



Join us for the American Daffodil Society National Convention and Show

**Williamsburg, Virginia
April 9 – 12, 2015**

**at the Fort Magruder Hotel and Conference Center,
6945 Pocahontas Trail, Williamsburg, VA 23185**

The 2015 ADS National Convention and Show are almost upon us! If you have attended these events in the past, you know that every convention is unique and special. Each new convention setting provides a new backdrop for adventure with visits to gardens you might never have a chance to see again! Educational seminars help advance our knowledge of and therefore our pleasure in our daffodils. And what a fine time we have revisiting with old friends and making new ones and enjoying the once-a-year opportunity to view the amazing variety of beautiful daffodil blooms that come together for each National Show. There will be a daffodil boutique, too!

Special Show Challenges

To honor Bill Pannill (1927-2014), a native of Martinsville, Virginia, a special challenge for show entrants this year is the Pannill Collection of 5 cultivars hybridized by Bill Pannill. I predict this will be a highly contested competition and do not envy the judges who will choose the winning collection! With the hybridizers' challenges in each National Show comes the opportunity to see the future of daffodils and what delights we might eventually see in our own gardens. At 3:00 on Friday afternoon representatives from a variety of ADS committees will be on hand to answer questions about the Miniatures, Intermediates, Historics, Classics and Hybridizers entries in the show.

The horticulture show will also feature a special section for members of the Garden Club of Gloucester, the Virginia Daffodil Society and the Northeast North Carolina Society.

Pre and Post-Convention Garden Flights

In the December Journal convention article you may have heard about tour-on-your-own garden flights three days before and three days after the convention. So what are garden flights? Samplings of public gardens in the area that you might want to plan time to see! The Williamsburg Botanical Garden at Freedom Park is open every day of the year from dawn to dusk and admission is free. A self-guided tour map with descriptions of the two acre demonstration garden's features can be found at their website <http://www.williamsburgbotanicalgarden.org>. Colonial Williamsburg includes 90 gardens spread over 100 acres amid the homes, shops and public buildings of this 18th-century village, the country's largest outdoor living-history museum. The gardens range from the highly ornamental garden of the Governor's Palace to the utilitarian kitchen and vegetable gardens behind private homes along Duke of Gloucester Street.

Richmond is about an hour's drive from Williamsburg and features several renowned gardens. The Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden <http://www.lewisginter.org> is open daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is \$12. The garden is located on an 80-acre site with more than 50 acres of beautifully cultivated landscape of more than 7,500 unique genera, species and cultivars from around the world and features the only classically domed conservatory in the mid-Atlantic.

Maymont, the Victorian country estate of James Henry and Sallie May Dooley, is recognized by The National Register of Historic Places as a significant example of an American country estate of the Gilded Age. The gardens at Maymont are open daily from 10 to 5 and include a spectacular Italian Garden, Japanese Garden and Arboretum. Maymont's grounds are admission-free; there is a \$5 suggested donation for tours of the mansion. <http://www.maymont.org> For more Richmond gardens, visit <http://www.visitrichmondva.com/gardentrail/> and read more about Lewis Ginter, Maymont and six more garden sites all less than 10 miles from each other.

Speakers, Seminars, A Day at Brent and Becky's

On Saturday night Carlos Van der Veek from Holland and Brent Heath will share the history of Carlos' father, Karel J. van der Veek, his daffodil breeding work and his contributions to the daffodil world. In the 1980's Carlos became a bulb exporter and today Carlos' company Fluvell supplies millions of bulbs to mail order businesses and through Fluvell's own bulb web shop.





Becky Heath's Patio & Catalogue Garden

Sunday will be a very full day spent at Brent and Becky's Bulbs including a visit to Brent and Becky Heath's gardens! Walking tours will be available to the composting facility, warehouse, greenhouse and Bulb Shoppe. Seminar topics are "A Bill Pannill Retrospective," "100 Years of Daffodils" and "What's Different about Brent and Becky's Bulbs."

Felder Rushing is our dinner speaker for Sunday evening. He is the weekly online Q&A blogger for HGTV.com and hosts a popular weekly call-in garden program on NPR affiliate stations called The Gestalt Gardener. Felder has grown daffodils all his life, from his childhood spent helping his great-grandmother sort hers. His philosophy is Slow Gardening and according to Felder, Slow Gardening is about passion. Attention to detail. Savoring everything, every season, using all your senses. Felder will use down-home anecdotes and observations on ways we can better appreciate the amazing thing we call gardening.



Felder photographing naturalized poeticus near his cottage in northern England and a few of Felder's great-grandmother's daffodils from his Mississippi garden

Felder Rushing is the author or co-author of 18 gardening books, including several national award winners, has written thousands of gardening columns in syndicated newspapers and has had hundreds of articles and photographs published in regional and national garden magazines.

There's More to See in the "Historic Triangle!"

As if the Convention doesn't offer enough excitement, those of you attending will find yourselves within the "Historic Triangle." You will be in the 18th century British colonial capital, Williamsburg, with its interactive revolutionary goings-on! Six miles from Williamsburg is the first permanent English settlement in the New World (and the beginning of the British Empire)! "Historic Jamestowne" is the actual archaeological site of the 1607 fort (and later town). Yes, Pocahontas was there! Nearby is "Jamestown Settlement," with its reconstructed fort and 3 ships. The 3rd triangle point is

the town of Yorktown, where Gen. Cornwallis surrendered to Gen. Geo. Washington, after 5 years of the war for America's independence.

