

D E E H A N S C A P E S

NEWSLETTER

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Changing the Way you Relax...

Greetings from Jaime!!!



Not many folks have the opportunity to say they spent a day at a daffodil seminar,

but I can! That's one great benefit to owning a landscape business, *the field trips*. When I was a child, I loved the opportunity to miss school to attend field trips, now I get the chance to do it all over again. Although it seems like a day of playing "hooky", I do have pay backs to face upon returning to my office.

The last week of March, I had the pleasure of visiting Brent and Becky's Bulbs in Gloucester, VA to tour their gardens and facility. It's definitely worth

the trip! The town of Gloucester also held their 22nd Daffodil Festival that weekend. What a great chance to see a slice of life unique to the Northern Neck area of Virginia! Brent and Becky's Bulb Farm sponsors the event and encourages local businesses to plant bulbs, but not just any bulb will do. They generously donate the daffodils and the community supplies the hard work planting them. Daffodils lined Main Street in their full glory, while other bulbs such as tulips, hyacinths, and snow drops were discretely tucked into the beds. Festival highlights included the daffodil parade, daffodil flower show, and crowning of the daffodil queen!

The festival celebrates the local bulb trade that started at the turn of the century (the 20th century that is). Many bulbs were passed from gardener to gardener and became naturalized in untended fields all over the county. Seeing the potential, the entrepreneurial folks began growing fields of daffodils and paid children 10¢ per 100 to pick the flowers. They were then packed and shipped via steamboat to Baltimore. By the 1960s, more than 24 million daffodils were shipped around the country from Gloucester County, and the area became known as the "Daffodil Capitol of America" drawing many visitors from near and far. Today, the industry has primarily shifted production to Washington state where cooler weather promotes heavier blooming of daffodils. Local tradition and community pride celebrate the daffodil, their "adopted symbol of hope and prosperity".

Jaime Deehan, Founder & President

Keeping our clients informed...

EARLY SPRING FLOWERING TREES!



Star Magnolia



Saucer Magnolia



Cornelian Cherry



Yoshino Cherry

What our Clients Have to Say...

April 1, 2008

"Cate, Thanks. Your troops did a lovely job. The garden never looked so good!"

D. Faubion, Falls Church, VA

March 31, 2008

"The landscaping looks great!"

T. Paolozzi, Belmont Country Club, VA

April 3, 2008

"We are very happy with your excellent work, and we always recommend you to friends and neighbors. *Unfortunately, most of our neighbors choose to do it themselves or go with inexpensive companies – and it shows!! We think you're worth every penny. Thanks!*"

A. M., Falls Church, VA









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Brent Heath of Brent & Becky's Bulbs

Fun Daffodil Facts

-  There are more than 30,000 cultivated varieties of daffodils.
-  There are 13 classifications for daffodils: trumpet, large-cup, small-cup, double, triandrus, cyclamineus, jonquilla, tazetta, poeticus, bulbocodium, split-corona, miscellaneous, and species & wild hybrids. (Wow!)
-  Origin of species from Europe, genus *Narcissus*, aka daffodil, narcissus, jonquil, paper white & buttercup.
-  All species contain an alkaloid poison lycorine, making them toxic to animals, *especially deer!*
-  Plant in the fall, 2-3" apart, 10 - 12 bulbs per square foot at an 6 - 8" in depth from the base of the bulb.
-  Known as "*The Poor Man's Rose*" in the 1930s.