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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 - October 2023

From the President,

Greetings and welcome to the TDS 2023-2024 growing and showing season. The board has been working hard to put together our meetings, ordering bulbs. and putting the final details on next year's show at the Arboretum. The dates for our Small Standard show are set for March 15 and March 16.

Before March we have four monthly meetings starting on October 11th. The October meeting will be at North Haven Gardens. Our guest speaker will be, Fran Powell, a Dallas County Master Gardener. Her presentation is "Gardening. on a Shoestring". I've seen her speak before and it's a great insight into using unexpected and different items in your gardens. Very enjoyable! Her presentation will start at 1:00pm.

A special thank you to our past President Steve Guynes for getting all our business and procedural matters in order and Lynn Hidell our past Secretary for the hard task of keeping track of all the goings on at our TDS meetings.

This is an important year for our group, and I hope all of you can do whatever you can show support. We've already benefited from the work and support of Stan Aten, Tom Pearce, Diane Ganter-Pike, Annie Hibbs, and Mary Ann Moreland. Eric Hibbs and of course Keith, Karla and Sarah are set to jump in as well. Please take the plunge and become a 'Daffy Duck' with us!

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Getting ready to dig some daffodils this spring.

From the newsletter editor,

I have been waiting for summer to finally end and a return to a normal fall. 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 through 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 fall Mary Ann Moreland & I went to local garden club meetings to encourage them to buy daffodils and present programs about daffodils. 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.

Mary Ann Moreland has also come up with a list of test bulbs which should be available for purchase at the November meeting.



**Texas Daffodil Society
And NGC, Inc. Designers with Flair Study Club
Present**

**2024 American Daffodil Society and NGC, Inc. Small
Standard Flower Show**

BRING IT ON!

Workers: We can use your help in setting up the annual show beginning at 1:00 p.m., Thursday, March 14, 2024, in Rosine Hall at the Dallas Arboretum and Botanical Gardens, 8625 Garland Road, Dallas.

Exhibitors: You can enter your designs, photographs and daffodils beginning at 4:00 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 14, 2024 and from 7:00 a.m. until 9:30 a.m. on Friday, March 15, 2024.

Clerks are needed during the show for horticulture on Friday morning and 1:00 p.m. for Design and Photography.

ADS School III

The Texas Daffodil Society is hosting ADS School III in Dallas, TX, on March 16, 2024, in the Sewell Board Room at Dallas Arboretum and Botanical Gardens, 8625 Garland Rd., Dallas, TX 75218.

I have attached the registration form to this newsletter.

ADS Technology Fundraiser

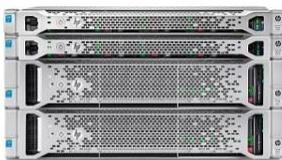
Several years ago, the American Daffodil Society (ADS) ran a very successful fundraiser to replace the computer equipment that houses our website, DaffSeek, DaffNet, DaffLibrary, DaffTube, etc. We all greatly value the many tools we have at our fingertips thanks to Ben Blake, Nancy Tackett, and the servers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

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3rd VP - (Programs)	Tom Pearce
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Parliamentarian	Steve Guynes

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Social Media	Dr. Eric Hibbs
Bulb Selection	Karla McKenzie
Google Drive	Steve Guynes
Judging School	Mary Ann Moreland
Newsletter	Stan Aten

Awards

Now that we are a federated club with TGC, we were eligible for all the awards in the TGC, SCR and NGC manual. Awards must be submitted to District X awards chairpersons by Nov. 1st.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2023

Wednesday Oct. 11th at 1 p.m. Texas Daffodil Society Meeting at North Haven Gardens.

Thursday - Nov. 2nd 10:30 a.m. Dallas Council of Garden Clubs Meeting at Forest Green Library 9619 Greenville Ave. Dallas 75243. Program – “Gardening Injuries and How to Prevent Them”.

Wednesday - Nov. 8th – 1 p.m. Texas Daffodil Society Meeting at Forest Green Library 9619 Greenville Ave. Dallas 75243. Program and pick up your test bulbs and daffodils for sale.

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