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The Texas Daffodil Society is now a Federated member of Texas Garden Clubs as of April 2023. We are also a member of the Dallas Council of Garden Clubs and District X.

## **President's Message, June 2023**

### **From the President,**

As I moved into leadership of the Texas Daffodil Society, I've been looking at our TDS yearbook and I realized that I've only met about a fourth of our members. I encourage all of you to reach out to me and give me an update on things like if you are working or retired.

What are your favorite daffodils and what do you plan to plant this Fall? I would also appreciate it if you let us know if there is anything our board can do or you would like to see happen going forward. We are finalizing our programs for the monthly meetings, and I guarantee they will be educational and worth your time.

Most importantly, if you haven't entered daffodils or attended our annual show in March at the Arboretum let us know what we can do to get you to participate. One of the easiest ways to get started or re-started is by growing your daffodils in containers. Please give it some consideration and I look forward to reading your replies.

Spencer Coffey

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### **From the newsletter editor,**

It has been an unusual winter and spring. I had daffodils blooming as early as January and as late as May this year. With the transition from La Nina to El Nino, the National Weather Service is predicting warmer temperatures for the next year in North Texas. The precipitation forecast is wetter than average thru March. This needs to be considered when deciding what to plant and how to adjust existing beds to cope with wetter and warmer weather.

This summer Mary Ann Moreland & I will be reaching out to local garden clubs to encourage them to buy daffodils. We should have the list of what we are offering soon. In addition to selling daffodils, I and other members will be speaking about daffodils to other garden clubs. Spencer & I have reached out to the Dallas Trails Coalition to encourage the various trails in the city of Dallas to plant daffodils along their trails. It will be a multi-year effort. If your city or town has a trail system, daffodils are a low maintenance bulb to add to a trail. They come back every year and multiply.

## **Time to Renew your Texas Daffodil Society membership:**

It is time to renew your membership in the Texas Daffodil Society (TDS) . Per the new bylaws, If you do not renew by August 1<sup>st</sup>, you will not be listed in the yearbook. The cost is \$20 per year. You can renew online at the TDS website or mail a check payable to Texas Daffodil Society to:

Stan Aten  
3165 O'Bannon Drive  
Dallas Tx 75224

I have attached the membership form as part of the newsletter mailing.



The last daffodil to bloom in my garden in early May. Quail 7-Y-Y 1824  
TDS Test bulb

## **Deep in the Heart of Texas**

Reserve March 14, 15 and 16, 2024! Those are the dates for the 2024 Small.

Standard Flower show. Texas Daffodil Society and Designers with Flair Study Club will again co-sponsor the American Daffodil Society/National Garden Clubs, Inc. event.

The show will consist of Designs, Photography and Horticulture. Of course, daffodils will be the main attraction in all three divisions with one exception.

Photography has a class, “Springtime in Texas”, which gives exhibitors a chance to enter any pictures that depict Springtime in Texas.

March 14 is reserved for setup to begin shortly after noon, with entries from 4:00-8:30 p.m. You can enter again on Friday, March 15 from 7:00-9:30 a.m. before judging begins for horticulture at 10:00 and Photography and Design judging at 1:00 p.m.

Tear down will complete the show Saturday, March 16, by 1:00 p.m.

Now is the time to plan for your entries and to volunteer to help with the show.

The Flower Show Schedule will be available in the coming months.

### **American Daffodil Society School III**

TDS will hold ADS School III on Saturday, March 16, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Sewell Board Room at the Dallas Arboretum. If you are a student judge that requires this course, someone who wants to become an ADS judge or anyone who desires to learn more about daffodils and judging, this course is for you.

Let Mary Ann Moreland know if you fit into any of those categories and wish to attend. Contact her at [geray@aol.com](mailto:geray@aol.com), 214-801-6777.

