoneburner |
| Gregg Strader | |

Dues and Daffodil Collection Payment

GDC annual dues and payment for daffodil collection pre-orders are due at the September meeting. Please pay membership chairman Peggy Bowditch at the meeting or better yet, mail your check to Membership Chair Peggy Bowditch, 8303 Robins Neck Road, Gloucester 23061.

One year - \$10, 3 years - \$25, Lifetime - \$100
Club folders that include a directory are provided to all dues-paying members.

There is still time to order your Gloucester Daffodil Club 2024 Collection!

The meeting on September 12th is the final date to order the 2024 GDC Bulb Collection, which includes 3 bulbs each of 'Bravoure,' 'Jamestown,' 'Thalia,' 'Rapture,' and 'Golden Echo.' Orders must include payment. Collections will be delivered at the November 14th GDC meeting.

Don't delay! Only a few collections left! You won't want to miss the opportunity to grow these Blue Ribbon winners!

Planting at Woodville School!

In March 2024, Bambi Thompson, Board member of The Woodville Rosenwald School Foundation contacted Susan Camp about planting historically accurate daffodils on the school grounds. In early June, Peggy Bowditch and Jim and Susan Camp met with Bambi and Sue Perrin to begin developing a planting plan for the school grounds.

Woodville School, one of 5300 Rosenwald Schools located primarily in southern states to educate African-American children, was active from 1923 to 1939. Woodville is the only surviving Rosenwald School of the eight that once existed in Gloucester County. Julius Rosenwald was a philanthropist and president of Sears, Roebuck & Co. during the early 1900s. Go to The Woodville Rosenwald School Foundation website to view an excellent video on the history of Woodville School.



2024-25 Gloucester Daffodil Club Planting Sites and Bulb Counts:

Woodville School – 1,400 Bulbs (100 Mt. Hood, 750 Saint Keverne, 250 Grand Primo, and 300 Sweetness) donated by Peggy Bowditch

Crab Express – 800 Bulbs (500 Dutch Master and 300 Mt. Hood) donated by Bill and Jennifer Martin

Sanders Retirement Center – 750 Bulbs (600 Carltons and 150 Elvin’s Voice) Gloucester Daffodil Club (GDC)

Heron Cove – 750 Bulbs (600 Carlton and 150 Starlight Sensation) GDC

Peasley Middle School – (500 Carlton) GDC

Upsy-Daisy – 300 Bulbs (200 Carlton and 100 Elvin’s Voice) GDC

Courthouse Pediatrics – 500 Bulbs (350 Carlton and 150 Smiling Twin) GDC

Fiddler’s Crossing – 500 Bulbs (400 Carlton and 100 Smiling Twin) GDC

Goodman’s at The Point – 450 Bulbs (350 Carlton and 100 Starlight Sensation) GDC

Planting dates: November 14th and 16th

December 5th and 7th

December 12th and 14th

Make up dates: December 17th and 19th

Contact Jim Camp with questions.

Email: jcliftoncamp@gmail.com

Text: 804-815-6463

Katherine Mazzocco will assist with scheduling volunteers.

Email: katherinemazzocco@gmail.com

Upcoming Opportunities:

Gloucester Daffodil Club Art Contest Rules:

The following criteria will be used to assess and select original art work that will be used as a visual

designation for the Gloucester Daffodil Club. This will be as a logo, for name tags, letterhead and the like.

A second category, with another design, may be submitted for consideration for use on note cards, brochures, etc.

The Judges decision will be final and the winning entry - entries will become the property of the club.

1. Art work is to be original. Minimal computer assisted design will be allowed, but is not necessary.

2. May include Gloucester Daffodil Club name or another identifier.

3. Design should be easily reproducible.

4. Submission should be no larger than 8x12” and would not lose integrity when reduced or enlarged in size.

5. May include the founding date of the club.

All entries are to be received on or before

September 30, 2024. Please submit your artwork to Mary Helen Morgan, 505 Skipjack Lane, Cobbs Creek, VA 23035. Winners will be announced at the November Meeting.

Daffodil Show 'Toolkits' Available at Cost

We are selling fun toolkits to use when preparing your daffodils for show. They are \$22, and one kit will be available for demonstration at our September meeting along with a sign-up sheet. You can pay for a kit when you order or at the November meeting when you pick up your kit.

Much Anticipated Bulb Exchange

Hello members! We will hold our Annual Bulb Exchange during the November GDC meeting at Brent & Becky's Bulbs, Chesapeake Room, 4:00 p.m., November 14th. Please consider contributing a bulb or two from orders you may be getting from bulb companies. Email me at katherinemazzocco@gmail.com so I can add your donated bulbs to the sale spreadsheet. Please bring those bulbs a few minutes earlier than 4:00 p.m. start time. Thank you!

