



# GLOUCESTER DAFFODIL Festival

*Saturday, April 2  
and  
Sunday, April 3*



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### **Official print**

The official print of 2022 Daffodil Festival, "Loading Up," by artist Carol Aldridge, depicts a classic pickup truck filled with daffodils, above. Below left is this year's Honorable Mention entry, "Walter Reed Birthplace," with artist Robin Marshall. Below right, are the artists finding out the winner of the competition at Arts on Main. Learn more about Aldridge on page 2C.





### Princesses, Little Miss contestants

The Daffodil Festival Interview Reception for the 2022 Daffodil Festival Princesses and Little Miss contestants was held on March 20 at The Inn at Warner Hall. Pictured, front row from left, are Little Miss contestants Emerson Byrd, Celestia Altman, Kate Hunter, Penny Russ and Cypress Adams; in back row are Daffodil Festival Princesses Peyton Emerson, Kennedy Bohannon, Stephanie Riedell and Kyrsten Emerson. The crowning of the 2022 Daffodil Festival Queen will be held during opening ceremonies, following Saturday's parade, on the Main Stage.

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### Aldridge's artwork chosen as this year's official print

Carol Aldridge's artwork, "Loading Up," is the winner of this year's Daffodil Festival print contest.

Aldridge was born in England, but moved to the United States at an early age. She has also lived in Australia and Germany. She has retired from a position with the federal government and now lives in Gloucester. Aldridge began drawing and painting in grade school, and received her bachelor's and master's degrees in business management with a minor in art.

Aldridge specializes in acrylic paintings of waterfowl, wildlife and workboats. Her husband is a waterman and duck hunter, which has influenced her choice of subject. She has served as the president of the Gloucester Art League and her paintings hung in the Village Art Gallery when it was open.

Artwork by Aldridge has been displayed in many local art shows and is even auctioned at the Gloucester Ducks Unlimited Banquet every year. She participates in the federal and state Duck Stamp contests yearly and has also entered paintings in the Guinea Jubilee, Daffodil

Festival and Mathews Market Days poster contests.

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### Crowded gathering

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Not a mask in sight and absolutely no social distancing at the 2019 Daffodil Festival. This year's festival may not quite look like the photo at right, as many are still taking precautions due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Whichever way you swing, make sure to remain respectful so everyone can enjoy the festival.



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### Daffodil Show returns this weekend

The 2022 annual Gloucester Daffodil Show, a signature event of the Daffodil Festival sanctioned by the American Daffodil Society, will be held from 2-5 p.m. Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday at Newington Baptist Church, 6169 Main Street, Gloucester. Admission is free; donations are welcomed. This year, the Daffodil Show Committee is doubly excited

to host the American Daffodil Society's Mid-Atlantic Regional Show and open its doors to the public after two years of pandemic limitations. The Gloucester Daffodil Show first began in 1938 and has since become a part of the fabric of Gloucester County. Awards in horticultural blooms, artistic arrangements and photography will be presented at 2:30 p.m. Saturday.

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These tours will include a brief video of Brent and Becky's, a tour of the farm, and behind-the-scenes tour of the facilities. Tours will be held rain or shine and will begin at 10 a.m. running hourly with last tour at 3 p.m. Wear comfortable, closed-toed shoes for walking on gravel, dirt and grass. Tours will depart from the Bulb

Shophe. Light refreshments will be provided by the Gloucester Ruritan Club.

A raffle drawing for a birdhouse will be held for each tour. Tickets cost \$10 and are available now in-person from Brent and Becky's or by phone at 804-693-3966. Children 10 and under are free when accompanied by an adult.

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### Watching the world go by

Sarah and Kristen Trowbridge decided to watch the action of the 1988 Daffodil Festival from the steps of Tomlinson's Exterminating on Main Street.

## Gloucester Daffodil Festival schedule of events

This year's Gloucester Daffodil Festival is packed with plenty of family-friendly activities and events. Locals and tourists alike will be able to celebrate the first normal festival in three years as COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations continue to drop.

Make plans to attend this weekend's festival, "In Full Bloom, Celebrating Our History," from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday.

The Daffodil Festival Parade begins at 10 a.m. Saturday, making its way from Gloucester's Main Street Center, along Main Street and ending at Botetourt Elementary School. Neal Steele of WXGM FM 99.1 will serve as host.

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

Opening ceremonies will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on the Main Stage, which is located in the parking lot behind County Building Two. The food court is also located there.

The opening ceremonies

will include the introduction of Little Miss Daffodil, the 2022 scholarship awards and the crowning of the 2022 Daffodil Festival Queen. This will be followed on the stage by the traditional bluegrass sounds of "The Whiskey Rebellion."

