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The Daffodil Rave



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President's Message

Dear Members,

It seems as though spring lasted for 2 weeks again this year, but they were a lovely two weeks. Most of my gardens are gone now and I live in a second story condo with no visible garden. No garden. Imagine me without my right arm! Thanks to good friends who have houses with large yards I have three local gardens available to me and part of one on Cape Cod and one in Arkansas. Most of my treasures went to good homes and I have visitation rights.

After starting a garden in 1999, I went crazy. My front yard had no grass but up sprang daffodils, iris, daylilies, and colchicum. The back yard gardens got bigger and bigger. Every season had its loveliness. But life changes and I needed to sell the house. I can barely stand to drive past the naked yard, now owned by a young couple who think grass is good. Luckily my godchild moved into the house next to her parents and said she hates gardening and I could do whatever I want! The possibilities seem endless. I forgot all the years that had gone since I first created my gardens. I can't dig all day as before and weeding seems endless. Did I get old when not looking? I'm slower but still digging. When I get overheated I stop. I've learned to pace myself and even ask for help. This creation will be smaller but more organized. I will not have the mentality that Dave Burdick calls, "Got a plant, need a hole to put it in." Right. I'll have an update this autumn on how well it went.

I have been to the garden in Illinois where many of my bulbs had been planted back in 2003 - 2006 and have dug out great clumps from the two or three bulbs that went in at that time. They are mostly classics - like me - and will be part of exchanges, trades and gifts to new gardeners. Again, I'm pacing myself since the dogs watching me don't know CPR!

A special shout out to Arla and Dave Chevess, our exceptional hospitality team, who transformed the messy staging room of the show into a café for snacks and lunch in a blitz attack. Arla made homemade soup which was delish! Thank you both!

There are a lot of sale dates in this issue of the newsletter and I hope members will spread the news about our sales at their other plant society and garden club meetings. A simple announcement at these meetings will target the exact gardeners we hope to attract.

I am really excited that Larry Force will be our speaker at the July 15 meeting (see pages 8 and 13). He's been gardening for such a long time with a variety of genera, and I know I will learn - or relearn - things that will help me create beautiful things. He enjoys creating miniatures and standards alike, and his enthusiasm is catching. Hope to see you all there!

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2018 GSLDS Show Report

Horticulture ~by Gary Knehans

All Show Photos by Cindy Haeffner or Pam Hardy.



Smooth Trumpet, 1 W-Y

March was so grudging in allowing any sustained spring like weather to develop that it seemed unlikely that there would be enough flowers to have our ADS show to take place as scheduled March 30 and 31 and April 1. However, through the determined effort to bring flowers to stage by many members of the GSLDS, the show, held the weekend of March 31 - April 1, was an unbelievable success. 16 exhibitors staged 228 entries with 432 stems. It was an amazing club response to what seemed to be such an impossible task!

The most delightful feature of the show was the number of different GSLDS members who came away with ADS ribbons--several of them for the first time.

Vaughn Meister grabbed the top prize--the Gold Ribbon for Best in Show--with a stunning display of Smooth Trumpet, a flawless early 1W-Y introduced by Charles Wheatley. She also was one of the show's hardworking clerks, along with **Brenda VanBooven**.

Dave Niswonger brought blooms up from Cape Girardeau to grab several ribbons--the Rose Ribbon for the best seedling in the show in 1-06, a very showy 2W-P from his breeding lines. Dave also secured the White Ribbon for Best Vase of Three with a trio of matched blooms of Rio Rondo, a 2O-O. The Silver Ribbon also was his for having the most blue ribbons in the show (14).

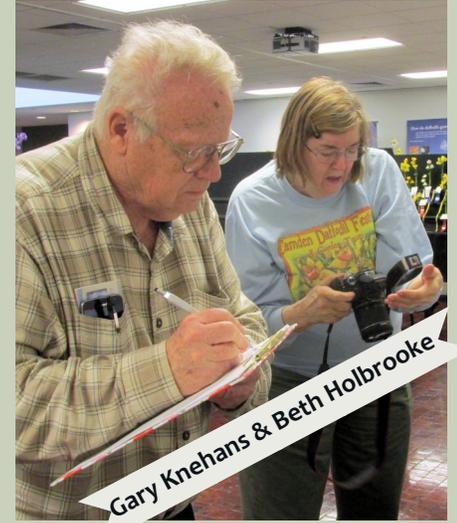
Charles Pickett, also from Missouri's Bootheel, won the Best Historic ribbon, for a single stem of Binkie, a 1938 classic 2Y-W.



