

American Daffodil Society Daffodil School I Memphis, Tennessee Saturday, March 2, 2024

Would you like to learn even more about daffodils? Plan to attend this interesting and informative training school presented by the American Daffodil Society (ADS). The three ADS instructors have extensive experience growing daffodils in the Mid-South, are very experienced American Daffodil Society-accredited judges, and have won blue ribbons for their spectacular flowers in American Daffodil Society shows around the country. Larry Force, Molly Hampton, and Becky Fox Matthews, who is from Nashville and a former president of the American Daffodil Society, are the instructors.

Topics to be covered include: soil preparation, planting, summer daffodil care, fertilizing, and other cultural practices; growing miniature and species daffodils; the Royal Horticultural Society's Daffodil Classification System (descriptions of the 13 divisions of daffodils, such as trumpet, large cup, etc.); color-coding system; daffodil anatomy; and judging criteria for shows. Attendees will be able to practice judging flowers, an experience that allows people who choose to enter their own flowers in competition in shows in the future to become aware of characteristics that are taken into consideration by judges.

This is the first of three schools conducted from time to time around the country to train daffodil enthusiasts who want to become judges with the American Daffodil Society. This first school is particularly designed for novice and less-experienced growers of daffodils. Attendees of School I have no obligation to attend the two subsequent schools. Registrants may attend the school merely to learn more about daffodils if one prefers not to pursue becoming a judge at this time.

When: Saturday, March 2, 2024 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Where: Dixon Gallery and Gardens' Winegardner Auditorium,

4339 Park Avenue, Memphis

Registration fee: \$20, which includes lunch

Attendees will be emailed a study outline when the registration form is received.

Pre-registration is required by Saturday, February 17, 2024, so that attendees will have plenty of time to review the materials before the meeting to enhance the benefits of attending the school. Students planning to take the exams to become student judges must have the *Handbook for Growing, Exhibiting, and Judging Daffodils*, which may be ordered in advance of the school at: Publications - American
Daffodilusastore.org)

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