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President's Message

It's well into September, and I cannot believe the summer has slipped away. And what a lovely summer it was, enough rain to keep the lawns and meadows green, enough sun to get a tan by the pool, and the right mix of all of the above to have incredible tomatoes from the vegetable garden. As the days become shorter and the temperatures start to drop, I realize it's time to turn my focus to Fall. And, that means our Annual MDS Fall Meeting!

We will meet on **Saturday, November 16, 2019 at the Greenhouse Classroom at Cylburn Arboretum, 4915 Green-spring Ave., Baltimore, MD 21209.**

The Agenda starts with our Business meeting, followed by a lecture provided by the American Daffodil Society and a Round Table discussion. The program will conclude with a fabulous raffle of daffodil related items and our traditional Daffodil Bulb Sale. This meeting provides a great opportunity to learn about daffs, meet other people interested in Daffodil growing and showing, and enjoy a really nice auction and terrific bulb sale.

Following the meeting, I encourage members to take a walk around the Arboretum grounds. There are over 5000 daffodil bulbs on site which will not be blooming, but there are fabulous specimen tree collections, plantings, gardens, and wooded trails.

Our **Spring Maryland Daffodil Show** will be held at the **Vollmer Center at Cylburn Arboretum, Wednesday, April 22, 2020 and Thursday, April 23, 2020.** Early-bird entries may be placed on Tuesday, April 21 all afternoon. As per custom, we are actively soliciting financial assistance of any amount. We need Show Angels and would be so appreciative of any help you can provide: please see insert for dues remittance, sponsor and volunteer information.

Looking forward to seeing many of you at the Fall Meeting,
Hilles Whedbee

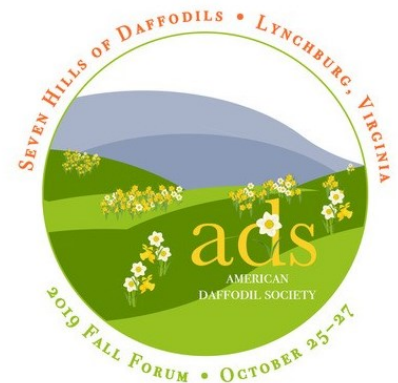
ADS FALL FORUM

October 25 - 27, 2019

Lynchburg, VA

Daffodil and Photography Show
Bulb Auction

<https://daffodilusa.org/events-show-calendar/fall-symposiums/2019-fall-forum-daffodil-show/>





In Memoriam:

Jane Bennington Viele · 1922 – 2019
Harford County, Maryland

It is with great sadness that the Maryland Daffodil Society marks the passing of Jane Bennington Viele. She was a stalwart supporter of the Maryland Daffodil Society and the American Daffodil Society and served both societies in board positions.

Jane was an avid daffodil exhibitor and further helped the MDS by allowing the collection of staging boxwood from the extensive gardens at her home, *Mt. Friendship*, in Havre de Grace, Maryland. Those gardens contained many large, mature holly tree varieties, large ornamental shrubs and, of course, daffodils.

Back in the daffodil heyday of the 1970's and 1980's before judges were allowed to exhibit in shows they were judging, a foursome of ladies from Maryland would travel to the Virginia Tidewater Area Daffodil Shows. Mary Gwen Erlandson would usually be the driver because she had an air-conditioned Cadillac. Betty Smith would watch for her beloved and charming historic churches. Allyn Moore just wanted to get there fast so they might have a couple of extra hours to play bridge before going out to dinner. Jane Viele liked to spot architecturally worthy homes in rundown condition and then imagine how she would renovate them.

Jane was very dedicated to historical preservation projects in Maryland and Virginia. She was a driving force in the acquisition of funds for historical research done at Mount Clare Colonial Estate in Baltimore City, Gunston Hall Colonel Estate in Mason Neck Virginia and many historic sites in Harford County, Maryland. A person who loved horticultural things in general, Jane was a member of several local garden clubs, was a director of the Garden Club of America, participated in the Longwood Gardens Education courses, was a horticulture consultant for Ladew Topiary Gardens. She was an ADS accredited judge and a horticulture judge for the Garden Club of America.

Jane Viele's death truly marks the end of an era for the MDS. The Maryland Daffodil Society hopes to maintain the high standards demanded and demonstrated by her generation.

William G. Pannill Award

Given annually by the American Daffodil Society, the award is presented to an American hybridizer to recognize a named standard daffodil that has demonstrated winning show qualities for a minimum of 5 years following registration.



The 2019 winners are Grant Mitsch and Elise Havens for 'Cedar Hills' 3W-GYY. The flower was registered in 1975 and was the product of two ADS Classics:

'Impala' (1966, Chinese White x T10/1) and 'Green Hills' (1960, Moyness x Portrush). Striking on the show bench, it blooms dependably late-season in the garden.

John & Gertrude Wister Award

This ADS award recognizes daffodils that are floriferous, long bloomers with vigorous foliage and tall sturdy stems, resistant to rot and readily available. Emphasis is on garden performance, though the winner may also be of show quality.

