



The Bulb Newsletter

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Thank You for Keeping the Tradition Alive

Thank you to the residents of Pierce County for their support of the Traditions of the Daffodil Festival. Being four Parades in Four Cities in one day is a challenge but with all of the support of the crowds it makes it a fun and rewarding day. We would like to thank everyone who took part in the Festival and the Parade to make it the huge success that it was in 2009; we had perfect weather, and amazing crowds to cheer on everyone who participated in the Parade. To those who gave up their Spring Break to be in the Parade we thank you and your efforts. To all of the Float builders you once again produced some of the most amazing Float Designs that continue to wow the crowds. To all of the marching units who practice so very many hours our thanks go out to you also. What would a parade be without the Mounted units, the extra effort that you put into getting your rides ready and the countless hours that go into training and practice are appreciated. The hard work of the thousands of dedicated volunteers giving of their time serving the community are what makes the Daffodil Festival so special, Community Spirit was alive and well at the Daffodil Parade again this year.

To our partners who provide the other events that make up the Daffodil Festival we thank you for the countless hours that you put in to make your events part of the traditions of the Daffodil Festival. The Pierce County Fair is the sponsor for the Most Magnificent Mutt Show that is getting bigger every year, this year there were 208 dogs entered what a great free event for the family. The Junior Daffodil Parade hosted by the Proctor District of Tacoma had another wonderful event for families, even with the cold rainy weather the event was another success. The Marine Parade hosted by the Tacoma Yacht Club is a fun event and many hours go into the planning. These events are what help to make the Daffodil Festival more than just a Parade, but a Tradition in Pierce County.

Now to our sponsors and donors we would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to you because without your support in keeping the 76 years of Traditions alive, the Daffodil Festival could not be able to continue to do what it does. We are a non-profit organization dependent entirely on the financial support of the local cities, private donations, fundraising events and festival sponsors. There are many who we would also like to recognize and thank for the time and in-kind contributions that you have so generously donated to the Daffodil Festival. We are glad that you have chosen to be a part of the Daffodil Festival and its 76 years of Tradition. To see a list of the donors and sponsors we ask that you visit our website www.daffodilfestival.net.



President's Message

Greetings to Team Daffodil!

I say that because I do believe we are a Team. When we are all working together, I think we can accomplish anything we set our minds to.

We have made some very positive strides this year. First off we had a year! With some of the financial times we had this year we weren't always able to do everything we wanted, and some cases needed to do. We made some changes to the way we do things; I think changes for the better. We need to continue to look at the way we do things and look at making changes. Not change just for the sake of change, but to be more efficient and productive, get more involvement from more of our current members and to help grow our membership.

We are having a great year and I think our Festival Weekend showed that! We had the best Parade attendance we have had in many a year! We truly have a great Queen and Royal Court. We have all of you helping to **KEEP THE TRADITION ALIVE!**

We have a lot of momentum going and we need to keep that momentum. Now is the time to start working and planning for next year. We did some great things, let's do some more! We need everyone that belongs to Daffodil to be a part of Daffodil. First off you need to show up, and then you need to participate. We need to be an active part of this great organization. You help to make it what it is.

We are now out on the festival circuit with our traveling float. I think we have one of the best floats around and I am excited to be able to get out there with it. Please try to get out to some of the Parades to support and represent Daffodil. I will see you out there!

Brad Stevens
President



Letter from a Parent, Paul Nee, to the Daffodil Festival, this was read at the Grand Banquet Friday Night of Festival Weekend

I would just like to take a minute to thank President Brad Stevens and all of the Daffodilians for welcoming all of us parents into the fold. I have lived here my entire life and until this year and more importantly, the last few months, was unaware of how down to earth and genuine the people that make up all components of this fine festival truly are. Thank you to the Daffodillians, the Daffodil Foundation, the Friends of the Festival and most importantly the chap-erones.

I spoke to some of the parents and mentioned I was going to ask Karen if I would be able to say a few words, so even though I'm speaking for myself, Kirsten's mother and her step parents, I'm probably relaying the same thoughts that other parents have. First of all thank you to the Daffodilians, to struggle through the tough times to keep this fine Pierce County Tradition going so our daughters can experience the importance of this type of an endeavor in keeping a strong community event alive is probably one the best taught of life's lessons.

For making us all welcome participants in this year's festival and all of the special events associated with it. Inviting us down to the float barn, get the \$5 tour on its workings and all of the cool stuff that goes into building the traveling float and giving at least myself ideas on helping with constructing our community float.

For taking the time to not only work with but also become mentors and friends to all of our daughters. The girl's hectic schedule beginning with the Saturday practices and then all of the appearances and royalty functions from promenade all the way thru the end of the festival's maritime parade has showed how committed you all are to the success of the Daffodil Festival. Then the road shows that the girls and of coarse many of us will be on throughout the northwest over the next several months.

Lastly there will be our daughter's attendance at the selections of their replacements for the 2010 festival if they are not at a far away college. And if they are far away, their words of wisdom will surely be read and offer what an honor and privilege it is to be placed into such an important position as Princesses and of Course Queen of the Daffodil Festival.