Niswonger Sdlg 1-06, 2 W-P



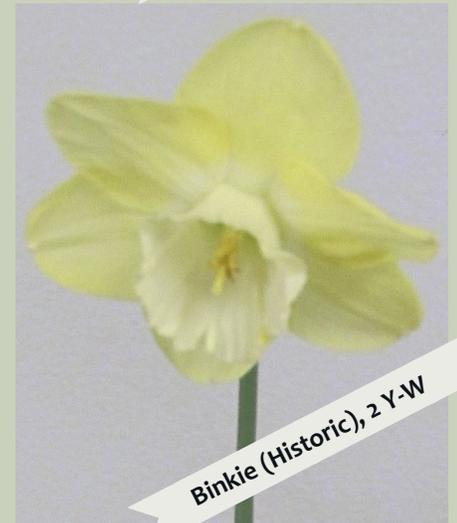
Rio Rondo 2 O-O



Gary Knehans & Beth Holbrooke



Su-Li Cheng & Kam Fok



Binkie (Historic), 2 Y-W

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Minnow, 8 W-Y

Kevin Hillemann won the Mini-Gold ribbon for the best miniature in the show, a beautiful multiple-flowered 8W-Y Minnow.

The show was noticeably lacking in many 5-stem and collection entries. However, **Cindy Haeffner** won both the Red-White-and-Blue Ribbon for her collection of five American-bred standard varieties. The same collection went on to win the Purple Ribbon for the best five-stem standard collection in the show. Featured were Pops Legacy 1W-Y, Pink Tango 11aW-P, Monal 2Y-R, Biosphere 2W-WWY, and Velocity 6Y-R.



Dik Dik (Intermediate) 2Y-R

Cindy also won the Intermediate Gold Ribbon for a stem of Dik Dik, a stunning 2Y-R.

Lynn Slackman, who is well-known as a master in growing and showing miniature daffodils, took the Lavender Ribbon for best miniature collection of five, having entered Little Sheba 6Y-Y, Oakwood Tyke 1W-W, Tete-a-Tete 12Y-Y, Alec Gray 1W-W, and Heidi's Sister 6Y-Y. She also won the Mini-White Ribbon for a superb vase of 3 of Adorable Lass 6Y-Y.



Adorable Lass, 6 Y-Y



G. Phillips from New Zealand w/ Cindy



Red White & Blue Winner
Purple Ribbon Winner



Lavender (Mini 5 Stem)

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Another miniature master, **Suzy Wert**, drove at night from Indianapolis to stage a winning Watrous Collection, consisting of Wright AW 2762/f, Likely Ladd 1Y-Y, Medway Gold 7Y-Y, Twin Cam 12Y-Y, Duncan 3383 6Y-Y, Chamber Music 6Y-Y, Tete-a-Tete, Candlepower 1W-W, Small Talk 1W-W, Elka 1W-W, Turbitt 16/a 6Y-Y, and Little Gem 1Y-Y.

Suzy also won a Miniature Bronze Ribbon with her five three-stem collection of Tete-a-Tete 12Y-Y, Snipe 6W-W, Duncan 3383 6Y-Y, Mary Poppins 10Y-Y, and Twin Cam 12Y-Y.



Gary Knehans won the ADS Ribbon for the best three-stem collection of the historic variety, Grand Primo, 8W-Y, which was known to exist at least by 1780. His single stem of Barrett Browning 3WWY-O (1945) won the Classic Single Ribbon and his 3-stem of the same variety won the Classic Vase-of-Three award.



Amanda Mulligan won the Brooke Ager Youth Challenge Award with a stem of Pink Charm 2W-WWP.

The Shaw Nature Reserve Challenge Cup was once again won by **Peter McAdams**.

Cindy Haeffner won the Gateway Challenge Cup with POPS Legacy, 1W-Y.



