

## Press Release

### Bell Buckle Daffodil Day And Best of the Butts BBQ Cook-Off

**What:** 44th Annual Bell Buckle Daffodil Day & Best of the Butts BBQ Cook-Off

**Where:** Historic Bell Buckle, Tennessee

**When:** Saturday, March 19, 2022 10:00am – 4:00pm

**Who:** Sponsored by the Bell Buckle Chamber of Commerce and the Bell Buckle Tree Board

FINALLY!!!! After two loooooong years, the Bell Buckle Daffodil Day and Best of the Butts BBQ Cook-Off is back in action!!! Can we get an AMEN!! Singing to the choir loud now!

And oh, have we got the fun planned for you! Cozy, little historic Bell Buckle sparkles and shines the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday in March when thousands and thousands of smiling daffodils explode in all their brilliant yellow glory. This year's Daffodil Day event will be held Saturday, March 19th complete with the ever-popular Daffodil Flower Show, book signings, live music, an interactive BBQ Cook-Off, and Arbor Day festivities celebrating Bell Buckle's 22nd year as the smallest Tree City USA in Tennessee!

The Daffodils' appearance has been celebrated in the most charming manner known every year for 44 plus years on the third Saturday in March. Over a century ago, mass plantings of the golden beauties were planted along the corridors to the scenic little town of Bell Buckle. The daffodils have multiplied and now grow in every direction throughout the tree-lined town. It is truly a sight to see.

The Daffodil Flower Show is great fun for young and old alike. The show will be held at the NEW Bell Buckle Mini-Banquet Hall 2 next to The Findery. Be sure to check out the Bell Buckle Chamber's web page for all the categories as it ranges from a Youth Division to Arrangements to Single Stems to a spirited Hometown competition category; over 15 categories in all! Pick your favorite and bring it on down! We will have the entry forms waiting for you! Go to [bellbucklechamber.com](http://bellbucklechamber.com) for more information on entering including times, rules, and instructions on the different daffodil classes.

Home to Tennessee's former Poet Laureate Margaret Britton Vaughn, Bell Buckle has always had a special place for books in its history and heart. Sawney Webb, the founder of the Webb School, used more money on books than buildings when the school was moved from Culleoka to Bell Buckle in 1886. The Bell Buckle Coffee Shop and Book Swap celebrates Bell Buckle's long literary love affair with a book signing by John T. Wayne, grandson of "The Duke" John Wayne. Mr. Wayne will be

signing books in his The Gaslight Boys” series. For more information on these book signings, go to the Bell Buckle Coffee Shop and Book Swap Facebook page.

A ton of fun is to be had at the Bell Buckle Best Of The Butts BBQ Cook-Off held on the Captain Rodney lot. Watch BBQ grill masters perfect their art and participate in the judging! The only thing better than the smell of BBQ is getting to sample all the entries. Meander around all the contestants’ tents to observe the masters of the trade as they compete to be the best of the best. Tickets can be purchased on the Captain Rodney lot for the People’s Choice Award. For a mere \$10 ticket, visitors can sample each of the contestants’ entries and vote on their favorite. There will be winners named and the People’s Choice Award on the Captain Rodney at 4pm. There is truly no bragging better than the one that says you have the best butt in Bell Buckle!

Food trucks will be on hand in addition to all the wonderful food at the Bell Buckle Café. No one ever really complains about leaving Bell Buckle hungry. Just saying.....

Spring and outdoor themed vendors will be selling their wares all day. Live music will be performed by Olivia Mason and Chase Clanton on the Quilt Square. And of course, there’s the always-popular Tree Seedling give away. This year’s seedlings will be Hybrid Chestnut, Buttonbush, and Nuttall Oak. And yes, as always, they are free. But they go fast so don’t be late!

The whimsical and unique stores will be showcasing their new Spring merchandise too. Be sure to check out the window displays at Phillips General Store. These windows are always a treat and give stiff competition to those New York windows! Also note that 1852 Antiques, Hilltop Antiques, and Simplicity will be taking 20% off anything with a daffodil or any other flower on it (unless it’s marked ND for No Discount).

As The Duke would say “Life is tough, but it’s tougher when you’re stupid”. Don’t be stupid by missing out on Bell Buckle’s Daffodil Day and Best of the Butts BBQ Cook-Off!

Daffodil lined roads will lead you to Historic Bell Buckle where you’re always  
“Close to Home, but A World Away”

***For more information, contact:  
[www.bellbucklechamber.com](http://www.bellbucklechamber.com)***

**44th Annual DAFFODIL DAY 2020 Schedule**

**10:00-4:00 Craft Fair & Food Trucks**

**Daffodil Show**

*At the NEW Bell Buckle Mini-Banquet Hall 2*

10:00–11:30pm Entries accepted

11:30–12:30 show closed for judging

12:30 Daffodil Show winners announced

**Book Signing**

*At the Bell Buckle Coffee Shop & Book Swap*

9:00am – 3:00pm Author John T. Wayne

**Best of the Butts**

*At the Captain Rodney Stage Area*

12:00 Open to Public for Tasting and Voting

4:00 Winner announced after Arbor Day Ceremony

People's Choice tickets \$10 per person

**Seminars**

*At the Downtown Pavilion next to The Findery*

Check schedule for seminar updates

**Arbor Day Ceremony**

*2:00 at the Captain Rodney Stage*

Tree City USA Recognition 22nd Year

2022 Notable Tree of Bell Buckle

Bell Buckle Citizen of the Year