



GLOUCESTER DAFFODIL Festival



*Saturday,
April 1
and
Sunday,
April 2*



Art imitates life

A look at this year's official print, "Medley on Main," positioned in front of artist Georgia Sprague's inspiration, Lulu Birds Kitchen. See her story on 6C.



Princesses

The Gloucester Daffodil Festival Princesses attended the Interview Reception at the Inn at Warner Hall March 19. They are, from left, Ella Hensley, Ailin Harpole and Kailey Ormsby with the 2022 Daffodil Queen Stephanie Riedell.



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Princess, Little Miss contestants

The Daffodil Festival Interview Reception for the 2023 Daffodil Festival Princesses and Little Miss contestants was held March 19 at the Inn at Warner Hall. Pictured, front row from left, are Little Miss contestants Zoey Hart, Avery Potter, 2022 Little Miss Daffodil Emerson Byrd, Kate Hunter, Celestia Altman; second row, 2022 Daffodil Festival Queen Stephanie Riedell with Daffodil Princesses Ailin Harpole, Kailey Ormsby and Ella Hensley.



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Official map

This official map shows the times and locations of various events happening throughout the courthouse area during this weekend's Gloucester Daffodil Festival.

Saturday

PARADE10:00AM
VENDORS, FOOD COURT, MAIN STAGE, CHILDREN'S RIDES.....9:00AM-5:00PM
SHUTTLES TO PARKING.....9:00AM-5:00PM
CROWNING OF THE DAFFODIL FESTIVAL QUEEN.....11:30AM
LIVE MUSIC- GOOD SHOT JUDY.....12:30PM-5:00PM
THE AMAZING MUTT SHOW.....1:00PM
DAFFODIL SHOW (AT NEWINGTON CHURCH)2:00PM-5:00PM
FROM MIAMI, STEVE GRYB'S PERCUSSION PETTING ZOO.....2:15PM, 3:00PM & 4:00PM

Sunday

VENDORS, FOOD COURT, MAIN STAGE, CHILDREN'S RIDES.....12:00PM-5:00PM
SHUTTLES TO PARKING.....12:00PM-5:00PM
LIVE MUSIC- THE BLUE TIPS BAND.....12:00PM-5:00PM
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Official print

The 2023 Daffodil Festival Print Unveiling Reception was held on March 18 at Arts on Main. The winner was Georgia Sprague (above) with her artwork, "Main Street Medley." Myrna Graham received honorable mention for "The Edge Hill House: Daffodils bring Hope of Spring. Turn to page 6C to learn more about the artist.

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Queen's Tea

The Daffodil Festival Princesses and Little Miss contestants enjoyed a Queen's Tea at the Interview Reception. At left, are Princesses Kailey Ormsby and Ella Hensley with Little Miss contestants Avery Potter and Celestia Altman.



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Sprague's artwork chosen as this year's official print

Georgia Sprague's artwork, "Main Street Medley," is the winner of this year's Daffodil Festival print contest. Sprague graduated from Christopher Newport University in 2011 with a Bachelor of Arts in Studio Art, and has spent most of her life drawing and creating in some form or fashion. She has recently focused her efforts on acrylic painting, which has been a convenient medium for her busy life as a single mom. Sprague has been shown in exhibitions around the Tidewater area, including recently winning first place in the 2022 Small Works Exhibition at the Charles H. Taylor Visual Arts Center, Hampton. Sprague hopes to continue her study by entering a low residency master of fine arts program in the next few years. Myrna Graham of Gloucester was selected for honorable mention for her artwork, "The




Edge Hill House: Daffodils bring Hope of Spring." Other entries included, "Spring Flowers," by Glenn Brooks of Williamsburg; "Rosewell All Jazzed Up," by Savannah Haugdahl of Virginia Beach; and "A Time to Remember," by Jenny Briggs of Gloucester.



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The 37th annual Gloucester Daffodil Festival will take place Saturday and Sunday with the theme, "Let's Jazz It Up! The Trumpets Are Blooming." Check out the following events, tailored for families, tourists and children. There is something for everyone to enjoy.

The festival begins at 10 a.m. Saturday with the Daffodil Festival Parade, which

will be hosted by Neal Steele of WXGM FM 99.1. The parade will step off from Gloucester's Main Street Center and will end at Botetourt Elementary School.

From 10 a.m. to close on Saturday, Steve Gryb from Miami, Florida, "the Pied Piper of Percussion" will hold his "Percussion Petting Zoo," offering a hands-on experience for children throughout the day.

This attraction will be held at the Ken Houtz Chevrolet-Buick Daffodil Village Stage.

Opening ceremonies for the festival will be held from 11:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. at the Gloucester Toyota Main Stage, where the Little Miss Daffodil will be introduced, scholarships will be awarded and the 2023 Daffodil Festival Queen will be crowned.

Big Band & Jazz Sounds

of Good Shot Judy will play from 12:30-5 p.m. on the main stage, immediately following opening ceremonies.

The Amazing Mutt Show, sponsored by Abbitt Realty, will be held from 1-2 p.m. at the daffodil village stage.

Gryb will present his "The Rhythm is Gonna Get You" show from 2:15-2:45 p.m., 3-3:30 p.m. and 4-4:45 p.m. at the Ken Houtz stage.

On Sunday, the festival will open at noon. The Blue Tips Band will be playing on the

main stage from noon until 5 p.m.

Gryb will have his petting zoo open from 12:15-1 p.m. Sunday afternoon at the Planet Fitness Daffodil Village Stage.

Little Miss Daffodil will be crowned at the Planet Fitness stage from 1-2 p.m.

The petting zoo will return once more Sunday from 2:45-3:15 p.m. and 3:45-4:30 p.m. at the Plant Fitness stage.

The festival will close at 5 p.m. both days.



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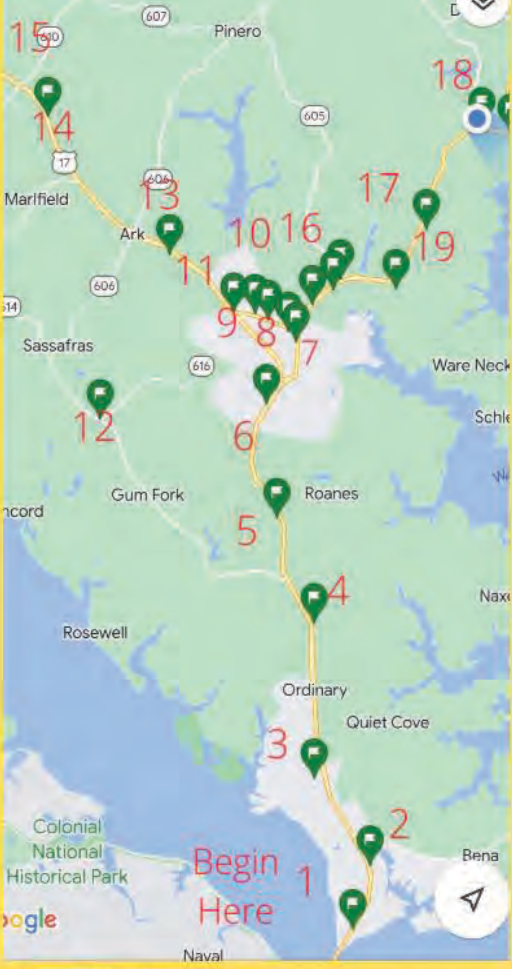
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6. Lockwood Carpets
7. Gloucester County Library
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10. Botetourt Elementary School
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