Design by Numbers

~by Suzanne Raymond

The Design Section of the Greater St. Louis Daffodil Society show, “Daffodil Elements,” contained ⑫ entries created by ⑫ designers. In the ⑦ Design Classes, we had ④ big winners, those who received a blue ribbon for a first place in class design. For Classes 1, 2, and 3 (Water, Wood, and Fire), **Kim Petersen** won the blue ribbons. In Class 4 (Earth) the blue ribbon winner was **Jim Morris**, and in Class 5 (Metal) the blue ribbon was won by **Jean Morris**. In the Youth Only Classes 6 and 7 (Building Blocks and Elementary School), the blue ribbons went to **Leeza (Elizabeth) C.**

The Design Committee wishes to thank our daffodil friends and club members who helped make the Design Section possible in spite of our cold weather by bringing daffodils from the more southerly (warm) areas of the region. Also, thank you to all those who participated in the Design Section, thank you to our ③ National Garden Club Design Section Judges and our ① Design Clerk (**Pam Hardy**) for their assistance. Finally, the most exciting numbers of all. We had ② extra special winners. **Kim Petersen** won the Best Design in Show for her “Water” design, as well as the Design Sweepstakes award for the most blue ribbons, and **Leeza C.** won the Best Youth Design and the Youth Sweepstakes awards. All of those numbers added up to ① amazing Design Section of our beautiful Daffodil Show!



Jim Morris's winning entry,
Earth



Jean Morris's winning entry,
Medal.



Kim Petersen's winning entry,
Water. This went on to win the
best arrangement of the Show



Kim Petersen's winning entry,
Wood

Photography Division Recap

~by Beth Holbrooke

This year's entries in the photography division were the largest we ever had at our annual event. We had seven people enter a total of thirty nine photos. Thank you to all who participated!

The brand new ADS award for Best Youth Photograph was won by **Amanda Mulligan** for her entry "Snow Princess". The National ADS Wells Knierim Award for Best in the Show went to **Beth Holbrooke** for her entry of "Molly" in the "Daffodils with People" category. **Rose Bradley** won 4 of the 8 classes.

Our judge Emil Beier had a difficult time choosing. He said they were all really well displayed and gave the show extra color and interest.

I'm hoping that many of you took photos that can be entered in next year's show. To that end, I am offering to print a photo **at my expense** from a digital image sent to me via email. This offer is for any member who sends it to me before Dec 31, 2018 for entry in the show. bethholbrooke@aol.com



Photo left, "Molly", the Wells Knierim Winner taken by Beth Holbrooke. Photo of the photo by Pam Hardy.

Above: a display of photos from the 'Portraits of Daffodils' category, won by Rose Bradley. Photo by Cindy Haeffner.

ADS National Convention, Nashville, TN

Five of our favorite GSLDS members attended the ADS National Convention at Nashville, TN this year. **Pam Hardy** has graciously shared her photos from the event for our newsletter.



Left to right: Pam Hardy, Cindy Haeffner, Rose Bradley, Lynn Slackman.
Not pictured: ADS Outgoing President, Mike Berrigan.



2018 Shaw Dig



2018 Shaw Diggers, Front: Bill Cole, Alex, Valerie Mertz; **2nd Row:** Brenda VanBooven, Jessica Staten, Cindy Haeffner, Vaughn Meister. **3rd Row:** Jamis Staten, Peter McAdams, Jason Delaney Larry Force, **Back:** Kevin Hillman (red cap), Joy Haeffner (green cap).



Larry Force, with **Cindy Haeffner** and **Jason Delaney**, presenting the Royal Horticultural Society's certificates of registration for the daffodils 'Shaw's Gift' and 'Shaw's Legacy' to Shaw Nature Reserve Director, Quinn Long, on behalf of the Greater St. Louis Daffodil Society. Both flowers are naturally occurring miniature daffodil hybrids which were discovered by Larry among the vast naturalized colonies of *Narcissus poeticus* at Shaw Nature Reserve. GSLDS paid for the frame and matting out of proceeds from Brent and Becky's Bloomin' Bucks fundraising program.

Larry will be presenting the GSLDS July Meeting Program, '[Modern Miniature and Standard Daffodils](#)' on July 15. See page 13.



Lunch at the Trail House at SNR is a relaxed event. **From left to right:** Peter McAdams, Jason Delaney, Valerie Mertz, and Bill Cole.



An informal challenge throw down of future Shaw Challenge Cup contenders.

Not that anybody is counting their chickens before they hatch, but...



Left: 'Shaw's Gift' **Right:** 'Shaw's Legacy'. Both are miniature *N. poeticus* flowers that Larry Force found and named from SNR

McAdams' Open House

Photos by Peter McAdams



Peter McAdams' Open House was rescheduled twice due to the terribly late spring we had. Even with the date pushed back, Peter said the flowers *still* weren't at peak bloom. Attending were: **Lynn Slackman, Linda York, Mary Susan & Allen Greenwalt, Vaughn Meister, The McCann's, Jamis Staten Family, Holly Langford and family, Patricia Titchenal family, with hosts, Peter & Jan McAdams.** They had a great time drinking wine, roasting wieners, s'mores, eating sandwiches and much more. **Photo left:** Vaughn Meister, Mary Susan & Allen Greenwalt, Linda York.