Request to GDC members to extend hospitality to the Gloucester Daffodil Show judges:

ADS certified judges travel on their own dime to judges ADS shows. They provide their own transportation and accommodations. Sometimes food is provided for their time at the show, but often they must pay for one or more meal. In return they get a gift that must be kept under \$15.

The Gloucester Show does a good job of feeding their judges, and some of the judges stay in private homes. We would like your help in having more homes opened to them. For the host it is a wonderful experience. The judges are delightful people. Their knowledge and love of daffodils is amazing.

Judges arrive on Friday, April 4, probably in time to enter some flowers. There is a judges' dinner for them and anyone traveling with them. They return to their lodging by 10 p.m. They wake on Saturday in time to enter their daffodils or no later than the judges' instructions at 10 a.m. Coffee or a light breakfast would be appreciated. There is ample food once they get to Newington. They also have lunch at the show. Most leave Gloucester after lunch.

If you are willing to offer accommodations to one or more judge, please provide Peggy Bowditch, (Peggyb72@gmail.com) the judges' chairman, with the following information:

How many private rooms are available?

What bed/s (king, queen, full or twin) are in the room/s?

Is there a private bathroom?

Are a lot of steps involved to get to and from the room?

Do you have pets (please specified)?

How many miles are you from Newington Baptist Church (venue for the show)?

Example: I'd love to host up to four judges. I have two guest rooms. Each has two twin beds. The two rooms share a bathroom. The rooms are on the

second story. I have a cat and a dog. I am 8 miles from Newington.

Name (telephone and/or email.)



More to Plant . . . You've Got Time

By Richard Ezell, reprinted with permission from the 2023 newsletter of the Tuscarora Daffodil Group.
(Please note he is working with the 2023 B&B catalog)

Yeh, the bulb selections at Wal-Mart and Home Depot are pretty well picked over these days. BUT it's still too early to be planting daffodils (tulips, hyacinths, and alliums too). But if all you've got to choose from are the left-overs at some of your local shopping regulars, what can you do? Kate Carney and I were talking the other day; . . . and she and I agreed that it's really too late . . . to be recommending mail order purchasing from the best-known international growers. But happily, there is "Brent and Becky's Bulbs," right near us on the East Coast with a considerable selection from Holland of well-chosen offerings. You probably have one of their colorful catalogs near at hand, . . . I'll list an assortment, favorites of mine, that might get you started: Rijnveld's Early Sensation 1Y-Y should be the first daffodil to open in your garden. Not for showing.

Altun Ha 2YYW-W at its best this one is just about THE BEST.

Pacific Rim 2Y-YYR this one "at its best" may be even better than Altun Ha.

Stainless 2W-W a dainty and dependable all white for show.

Gay Tabor 4W-O a double, finicky grower, but well worth trying.

All three of the "Sensations" named in the catalog are good 'uns.

Rapture 6Y-Y everybody's favorite cyclamineus hybrid.

Golden Echo 7WWY-Y. Dependable in the garden. OK too for showing.

Falconet 8Y-Y. Good. And a hardy variety of the sort that often prefer more southern climates.

Yellow Parrot 11Y-Y. Multi-headed split cup. Catalog calls "cute." And it is.

Bittern 12Y-O. Also "different" and cute.

Several miniatures: Often tricky to grow (just ask Kate or Mitch) but you should give some a try.

Baby Moon 7Y-Y, Snow Baby 1W-W, Minnow 8W-Y, Tete-a-Tete 12Y-Y, Sabrosa 7Y-Y,

Sun Disc 7Y-Y, Twinkling Yellow 7Y-Y, White Petticoat 10W-W, Kokopelli 7Y-Y.

Now that I've said it's not too late to order I should mention that it is an excellent idea to list some alternative choices just in case the first you mention are sold out. Could happen.

Once you get your bulbs open the packages and check to make sure they are healthy looking.

Keep them in a fairly cool, preferably dark, place until early October. (I usually don't get started planting until late October or later. (November and early December are my usual planting times.) Doesn't mean that's best, but seems to work for me.

Good luck.



GLOUCESTER DAFFODIL CLUB HOLIDAY DONATION

Dear Ladies and Gents,

Please complete all requested information below to appropriately note your kind donation and wishes and return on or before November 14, 2024 for Thanksgiving and December 15, 2024 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 (\$ _____)

RECIPIENT:

“In Honor Of”

- Name _____
- Mailing Address _____

“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, kathleen@gillerlain.com (757) 268-5124
2758 Frying Pan Farm Lane
Hayes, VA 23072

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

Club Information:

Date Received / ____/24

Acknowledgement / ____/24