From 1-2 on the Daffodil Village Stage will be the "Amazing Mutt Show." The stage is located across Main Street from Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church. Gryb will present his "Rhythm is Gonna Get You" high-energy stage

show there from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. His show will be held the same time on Sunday. The Ware Church Children's Choir and Music Program, directed by Patti Taylor, will perform at 4.

Sunday's activities include performances by "Soul Expressions" on the Main Stage beginning at 12:45 p.m. On the Daffodil Festival Stage, the Rose & Sword Academy of Irish Dance will perform from noon to 12:45 p.m.; the crowning of Little Miss Daffodil from 1-2 p.m.; Gryb's show

from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m., and local musician Louis Vangieri playing acoustic guitar from 4-5 p.m.

A shuttle will be available at Gloucester High School both days. The shuttle ride costs \$5 per person round trip. Children under two are free. Check [daffodilfestivalva.org](http://daffodilfestivalva.org) for details.

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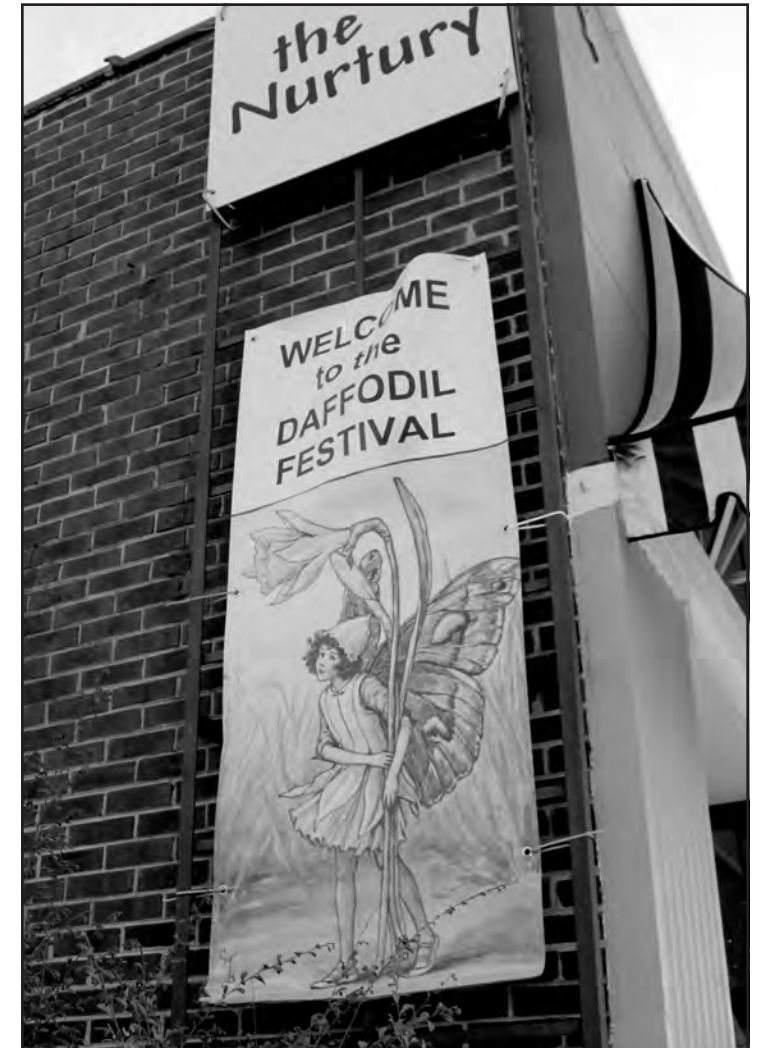
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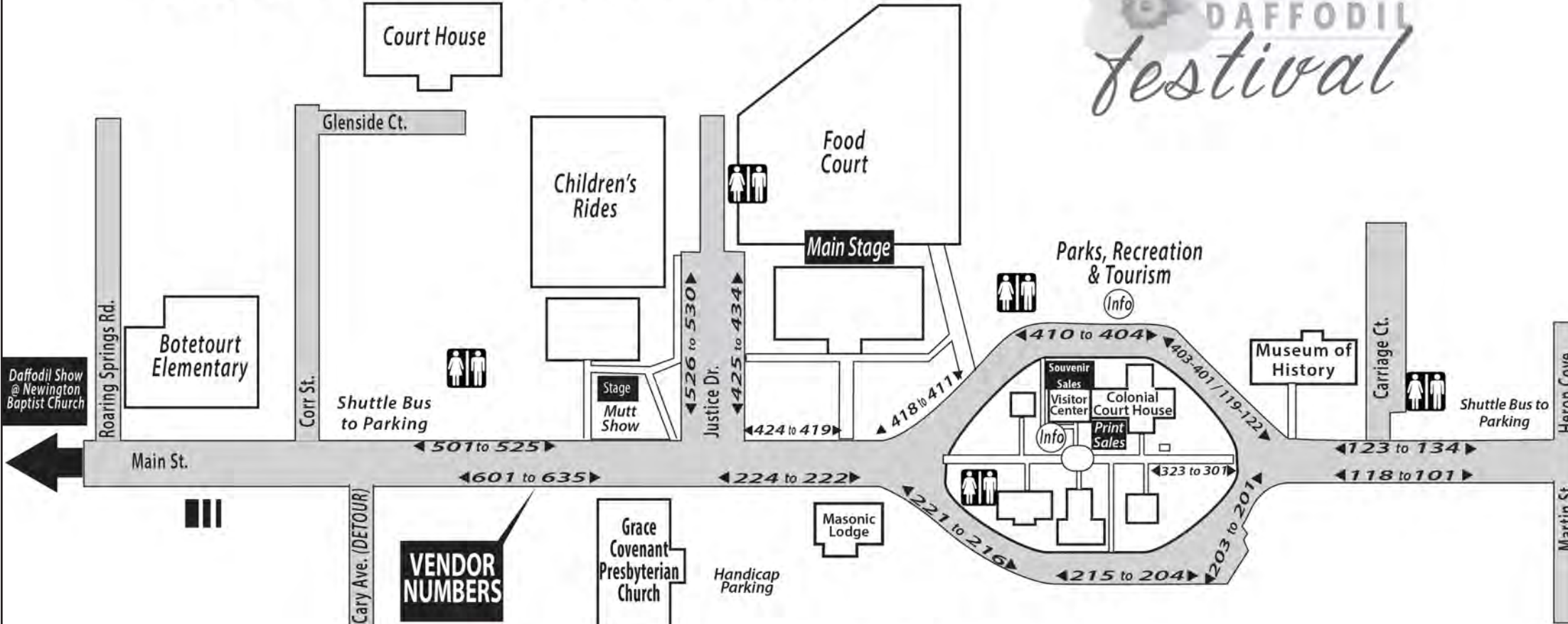
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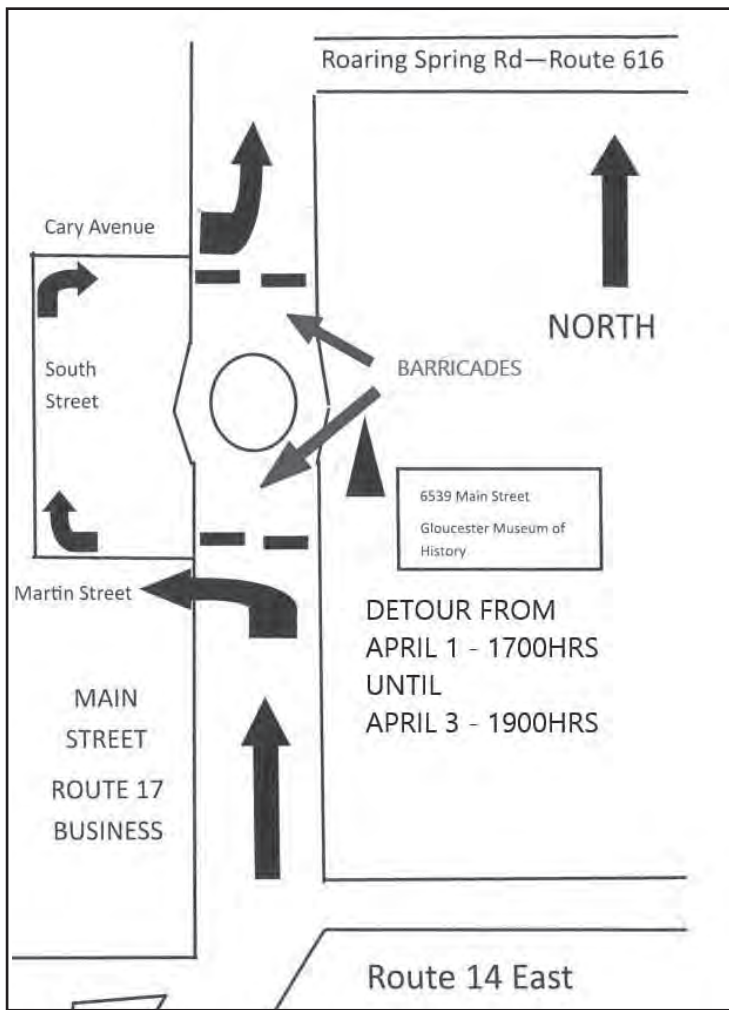
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During those hours, Main Street traffic will detour between Martin Street and Cary Avenue (see diagram). During Saturday's parade, from approximately 9:55 and 11:30 a.m., all vehicle traffic on Main Street will be suspended as road closures will be in effect. During the parade, traffic will still be able to proceed onto John Clayton Memorial Highway towards Mathews County and off John Clayton Memorial Highway, if turning left towards Walmart.