## National News

### 2023 ADS Virtual Summer Break!

Take a break from the Dog Days of Summer at the  
**2023 ADS Virtual Summer Break on July 29, 2023,**  
**6:00 – 8:30 PM Eastern.**

This conference is hosted by The American Daffodil Society  
and is open to **ANYONE** interested in learning about daffodils!

Prior registration and payment is required for participation. **Registration will remain open until July 26, 2023 for the ADS Virtual Summer Break.** Please check the Conference Registration section of this email for appropriate fees and policies. The access code for presentations will be sent the evening prior to the conference.

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### Featured Speakers!

**Saturday, July 29, 2023**

6:00 pm — **“In the Pipeline: A Glimpse at Tomorrow’s New Garden Daffodils”** –  
presented by Jason Delaney.

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**Jason Delaney** is the sole proprietor of PHS Daffodils, a sprawling collection of over 3,500 unique varieties grown on family land in Southeastern Illinois, specializing in classic, historic, and novel daffodils for garden and exhibition. Jason began hybridizing daffodils—and daylilies, lilies, and crinum—in the late 1990s, and the best of his first-generation daffodil seedlings and daylily registrations are now in production. Additional to PHS Daffodils, Jason operates Professional Horticultural Services, a small-scale residential garden design and maintenance business with clients in the St. Louis metropolitan region. Prior, for nearly 21 years, Jason worked at Missouri Botanical Garden as North Gardens Supervisor and Bulb Collections Specialist, where he maintained and specialized in the bulb, daylily, and iris collections, among others. He also traveled to Taiwan, New Zealand, the Netherlands, and extensively throughout the U.S. for his work with daffodils, always his greatest passion, and still very fondly remembers his first of many American Daffodil Society (ADS) conventions, the 2000 World Convention in Portland, Oregon where his obsession with daffodils became fully realized.

In his ADS Summer Break program, Jason will highlight promising selections for future garden daffodil cultivars from Oakwood Daffodils and PHS Daffodils, along with a few teasers from various Dutch collections. For those who like ruffles and novelty, plan to tune in! In the meantime, please visit [www.instagram.com/phsdaffodils](https://www.instagram.com/phsdaffodils) and [www.phsdaffodils.com](http://www.phsdaffodils.com) for more information and visual delights.

**Stay on your Zoom session as we prepare for our Speaker presentation  
coming up @ 7:15 pm.**

7:15 pm — “**Daffodils, Platypodes and Other Wild Creatures!**” – presented by Owen Davies



**Owen Davies** from South Hobart, Tasmania is the next generation of Tasmanian daffodil breeders. He follows in his father's footsteps in breeding daffodils. Owen has registered 15 daffodils to date and has many more waiting in the wings. A man of many talents and interests. Owen also composes music, has played in the local orchestra, and is a part time violin teacher.

In his ADS Summer Break program, Owen will talk about getting "decorative" colors into exhibition flowers - how we can increase the petal color range and enhance shape, stance and frill in the next twenty years!.

## Conference Registration!

Please review the following policies and fees for registration and proceed to the [ADS WebStore](#) to select your registration components and render payment by Credit Card, PayPal, or Check. **Registration will remain open until July 26, 2023.**



## 2023 ADS Virtual Summer Break Registration Fees

Registration Fee, paying by 26 JULY - \$10

After selection of registration components on the [ADS WebStore](#), you will be asked for your contact information so we can account for your payment and send you the appropriate Zoom credentials for this event.

For questions or concerns with Registration, experiencing issues attending Zoom sessions, missing event email reminders or Zoom links for our events, please contact Frank Nyikos at email: [ads\\_exec\\_dir@daffodilusa.org](mailto:ads_exec_dir@daffodilusa.org)

### Registration Policies

- **Partial Event Registration:** Your registration fee includes all programming and there is no option for partial event registration.
- **Cancellations and refunds:** No refund requests will be accepted for this online event.
- **Recording permissions:** To enable registered participants to view the educational sessions for an additional ten days after each presentation, those sessions will be recorded. By participating as a presenter or audience member in this digital environment, you agree to be recorded. (If you do not wish to be recorded, please do not participate in the live sessions.)
- **Meeting/Event credentials:** Zoom credentials (Meeting Access Links) for events are for designated registrants, and should not to be shared. We do recommend that multiple registrants within a household use the same device when attending the same events.

