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The American Daffodil Society is an internationally recognized non-profit organization of individual volunteers in the propagation and cultivation of daffodils. A daffodil is any plant of the species Narcissus. The society was founded in 1946 and is managed in the U.S. by volunteers who are passionate about daffodils.
How do daffodils grow?

Our daffodil story begins and ends with a flower. Discover the steps needed to produce a new flower—from pollination to flowering bulb.

POLLINATION STARTS THE PROCESS

Be like a bee
Pollinate a blossom using tweezers or a paintbrush. Take tiny pollen grains from the anther of one daffodil and transfer them to the stigma of another growing daffodil flower.

WITHIN HOURS OF POLLINATION

Wait for fertilization
Each pollen grain grows from the stigma down the style to fertilize one immature egg cell in the ovary and may result in one daffodil seed.

ABOUT 2 MONTHS LATER

Harvest and plant ripe seeds
When you shake the dried seed pod or ovary and can hear the mature seeds rattle inside, it's time to plant the seed pod. Plant seeds in a light soil mix one-half inch deep.

1 YEAR

Nurture young seedlings
Let them grow outdoors a half day at a time. Check with your local garden center for growing instructions.

2 YEARS

Grow bulbs over time
Planting and replanting every other year is needed to give them time to grow.

3 TO 7 YEARS

Plant mature bulbs
Remove from habitat when 3 to 4 years old. Be sure to plant in a sunny location.

What is a daffodil?

Daffodil or Narcissus?
They're the same thing! Narcissus is Latin, and daffodil is English for the same thing.

Daffodil or Jonquil?
They're not the same thing! Jonquils are only one division of daffodils (Division 7). So all jonquils are daffodils, but not all daffodils are jonquils.
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Trace the Path to Pink
Search the family history of a modern pink-cupped daffodil back to some of its wild ancestors. A flower has many ancestors, just like you.

People make daffodil history
For generations, daffodil lovers from around the world have artistically paired daffodils in pursuit of prized offspring—new hybrids. Hybridizers select daffodil parents for their color, shape, form or for other characteristics, such as how well they grow.

They mate—or cross—two flowers by transferring pollen from one flower (the pollen parent) to the stigma of the other flower (the seed parent). The cross is recorded as seed parent x pollen parent or, for example, 'Dalmatian' x 'Quasar'—the match that produced ' Assertion'.

PARENTS OF 'ASSERTION'

'The Queen' x 'Dalmatian'

'The Queen' x 'Penelope'

'The Queen' x 'Cherub'

'The Queen' x 'Anna Franka'

'The Queen' x 'Dalmatian'

'The Queen' x 'Praetoria'

'The Queen' x 'Dalmatian'

'The Queen' x 'Dalmatian'

RECURRING RELATIVES OF 'ASSERTION'

'Dalmatian' x 'Stella di Nizza'

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EARLIEST ANCESTORS OF 'ASSERTION'

Species start it all—
Species such as 'Cherub' and 'Stella di Nizza' back the 19th century. Wild Daffodil certain species, such as 'Daffodil' and 'Stella di Nizza', contribute to the genetic pool of new daffodil cultivars.

Poets produce more than poetry
Many poets have written about the Daffodil, a symbol of hope and renewal, and the flower's beauty is celebrated in many poems. The 18th century painter, Thomas Bewick, even created a book about daffodils in his work, 'The Daffodil'.

For more information, visit daffodilusa.org
Daffodils... so many choices!

Daffodils are separated into thirteen divisions. Shape or form defines Divisions 1 through 12. Division 13 daffodils are the wild species. In every division you can find daffodils of different sizes and colors!