From Shaw to Faust

Digging bulbs at Shaw Nature Reserve is all good and well, but what do you do with all the bulbs you dig? **Valerie Mertz** has figured it out handily—she transplants the historic Shaw varieties to the historic Mertz Log Cabin in Faust Historic Village, part of the St. Louis County Parks Department in Chesterfield.



Above: Valerie Mertz planting daffodils from Shaw Nature Reserve in front of the historic [Mertz cabin](#) at Faust Park. She worked with Micha Kornblum at Faust Historic Village, planting a multitude of bulbs around several historic buildings. The perfect use for historic Shaw bulbs!

Photos: Micha Kornblum.

<https://www.stlouisco.com/ParksandRecreation/ParkPages/Faust/HistoricVillage>



Left: Mertz Cabin - Home of Ludwig and Salome Mertz, began as a modest, single room log home in 1848 when the family first arrived in the United States from Germany. In typical fashion, they followed a cousin and were, in turn, followed by others, eventually forming a community then known as New Alsace. By 1858 it had grown into a four room home to house their expanding family.

On just thirty acres (now part of Maryville University), the family grew potatoes, corn, peas, and beans, with enough oats and hay to support eight dairy cows. The cabin was moved to Faust Park from Broomstick Rd.

Valerie Mertz' husband is descended from this family, and no doubt her work is a labor of love.

Photo, Alex Herr, Photography of StL Blog

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Bag 'n Tag

There is still plenty of time to complete the participation activities to take advantage of the reduced rate of \$10.00 for the October Daffodil Bulb Exchange. *See Participation Guidelines, page 12.*

On September 9, at the CBEC Building...Join us for Bagging & Tagging of Bulbs for the upcoming Bulb Sales and Exchange. While cleaning, it's possible for members to snag their first choice of bulbs at \$2.50 per bag. That's half-off the already nominal price of \$5.00! Refreshments are provided by members attending this meeting.

Cindy brings the daffodil bulbs and **Lynn** bring the bags, tags, scissors, pens...and whatever else we need to get the bulbs ready for sale. This is your chance to interact with fellow daffodil enthusiasts while helping us prepare for the upcoming Daffodil Bulb Sales. Bulbs can be a little dusty...so expect to get a bit dirty while packing bulbs.



GSLDS FALL BULB SALE

This is the Big One!

September 29 - 30, 2018
 Beaumont Room of Ridgeway Center
 Missouri Botanical Garden
 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, or until sold out.

Members, please announce at your Garden Club meetings.

Kirkwood Greentree Festival



Greentree Festival

GSLDS has a booth for the Greentree Festival Bulb Sale. **Vaughn Meister** coordinates the Greentree Sale and **Lynn Slackman** brings the tent and equipment for setup and the sale...including some of the bulbs from the bag & tag.

This family-oriented Kirkwood festival includes live music, a wine garden, a dog show, food and information booths, a book fair, a car show, arts and craft booths, and re-enactors. This year's theme is Greentree Undersea Adventure.

GREENTREE BULB SALE

Greentree Festival,
 Kirkwood, MO

September 14 - 16, 2018

Friday, 5:00 - 10:00PM

Saturday, 9:00AM - 7:00PM

Sunday, 10:00AM - 5:00PM



Our annual Bulb Sale at MOBOT will be a two-day sale, on Sept 29-30. It is located in the Beaumont Room at the Missouri Botanical Garden...open from 9:00am to 5:00pm, or until sold-out. We should have plenty of daffodil bulbs to sell this year. Join us to meet the public and talk about your favorite spring flower: The Daffodil.

Members receive half-off the cost of the bulbs, and working the sale guarantees you don't miss an exciting variety.

Due to a family wedding, **Lynn** will only be able to volunteer during Saturday AM and Sunday PM. We are depending upon our membership to volunteer and help **Peter** with this important annual event. Just an added bonus...Peter always brings plenty of yummy donuts to share with members.

Lynn Slackman—Webmistress



Photo stolen from Facebook.

