

A funny thing happened on the way to the show...

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Happy holidays. I am working on a newsletter for the newly-formed Gloucester (VA) Daffodil Club. Along with the goal of encouraging our members to “paint Gloucester yellow,” we want to demystify the process of entering a daffodil show. I’d like to include—maybe on a regular basis—a feature entitled “A funny thing happened on the way to the show.”

Nearly everyone has a horror story of some mishap involving their entries. Some could be educational: the sun burned the unprotected orange cups in the backseat on the way to the show, etc,. Others could be entertaining and unavoidable: the motel fridge froze the entries, a traffic mishap ended up in smashed blooms, the dog slept on a prize specimen. I once snatched up the vase of discards, leaving many blue-ribbon candidates behind. And then there’s the time one of my daff friends spent hours filling out her entry cards beforehand...only to forget them.

I’d love your input for use in our newsletter--it is reassuring to the novice that even those more experienced can slip up now and then.