Tomorrow brings us to the Grand Floral Parade and being able to attend many of the parades over the past 54 years, I'm honored to have a daughter in such a prestigious event. In closing I have heard the praise placed on us parents for raising such fine young ladies, but I can Guarantee you that every one of these e fine young ladies got to this place on their drive, commitment and a dream of some day being a Daffodil Princess.

Thank you to the Daffodilians and thank you to the Princesses and Queen for making all of us parents very proud to be part of this Pierce County Tradition.



Rhubarb visits the Most Magnificent Mutt Show





Grand Sweepstake Float Clover Park School District



Honorary Grand Marshal Mike Kelley

Out - of - Town Festivals May - June

<u>Festival</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>Date & Time</u>
Apple Blossom	Wenatchee	May 2 - 11:00AM
Sequim Irrigation	Sequim	May 9 - 12:00Noon
Rhododendron	Port Townsend	May 16 - 11:00AM
Shelton Forest	Shelton	May 30 - 11:00AM
Maritime Gig	Gig Harbor	June 6 - 10:00AM
Strawberry	Marysville	June 20 - 8:00PM
Fathom's O'Fun	Port Orchard	June 27 - 6:00PM



Rose Planting at Ryan House in Sumner



Queen's Float gets a tow in Puyallup

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Executive Officers

Brad Stevens	President
Carol Whaley	Secretary
Pam Phipps	Treasurer
Karen Baskett	President - Elect

DAFFODIL HISTORY BY THE DECADES

1999- "Romance in Bloom", Queen Jeanna Little of Sumner, Queen Mother was Karen Basket and Festival President was Connie Wekell. There were 19 Princesses in the Royal Court and nine Chaperones.

1989- "Sentimental Journey", Queen Lea Snider of Puyallup, Queen Mother was Paulette Gilliardi, Festival Pres. Walt Copland and Sir Boss was Bill & Lady Anne Nelson. There were 18 Princesses in the Royal Court with the one year absence of both Washington HS and Franklin Pierce HS, plus the two Gig Harbor schools, for lack of participation. We had seven Chaperones.

1979- "Northwest Parade", Queen Paula Nelson of Curtis High School, Queen Mother was Laura Stoner, Festival President Ivan Jensen, and Sir Boss Aaron & Lady Gerry Achziger. There were 18 Princesses in the Royal Court and a whopping 15 Chaperones.

1969- "Down Memory Lane", Queen Linda Michel of Puyallup High School, Queen Mother was Pat Aylen, Festival President Clarence Scheyer and Sir Boss Archie & Lady Olivia Heany. There were 10 Princesses in the Royal Court.

1959- "Daffodils Salute Alaska", Queen Carol Mills of Franklin Pierce High School, Queen Mother was Betty Crowe, and Daffodil Festival President was Wally Staatz before the Daffodilian organization was formed. There were 11 Princesses in the Royal Court, including 3 from Puyallup, 2 from Sumner, 3 from Tacoma, 1 from Orting and 1 from Franklin Pierce. No Chaperones were listed for this year.

1949- Queen was Mary Jean Grooper of Puyallup High School, with Queen Mother Leola Brown, and Festival President Robert G. Gregory. There were only THREE in the Royal Court, one each from Puyallup, Sumner and Tacoma when the queens "alternated" between Sumner and Puyallup from 1934-1955.

1939- Queen was Bette Lee of Sumner High School, with Festival President Frank Chervenka. There were only three Princesses one each from Sumner, Puyallup and Tacoma.



OUR ABSENT FRIENDS 2008-09

Rob Wekell – Daffodilian

Again we wish to honor those friends around the Northwest Festival circuit who have passed away in the past year or so, and to remember them for their commitment to their festivals and communities-

Daffodil Festival: Both Bill & Mae Merrill (1981 Sir Boss), 1988 Sir Boss Skip Mayhew, Dennis Gregory (husband of 2007 co-Pres. Carol Gregory), Lady Madeline Pelegruti (Charter Daffodilian and wife of 1966 Sir Boss Pete Pelegruti), Charter member Shirley Vanek, former Daffodil members Ted Challman, Terry Chaplin, Bob Wartenbe, Chuck Rickabaugh, and Monte Stocker. Plus Brownie Brown who drove his vintage Jaguar in our parades for many years.

Wenatchee Apple Blossom: Barb Ogan, widow of former Dir. General & Chancellor Mike Ogan, and Corinne Telford, wife of former Dir. General & Chancellor Jim Telford.

New Westminster Hyak: 1977 Pres. Peggy (Downey) de la Mothe, 1974 Pres. Bob Cronk at 95 years old, plus long-time member Frank Giltrow.

Portland Rosarians: Spouses Jayne Schmidt and Chris Martinson.

Olympia Capital Lakefair: Lakefair co-founder George Yantis, Jr. at 92 years old.

Leavenworth Autumn Leaf: 1984 Kanzler Jim Ward.

Aloha Festival in Hawaii: 1995 King Luka Kauhola

"We will never forget their involvement."



Freeway Rock at 56th and I-5



Pierce Transit Wins an Award for Daffodil Bus Design

Pierce Transit's Award winning Marketing Department has done it again, winning a First Place Award for the 2008 Daffodil Festival Bus in the American Public Transportation Association's (APTA) 29th Annual AdWheel Awards. The awards recognize APTA member organizations for excellence in advertising, communication marketing and promotions