**\*\*We will send you the Zoom credentials for this event during the evening of July 28, 2023.** Check your inbox and SPAM folders for this important information.

**\*\*PLEASE NOTE:** Start time is 3:00 PM Pacific, 4:00 PM Mountain, 5:00 PM Central, 6:00 PM Eastern Time.

**ZOOM with us on Saturday, July 29 at the  
2023 ADS Virtual Summer Break!**

## ADS Technology Fundraiser

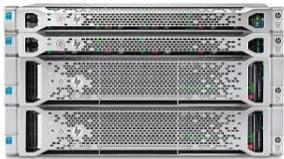
Several years ago, the American Daffodil Society (ADS) ran a very successful fundraiser to replace the computer equipment that houses our website, DaffSeek, DaffNet, DaffLibrary, DaffTube, etc. We all greatly value the many tools we have at our fingertips thanks to Ben Blake, Nancy Tackett, and the servers that support the ADS.

With budgets tightening and costs increasing, the ADS Finance Committee has come to the realization that we need to have a technology fundraiser approximately every five years to keep these resources going. **Our goal over the next year is to raise \$50,000!**

### What will these funds be used for?



The ADS computer, used to operate the American Daffodil Society, is over 5 years old and nearing the end of its life. New equipment and software replacements are projected at \$3000-\$3500.



Each year the ADS spends approximately \$5,500 for the hosting of our computer systems. While this item has previously been part of the annual ADS budget, we are finding it increasingly difficult to balance our budget without increasing our dues. We have developed a separate fund for technology and will include these costs in our fundraising effort. Our costs for 5 years are estimated at \$27,500.

Our final expense is due to the need for on-line and hybrid meetings. While this new way of “*doing business*” allows us to include people who could not otherwise attend, they are also very expensive to produce.



Conventions, and especially fall meetings, are finding it impossible to include the cost of audio-visual expenses in their budgets and offer a reasonable registration fee. Audio-visual expenses range from 3-5K for each meeting. We plan to supplement these costs so that future events can offer a reasonable registration fee while presenting the hybrid meeting format.

**To support this effort**, please go to the [Web Service Donations page](#) on the ADS WebStore. Our fundraiser will go through the end of 2023.

Thanks in advance for your support.

Kathy Welsh  
ADS Development Chair  
American Daffodil Society  
[www.daffodilusa.org](http://www.daffodilusa.org)

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<https://daffseek.org>  
<https://dafflibrary.org>  
<https://daffodilusastore.org>

**TEXAS DAFFODIL SOCIETY OFFICERS 2023-2024**

President Spencer Coffey

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Bulb Selection Karla McKenzie

Google Drive Steve Guynes

Judging School Mary Ann Moreland

Newsletter Stan Aten

## Awards

As an affiliate member of TGC, we were limited in the awards that we were eligible to apply for. With our new federated membership, we are eligible for a wide variety of awards. There will be a class to help explain how to enter awards applications since they can be a bit complicated.

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2023

Sept. 7<sup>th</sup> – Dallas Council of Garden Clubs – Texas Discovery Gardens 11:30 a.m.

Oct. 11<sup>th</sup> – Texas Daffodil Society – first meeting of the new garden year.  
North Haven Gardens 1 p.m.

Nov. TBA

## Social Media

**Social media sites are updated for the upcoming daffodil season, Follow, Like, Subscribe!**

Web - <http://texasdaffodilsociety.org>

Facebook - Texas Daffodil Society

Instagram – texasdaffodilsociety