



Midwest Daffodil Society

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Hey! Pay attention! It's different this year!

Those of you planning to enter the horticulture division of the American Daffodil Society/Midwest Daffodil Society show must know this: **Entries close at 7:30 a.m. on Saturday, April 25.** Why so early? Because this will be a much bigger-than-normal show and judging will take longer than usual. The show must be ready to open to the public at noon.

Here's another difference: **Entries may be made beginning at 2 p.m. Friday, April 24, and lasting through the night!**

To unload your blooms at the Regenstein Center, enter the Garden at the main entrance off Lake Cook Road. At the guard station, explain that you will be exhibiting in the daffodil show and get permission to enter the rear unloading and parking areas. Stop at the unloading area (see map on the other side) to unload your blooms using the carts provided. After you unload, return your car to the regular parking lot area.

Some of you who have exhibited in the past have received show schedules in the mail. Others can download the show schedule at midwestdaffodil.org. If you want exhibit cards, e-mail daffodil@dorners.net and they will be mailed to you. It is convenient but not required that you prepare these in advance.

The horticulture division will be held in Nichols Hall and the Joutras Gallery. Staging will be done in the Greenhouse Gallery, all in the Regenstein Center.

MDS bulb sale dates

The Midwest Daffodil Society annual bulb sale will be held October 17 and 18 in Burnstein Hall of the Regenstein Center, Chicago Botanic Garden. Hours are 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. each day.

Design Division of the show

The gardens at the Chicago Botanic Garden will provide the inspiration for this year's floral design show, to be held in Burnstein Hall of the Regenstein Center on April 25 and 26. Entries may be placed from 2 to 8 p.m. on Friday, April 24, and from 6 to 10:15 a.m. on Saturday.

Judging will be according to the National Council of State Garden Clubs by accredited Garden Clubs of Illinois judges. Awards are presented in each of five classes and for Best Design in Show and Best Use of Daffodils.

A full description of this year's design themes and rules is included in the show schedule which is available for download at midwestdaffodil.org.

Our Midwest Daffodil Society members Pat and Bill Hessel are serving as chairmen for the ADS/MDS show. For further information, contact Pat or Bill at pbhessel@sbcglobal.net

Garden club plant sales

The Long Grove-Kildeer Garden Club will hold its annual plant sale on Saturday and Sunday, May 16-17, indoors at the Reed-Turner Woodland, 3849 Old McHenry Road in Long Grove. All perennials are dug from members' gardens. Also on sale are heirloom tomato plants and organically grown herbs. Hours on Saturday are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.; on Sunday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The Buffalo Grove Garden Club plant sale is scheduled for Saturday, May 16 at the Alcott Center, 530 Bernard Drive, Buffalo Grove. More information and order forms are available at bgparkdistrict.org. Click on Information and then on Garden Clubs. Their flats contain 48 plants rather than the usual 36, and tomato plants are \$3.50 for a gallon container.

The Garden Club of Lake Zurich's sale will be on Saturday, May 9, from 9 a.m. to noon at the Ela Area Library, 275 Mohawk Trail, Lake Zurich.

All daffodil lovers, even those not participating in the show, are well advised to go to the Chicago Botanic Garden from noon to 5 p.m. on Saturday, April 25, or 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., or Sunday, April 26, to see what promises to be spectacular displays of our favorite flower. **Stephanie Lindemann, CBG Manager of Flower Shows, has developed plans for the best show ever. See you there!**

Photography Division

Photographers are invited to submit entries for the photography division of the ADS/MDS show, which will be held in the Bridge Gallery of the Regenstein Center on April 25 and 26.

There will be six classes to enter, featuring portraits of daffodils, daffodils in the garden, in their native habitat, with people, with animals, in arrangements, and in the abstract

Complete photography division rules and a description of the classes is included in the show schedule, which is available for download at midwestdaffodil.org.

Participants should take their entries to the show area on Friday, April 24, between noon and 8 p.m.

First, second, third and honorable mention awards will be given as merited in each class. The ADS Wells Knierim Ribbon for Best Photograph in Show will be awarded.

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ADS Convention Presentations

Members of the Midwest Daffodil Society are invited to join American Daffodil Society members on Saturday and Sunday, April 24 and 25, to hear presentations by five knowledgeable speakers.

Saturday speakers are:

Carole Salome: "Daffodils in Art," 2 p.m., Saturday, Alsdorf Auditorium, Regenstein Center, CBG

Carole will discuss the history of daffodils starting in 300 BC and continuing through the Golden Age to the present time. Illustrations, paintings and quotations of the artists and writers who documented these captivating flowers will be included in the lecture. Carol has been an artist for many years.

Trudi Temple, "Green Gardening," 3 p.m., Saturday, Alsdorf Auditorium, Regenstein Center, CBG

Trudi is an extraordinary gardener who transformed an ordinary one-acre yard into a show garden that attracts hundreds of visitors each year. She is also the founder of Market Day, the original fundraising corporation that provides a minimum of ten percent of all sales to

participating schools, churches and other non-profit organizations. Since 1975, Market Day has raised more than 330 million dollars for education. Her book, **Trudi's Garden**, won First Place in the Art/Photo/Coffee Table category at the Midwest Independent Publishers Association 2005 Midwest Book Awards.

See trudisgarden.com

Sunday speakers are:

Tom Stettner, "Before & After the Photo: how to get your best digital daffodil picture," 9:30 a.m., Sunday, Alsdorf Auditorium, Regenstein Center, CBG

Tom is well-known as a prolific producer of excellent daffodil photos, especially those captured at shows in the Midwest. He will speak about camera settings before the shot, tips on where to stand, how to shoot collections, and maintaining focus down to the tiniest of the micro miniatures. He will share lots of examples displaying his concepts and practices.

"Narcissus as Harbingers of Spring," Leora Seigel, 11 a.m., Sunday, Lenhardt Library, Regenstein

Center, CBG

Leora is the manager of the Lenhardt Library of the Chicago Botanic Garden.

"Growing \$50 Bulbs in 50 Cent Soil," Keith Kridler, 1 p.m., Sunday, Alsdorf Auditorium, Regenstein Center, CBG

Keith and Sandy Kridler bought a 20 acre badly eroded, worn out, diseased soil, cotton farm in the 1980's BEFORE they got interested in daffodils. Twenty five years later they are growing around 1,000 named cultivars and are able to sell some varieties commercially in spite of weather, bad soil, weeds and the various diseases all plants endure. Keith will share what he has learned from killing more daffodils than most people will ever grow.

Membership information

Members wishing to pay dues of \$5 per year may do so by sending a check made out to the Midwest Daffodil Society to Alan Champ, Treasurer, 1546 Willow Street, Lake Forest, IL 60045.

Include your address, phone number and e-mail address, if applicable.

New members are always welcome.

