

THE CHARLES COUNTY GARDEN CLUB PRESENTS

DAFFODILS AND DAYDREAMS

A VIRTUAL DEDICATION ON APRIL 22, 2020 ON THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF EARTH DAY



Spanning history that includes Native Americans, revolutionary patriots, missionaries, assassins, spies, slaves, merchants, farmers, an arsonist, and everyone in between, there are almost as many stories in the Historic Village of Port Tobacco, the site of the garden, as there are daffodil cultivars.

This project, Daffodils and Daydreams, incorporates the planting of 630 sq. ft. of bulb gardens in selected areas at the reconstructed Port Tobacco Courthouse in Port Tobacco, MD.



A minimum of 5,000 bulbs and selected perennials such as hellebores, Oregon grape holly, and heuchera add a bright note to the village green.



Port Tobacco Village is a survivor. Serving as an early county seat and an ocean-going seaport, the village has survived the ravages of time and is one of the state's oldest and smallest incorporated towns.



Wentworth Nursery
installed the garden
in November 2019,
planting over
5,000 bulbs and
numerous
perennials.





Rich in history, daffodils came to the colonies as “soft reminders of English springs”.

The quintessential spring flower, the daffodil has transcended its humble status as a garden perennial to become nothing less than a cultural icon. Thriving even in places where they have obviously been accidentally dropped or discarded—they define the remnants of farmyards long gone and peek out brightly among crumbling brick ruins.



In February of 2020, the new sign was installed by Wayne's Signs.





Cultivars are astonishingly similar in shape and color, all twenty-seven thousand of them, and although it is a cultivated plant, the daffodil can survive just fine on its own. Above all else, the daffodil is a survivor.





Early Spring Blooms
February 2020





**A redbud in bloom.
Behind it, in the corner, is one of two crepe myrtles
planted in memory of past members.
This tree honors Anna Garvey.**



**We honor past member Tessa Echols
with this crepe myrtle planted next to the entrance sidewalk.
This is also the area where the Port Tobacco Chapter DAR
contributed a small pollinator bulb garden to the larger garden,
appropriate to sit alongside Tessa, as her mother was a DAR member.**



More spring blooms.





Two colonial benches made by local vendor, Pioneer Woodcrafting, renowned for architecturally correct period pieces, will give visitors a spot for daydreaming and reflection.

They will be installed in permanent locations soon.



Now under the direction of the Charles County Government's Tourism Department and owned by the Society for the Restoration of Port Tobacco, the historic Port Tobacco Courthouse site is a historic destination for all citizens.

You may explore on your own or take one of the tours with the knowledgeable staff.

Step back into time as you learn more about the history of this quaint village overlooking the picturesque Port Tobacco River and with the completion of this project, step among the thousands of cheerful daffodils, waiting to greet you.







Daffodils &
Daydreams
Pittman's Garden
Charles County Garden Club
Established 1979
with assistance from the National Garden Club



We would like to leave you with this little poem.

DAFFODOWNDILLY

She wore her yellow sun-bonnet,

She wore her greenest gown;

She turned to the south wind

And curtsied up and down.

She turned to the sunlight

And shook her yellow head,

And whispered to her neighbor:

“Winter is dead.”

BY A. A. MILNE

The Charles County Garden Club thanks the following:

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Maryland House and Garden Pilgrimage

Society for the Restoration of Port Tobacco

Town of Port Tobacco

Port Tobacco Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution

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Pioneer Woodcraft

Wentworth Nursery

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and

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