Lynn (on the left in the photo) has been busy updating the GSLDS [Website](http://stldaffodilclub.org/) and [blog](http://stldaffodilclub.org/). <http://stldaffodilclub.org/>

[Minutes from the February 28, 2018 meeting](#)

[Show Report - Winners from 2018 Daffodil Show](#)

[Events Calendar for 2018](#)

[Information about Larry Force, Our July Speaker](#)

[Blog entry added for upcoming July Speaker](#)

Bulb Exchange 2018 Teaser

~Cindy Haeffner



Exciting time ahead for GSLDS members! Mark your calendars for noon on Sunday, Oct.21, 2018, the date of our annual bulb exchange. So, what is a bulb exchange? It's the highlight of every GSLDS member and a pat on our own backs for the year's work well done. The club orders premium bulbs from vendor such as Esker Farm Daffodils of Northern Ireland, and they are selected by attending members in a random organized fashion. Here's a sneak peak of just a few of the varieties which will be on the list:

[Prime Target, 1 W-O](#) [Ice Emerald, 3 W-GWW](#) [Brassicala, 4 W-O](#) [Smooth Trumpet, 1 W-Y](#)

Many members dig their own daffodil bulbs to share and add into the fun. It can divert other members away from your prime choices, too! We would like you to share your bulbs, but you are NOT required to share bulbs in order to participate. Please mark clumps now for digging in a month or so, dry, clean and bag up 2-3 bulbs per mesh bag with name and color code of cultivar. There is a list of URLs to help you if you have never dug bulbs before on page 15.

You are not prevented from participating if you have not participated in 2 or more activities, but volunteer opportunities are listed on page 11 of this newsletter if you would like to get the discounted rate. Following are the rules:

Participation guidelines for Daffodil Bulb Exchange on Sunday, October 21, 2018:

- Members attending at least two events or meetings, prior to the bulb exchange, pay usual \$10 entry fee.
- Members attending less than two events or meetings, prior to the bulb exchange, pay \$25 entry fee.
- Non-members MUST become a member of GSLDS and pay \$25 entry fee.

The exchange "game" starts after we enjoy a hearty lunch. The main dish, usually barbeque brisket or pulled pork, is provided by the club along with the drinks, and members fill in the rest with veggies, salads, & desserts, pitch-in style. The game details will be explained in detail after lunch, and we begin to PLAY!!!!!! You may have the lucky draw for some of the above daffodils, and you'll definitely go home with many exceptional varieties!

Be there or be square!!!!

2018 Calendar of Events

DATE	TIME/PLACE	ACTIVITY
Sunday, July 15, 2018	1:30 PM - 4:00 PM Classroom #125 at CBEC Missouri Botanical Garden's Commerce Bank Center for Science Education 4651 Shaw Blvd, St Louis, MO 63110.	Larry Force, Daffodil hybridizer <i>Refreshments provided by members.</i>
Sunday, September 9, 2018	1:30 PM - 4:00 PM Classroom #125 at CBEC 4651 Shaw Blvd, St Louis, MO 63110.	Bagging and Tagging of Bulbs for upcoming Sales and Exchange. <i>Refreshments provided by members.</i>
September 14 - 16, 2018	Friday, 5:00 - 10:00PM, Saturday, 9:00AM - 7:00PM, Sunday, 10:00AM - 5:00PM Greentree Festival Kirkwood, MO	Join us at the Greentree Festival to sell daffodil bulbs and spread yellow daffodil fever to residents of the Greater St Louis area.
September 29 - 30, 2018	9:00 AM - 5:00 PM or until sold out, Beaumont Room of Ridgeway Center at MBG	Annual public bulb sale and our big yearly fund raiser. Setup Saturday morning September 29 in the Beaumont Room 7:30 AM until done.
Sunday, October 21, 2018	NOON - 5:00 PM Classroom #125 at CBEC	Annual exchange of better donated and purchased bulbs from various sources. Main Course and drink provided, Side dishes & Desserts requested.

Upcoming Events

July Speaker: Larry Force



Strawberry Ruffles, 3 W-GYR Larry Force. 2015, Intermediate.

Our good friend Larry Force is looking forward to speaking to our group on July 15. Larry is known to most of us for his interest in the Shaw Nature Reserve poets and he has been on many digs with us.

Larry is a nationally known speaker and grows his miniature and standard daffodils —seedlings and named varieties —at his home in Mississippi. He has won many ADS ribbons around the country through the years, but is always trying to do better with each entry. The talk he will give is an expansion of the one he gave at the 2016 World Convention in StL and will include photos and talk about standard daffodils as well as the miniatures he loves.