To plan your visit, go online to learn more—then, stay a bit longer, and enjoy our Triangle! www.colonialwilliamsburg.com; www.historicjamestowne.org; www.historyisfun.org (for both Yorktown and Jamestown Settlement).

Register Today and Don't Miss the Fun!

For additional Convention information, visit the ADS website at <http://daffodilusa.org/events-show-calendar/national-convention/> and refer back to the December Journal article on pages 20-31 for more information on Judges School III, the Photography Section, the fantastic tour opportunities to Williamsburg, private gardens, the Daffodil Festival and Brent and Becky's Bulbs. There are so many great reasons to come to Williamsburg and attend this year's convention!

Correction: The garden photos on Page 25 of the December Journal incorrectly identified as the Harper Garden are of the Pinkham Garden.

2015 Convention Timeline

Wed, April 8th

6:00 PM – 9:00 PM Judges School III

Thurs, April 9th

8:00 AM – 4:30 PM Judges School III

3:00 PM – 9:00 PM Photographic exhibits received

3:00 PM – 6:00 PM Registration Open (Clara Barton Room)

3:00 PM – 11:59 PM Daffodil staging

Friday, April 10th

12:00 AM – 9:00 AM Daffodil staging
8:00 AM – 10:00 AM Registration Open (Clara Barton Room)
Optional Bus Tour of Horticulture at Colonial Williamsburg
Judges and Clerks Coffee
Judging the Daffodil Show
Daffodil Show Open to the PUBLIC
Judges and Clerks Lunch
3:00 PM ADS Committees Show Q&A
3:30 PM – 5:30 PM ADS Outgoing Board Meeting
6:00 PM – 7:00 PM First Timers Reception
Awards Banquet and Annual Meeting

Saturday, April 11th

Optional Breakfast before Judges Refresher
Judges Refresher on “Exhibiting and Growing Species Daffodils”
9:00 AM – 10:00 PM Daffodil Show Open to the PUBLIC
Optional Bus Tours (includes box lunch)

- Gloucester Daffodil Festival*

OR

- Pinkham and Harper gardens*

4:00 – 5:00 PM Incoming ADS Board Meeting
Bulb Auction following ADS Board Meeting
Evening Banquet with speaker Carlos Van der Veen
Help break down the Daffodil Show

Sunday, April 12th

Optional Breakfast before Bus Tour
Bus Tour to Brent & Becky’s Bulbs as well as the Williams’ and Perrin’s gardens* (includes box lunch)
7:00 – 8:00 PM Cash Bar & Reception
8:00 PM Dinner Banquet with Keynote Speaker Felder Rushing

*Note: Buses will be assigned for these tours
and will rotate between the various gardens.



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Call 757-220-2250 or visit
<http://daffodilusa.org/events-show-calendar/national-convention/>
before March 19, 2015 to make reservations.

Mention "American Daffodil Society" for
special room rate of \$109.

Special room rates are valid 3 days before
and 3 days after the conference dates.

The closest airport to Williamsburg is Newport News/Williamsburg
International Airport Patrick Henry Field (PHF). Other airports in the area
are Richmond International (RIC)
and Norfolk International (ORF).

Car rentals are available from all airports. There are also several
coach/shuttle and private car companies that serve the area.

We have included one example for each airport. Call the
other options and consider coordinating a shuttle for lower cost.

Newport News/Williamsburg International Airport
Tidewater Coach, (757) 218-9539 or info@tidewatercoach.com.
\$50 - Single One Way

Richmond International and Norfolk International Airports
James River Transportation has a counter inside each airport.

Reserve shuttle service online by telephone:

757-963-0433 or 866-823-4626 (toll free)

or online: www.jamesrivertrans.com

About \$95 one way from Richmond, \$120 from Norfolk

Welcome to Williamsburg!
Registration for the ADS National Convention and Show
Williamsburg, VA April 9 – 12, 2015

(Please print clearly and submit a separate registration for each participant)

Name: _____

Address: _____

(City, State, Country, ZIP/Postal Code) _____

E-mail: _____

Telephone: _____

This is my first ADS Convention _____

I will mentor first timers _____ I plan to exhibit flowers _____

I plan to exhibit photos _____ About how many photos? _____

Any dietary restrictions: _____

Name to appear on nametag: _____

FULL CONVENTION FEE:

\$293 Postmarked by March 1, \$325 by March 15, and \$350 after April 1.
Includes Friday, Saturday and Sunday night dinners, Saturday and Sunday lunches, Saturday and Sunday tours, seminars and speakers.

Choose one tour for Saturday:

Gloucester Daffodil Festival

Private Garden Tours of the Pinkham and Harper gardens

PARTIAL AND ADD-ON REGISTRATION FEES:

\$40 Friday, April 10, tour of Williamsburg during judging.

Transportation and admission. Lunch on your own.

\$65 Dinner Banquet for Friday, Saturday or Sunday. Please specify day(s): _____

\$40 Saturday bus tour. Includes box lunch.

Choose Gloucester Daffodil Festival or Garden Tour.

\$40 Sunday Brent and Becky's Bulbs bus tour. Includes box lunch.

\$5 Judging refresher, Saturday morning, April 11

\$25 Breakfast before judging refresher, Saturday, April 11

\$25 Breakfast before bus tour, Sunday, April 12.

TOTAL ENCLOSED: _____

Check #: _____ Date: _____

Please send your completed registration form and check, payable to:
2015 ADS National Convention

Lynn Ladd, Registration Chairman, 1701 Westcliff Dr., Maryville, TN 37803