The sheriff's office will be on-site providing traffic control and event security throughout this weekend event. "Please expect delays and if you live within the Court House area, please plan accordingly," said a GCSO announcement. Main Street will be completely open at 7 p.m.

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Selling daffodils has always been a popular way for young people to make a little extra money, either for themselves or for charity, during the season. In left photo, Gloucester youngsters Ella Poulson, Andrew Teagle, Sarah Teagle and Meg Teagle, from left, sold daffodils the weekend before the 2011 Daffodil Festival on Main Street to raise money for the Japan tsunami relief effort. In photo at right, two 13-year-olds, Izaiah Miller, left, and Darrick Berry, set up shop at a familiar spot on Route 14 at James Store to sell the flowers.

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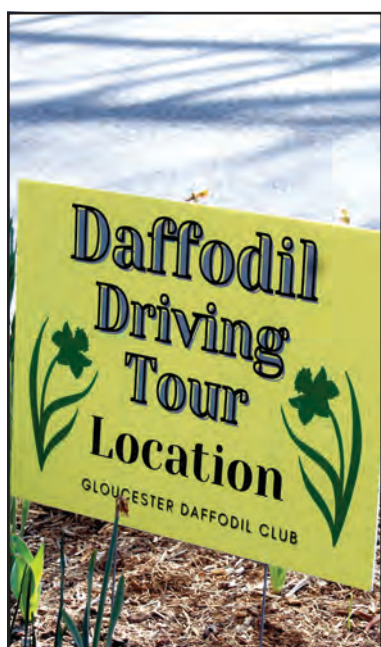
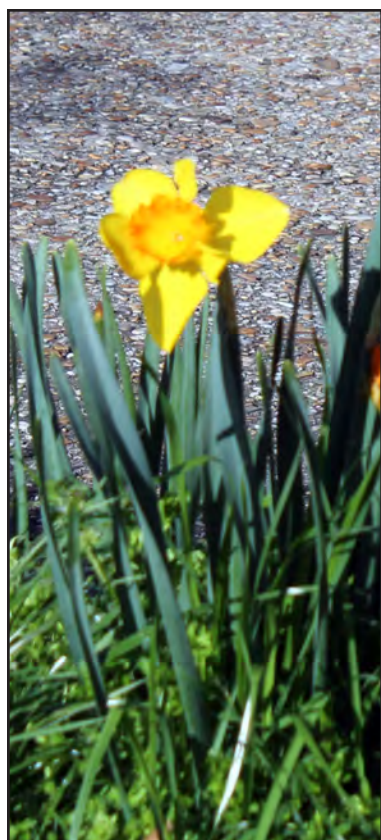


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**Daffodil blooms**

Be on the look out for daffodils of all shapes, sizes and shades of orange and yellow and white. Remember to also pay attention to the Daffodil Driving Tour locations when you are out and about this weekend.

**Daffodil Festival Beer Garden returns**

Gloucester Main Street Association will again host the Daffodil Festival Beer Garden from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday in the parking lot of VersAbility Resources, located at 6632 Main Street, Gloucester Court House. The last Daffodil Festival Beer Garden was held in 2019 with thousands in attendance.

"After a two-year hiatus, we are thrilled to have the Daffodil Festival Beer Garden return," GMSA executive director Jennifer Haggerty said. This year's beer garden will offer a variety of domestic and craft beers, in addition to hard ciders, available to guests at \$7 a pint. Guests are invited to spend

time at the beer garden, enjoying food from two area food trucks: Big Island Aquaculture, offering oysters, and On the Flip Side, offering American-Asian cuisine. Beer garden guests will also find Northern Neck Popcorn Bag offering popcorn in a variety of flavors. Live entertainment will be provided by local reggae band Stuck on A Name.

Profits support the Gloucester Main Street Association in hosting downtown events and marketing efforts in support of the downtown business community. Thanks to the beer garden's title sponsor, Asbury Electric, each drink purchased gives

back to downtown.

"Asbury Electric loves Gloucester folks," said Daniel Smith, Owner of Asbury Electric. "We had so much fun at last year's Last Call Before Fall event that we decided to sponsor again. It gives us a chance to meet and hang out with our neighbors, and to give our neighbors a chance to learn about who we are and how much we care," said Smith.

Stay updated on the Daffodil Festival Beer Garden via the Gloucester Main Street Facebook page. To learn more about Gloucester Main Street Association or downtown Gloucester, visit [gloucestervillage.com](http://gloucestervillage.com).

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