



Talbot County Garden Club

Press Release

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13,000 Daffodils planted along the Easton By-Pass in 30 minutes

In preparation for its 100th anniversary celebration, the Talbot County Garden Club planted 13,000 daffodil bulbs in front of Moton Park along the RT 322 by-pass. The bulbs were planted in just 30 minutes, on Friday November 11 2016, with a special machine from Brent and Becky's Bulbs.

"Our club has been contributing to the beauty of Talbot County for 100 years," said Mary Louise Maechling, club president. "We felt this was a wonderful way to celebrate our service."

Planting this many bulbs by hand would normally take days, but the machine, which is pulled by a tractor, can plant approximately 30,000 in under an hour. The blades slice and lift the turf; and then the bulbs drop into the ground followed by the turf being lightly tamped by wheels. The planting consisted of a mix of three types of daffodils in order to provide a consistent bloom for the community throughout the entire spring season.

Mayor Robert C. Willey and Town Manager, Don Richardson, joined the planting event. "The Talbot County Garden Club has done many wonderful projects over the years." Mayor Willey said. "I am excited to see the daffodils come up this spring. All these gardens make our town look better for everyone that lives here and our visitors all take notice."

2000 of the bulbs were made possible by the generous donation from one of the Talbot County Garden Club member's, Sally Akridge. The Akridge property, Harleigh, was recently on the 2016 Talbot County House and Garden Pilgrimage and Harleigh's Assistant Property Manager, Jim Greenhawk, was present at the bulb-planting event as well.

Each spring will bring a bloom of color on the bypass in Easton thanks to another generous gift from the Talbot County Garden Club.



(Left to right): Mary Louise Maechling (TCGC President), Ben Wood (Brent and Becky Bulbs), Caroline Benson and Patricia Reynolds (Co-chairs TCGC Centennial Committee), Don Richardson (Easton Town Manager), Robert Wiley (Mayor Town of Easton), Steve Daniel (Brent and Becky Bulbs) Photo by TCGC member Laura Carney

About the Talbot County Garden Club

The Talbot County Garden Club was established in 1917 to enrich the natural beauty of the environment by sharing knowledge of gardening, fostering the art of flower arranging, maintaining civic projects, supporting projects that benefit Talbot County and encouraging the conservation of natural resources. Noteworthy projects include maintaining the grounds of the Talbot Historical Society, Talbot Courthouse, Talbot Library, the Children's Garden and Fountain Garden at Idlewild Park and numerous other gardens and activities. There are currently just over 100 active, associate and honorary members.

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