There will be plenty of time for questions and answers so be sure to mark your calendars and invite your friends. Larry is never boring and has learned through trial and error the things that we, as daffodil growers, should learn. ~Beth Holbrooke



Check out the Sign!
3 Years of Bulbs in Gerald, MO



Above and left: After the Shaw Dig, **Cindy Haeffner** hosted an informal Open Garden for anybody who wanted to attend. On the way there, they took a slight detour on Highway 50 toward Gerald to see the fruits of their 3 years' labor of bulb plantings. (The fourth years' efforts won't show until next Spring.) The bulbs were sale leftovers and mixed bulbs from **John Reed**. <http://blog.stldaffodilclub.org/2018/03/enriching-gerald-community-with.html>

Below left: **Kevin Hillman, Peter McAdams and Cindy Haeffner** closely examine a show-worthy bloom at Cindy's

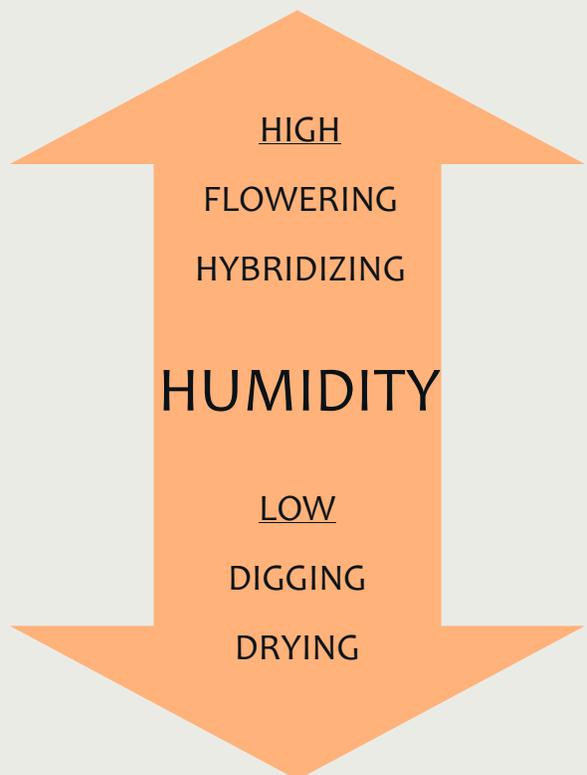
Below right: **Cindy** snaps a photo of her perennial garden, one near the house. Later, flowers such as daylilies, Irises, phlox and peonies will bloom.



Miscellany

TIPS and TRICKS:

Check the weather report before you lift. If you choose a low humidity day, both you and your bulbs will be more comfortable.



Welcome New Members!

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From the Editor: Family Membership holders should send an email to the Editor with any additional email addresses for the newsletter.

Thanks to all the photographers for this issue!!!

Pam Hardy, Cindy Haeffner, Peter McAdams & Valerie Mertz. I have a lot more photos than I could use, especially of the Shaw Dig and the great flower arrangements at the show and I shall endeavor to get them online in a sort of slide show if possible. The naked bulbs used for the bulb sales came from the ADS website, but were probably extracted by our own **Lynn Slackman.** Individual staged flower photos courtesy of Daffseek.org/

Next Newsletter Deadline Oct 1.

~Suzy Wert Limequilla@aol.com (317-259-0060)

Online Information on Digging Daffodil Bulbs

On Page 12, there is information about the big bulb exchange in October. One of the ways members can expand the offerings is to harvest bulbs which have formed clumps in their own gardens. Much has already been written about lifting daffodil bulbs, and below are some links to online information you may find interesting.

DaffLibrary, an online compendium of all things daffodil is curated by Mary Lou Gripshover, a former ADS President as well as the only ADS President's Medal recipient, has three offerings GSLDS members might enjoy.

[Summer's Worst Job—Digging Daffodil Bulbs](#)

[Digging Daffodil Bulbs for Beginners](#)

[What do you do about daffodils in June?](#)

Indiana Daffodil Society has a [list of articles by monthly interest.](#) [Mark Blooming Clumps for Later Digging](#) by Sara Kinne has a lot of information in it.

[Should You Divide Your Daffodil Bulbs This Year?](#) by Kathleen McAllister

[How to Mark, Dig, Bag, and Tag](#) by Clay Higgins