



## Newest American Daffodil Society Display Garden is in Reno, Nevada

The American Daffodil Society (ADS) approved Display Garden status to the Owls Roost Gardens in the ArrowCreek community of Reno, Nevada, during its Fall Board Meeting in September 2020. The Owls Roost Private Display Garden is one of only two Private Display Gardens west of the Mississippi River. The other one is in Arkansas. Of the twenty-seven gardens in the ADS Display Garden Program, 7 are west of the Mississippi River, 4 are in the Western Region of the ADS and only 1 is in Nevada – The Owls Roost Gardens.



The Owls Roost Private Display Garden the result of years of Susan Duncan's planning and hard work. Ron and Susan bought their 2.2 acre lot in 2000 and built their home in 2003. In accordance with homeowner association guidelines, more than 40% of the acreage remains native high desert. The landscaped portion is a combination of desert native plants and arid-land tolerant perennial and

annual specimens. Fire-resistant gardening does not have to be ugly. Susan has planted over 9,000 daffodil bulbs for a display of almost 900 unique varieties. Daffodils are not only deer and rodent resistant but also only require winter and spring snows/rains without any summer irrigation. They are a perfect pop of color for a high desert garden.



Even though the Owls Roost is not a large public garden, several separate beds display special daffodil groupings together: the Wister Bed for the Wister winners, the Pannill Bed for the Pannill winners, the Classics Bed for daffodils registered with the RHS in England between 1940 and 1969, inclusive, and the Historic Bed for daffodils registered with RHS or known to be in gardens prior to 1940. Many Species (the wild daffodils) are in a bed on the edge between the landscaped and the high-desert native portions of the property. There is a Division Bed to display all



13 divisions of daffodils next to each other. The samples chosen for this bed show various blooming times and colorings of petals and cups of the daffodil within each division. There are beds to display sizing differences: Intermediates, Miniatures and Tall. Other beds have fun with groupings based on the names of the flowers, such as Love, Spirit Circle, Foreign Travel, and Magical Desert.

Owls Roost Gardens have other flowers as well. Helleborus varieties bloom late winter through mid-spring. Fritillaria, bleeding heart and columbines bloom in shady spots in mid-spring, toward the end of peak daffodil season. Over 540 irises and many daylilies bloom after the daffodils are done. These flowers are deer and rodent resistant. They are doing fine in our high desert environment. More water-needy roses dominate the summer months - at least as much as they can before the deer eat the blossoms. Lavender, rudbeckia and butterfly bushes are summer blooming as well. Several rose of sharon (hibiscus) varieties bloom late summer to early fall but the ones on the deer trail stay pruned to the size they were when originally planted back in 2004 thanks to deer and rabbits snacking on them - even though many gardening sources claim they are not tasty.

Please call 775-852-7265 to arrange an appointment to view the Owls Roost Gardens. Best viewing time of year is usually mid-April through June. Go to [daffodilusa.org](http://daffodilusa.org) for more information on the American Daffodil Society or about daffodils.