Dutch-bred 'Las Vegas' 1W-Y is the 2019 winner. Its showy blooms stand out in the garden, and given good drainage and space to increase,



it will form clumps sizable flowers for consistent bloom in the spring landscape. Other winners of the Pannill and Wister Awards may be viewed on the ADS website.

Planting Your Daffodil Bulbs

Plant the bulbs when grounds have cooled, in some climates September and for warmer climates in November. Choose a well-drained, sunny place. Hillsides and raised beds are best. DRAINAGE is the key. Spade at least 12" deep. Improve your clay with well-rotted compost, soil amendment, or planting mix and raise the bed. Slightly acidic soil is best, so you might add soil sulfur if you have alkaline soil.

During the soil preparation, a complete fertilizer, low in nitrogen, (3-6-6 or 5-10-10) should be worked in (1/4 cup per square foot). Be sure the fertilizer does not come in direct contact with the bulbs.

Plant your daffodils so that their top (pointed end) is at least two times as deep as the bulb is high (top of a 2" bulb is 4" deep). Exactness isn't crucial; they'll adjust. Plant bulbs deeper in sandy soil than in clay.

Top-dress with 5-10-10 when the leaf-tips emerge. As they flower, top-dress with 0-10-10 or 0-0-50. High-nitrogen fertilizer should be avoided.

Daffodils need lots of water while they are growing. Water immediately after planting and keep them moist until the rains come. Continue watering for three weeks or so after blooming time; then stop watering. The bulbs make their next year's bloom after flowering. (Your first-year bloom is largely due to the previous grower of the bulb.)

You may leave daffodils down in the ground for between 3 to 5 years. If blooming doesn't happen one season, it would be best to move them to a new location.

After blooming, don't cut the foliage until it begins to yellow (usually late May or June). Then is the time to dig them. Wash the bulbs thoroughly and let them dry completely (at least a week). Put them in onion sacks (or panty hose) and hang them in the coolest place you can find until ready to plant. Good air circulation will keep storage rot at a minimum.

– from the ADS website

• MDS Show April 24 – 25, 2019 •
Vollmer Center at Cylburn Arboretum



Prepping the blooms – photo by J. Minch



Above: Floral design by Pat Parker
Below: ADS Carey E. Quinn winner, entered by Anne Donnell Smith – photos by J. Sobel



Minutes of the 2018 Fall Meeting of the Maryland Daffodil Society: The 2018 Fall Meeting of the Maryland Daffodil Society was held on Saturday, November 17, 2018 at the Center for Maryland Agriculture and Farm Park, 1114 Shawan Rd., Cockeysville, MD 21030, and was called to order by President Hilles Whedbee at 10:50 AM with 29 persons in attendance. Minutes of the 2017 Fall Meeting were approved as printed in the December, 2017 and October, 2018 MDS newsletters. *Report of Treasurer Bobbie Hudson:* The checking account balance on 9/27/17 was \$9,051.31; 2018 expenses were \$3,649.73 for the MDS show in April, and \$325 for insurance. The ending bank balance on 9/26/18 was \$8,928.78. A certificate of deposit maturing 11/18/18 has a maturity value of \$5,053. *Report of Membership Chairman Julie Minch:* Last Fall's experiment with having the newsletter and dues notice sent exclusively by email resulted in a sharp reduction in dues payments, so we are going back to snail mail notices. Please consider becoming a show patron, sponsor or angel when remitting dues. *Report of 2019 Show Chairman Meredith McDonagh:* After 12 years at The Shops at Kenilworth, there will be a new venue for the 2019 show at the Vollmer Center, Cylburn Arboretum, 4915 Greenspring Ave., Baltimore MD 21209. Federated Garden Clubs of Maryland and Baltimore City Parks and Recreation will help sponsor the show; MDS costs are not expected to increase. Set-up will be Tuesday April 23, 2019, with the show open Wednesday and Thursday, April 24 and 25. Times for entering and visiting will be in accord with Arboretum hours. A planning meeting of the Show Committee will be held in January. *Report of Regional Vice-President of the American Daffodil Society (ADS) Nicki Schwab:* Washington Daffodil Society (WDS) members Glenna Graves and Janet Hickman were recognized at the April ADS Convention in TN. The 2019 Convention will be in Minnesota. There will be a Daffodil Judge School on April 5, 2019 at Brent and Becky's Bulbs in Gloucester, VA; the following day is Gloucester's Daffodil Festival. The Mid-Atlantic Regional Leadership and Service Award was given to Mary Anne Barton of WDS. ADS kicked off a Capital Campaign led by Kathy Walsh, to raise \$25,000 to upgrade technology, including the ADS website and DaffSeek. Donations may be made at www.daffodilusa.org, or by check mailed to Executive Director Frank Nyikos. Don Caton introduced the idea of selling divided bulbs at local farmers' markets to raise funds for local daffodil societies, and recommended displaying a trifold board with photos and data on bulbs being sold. *Report of President Hilles Whedbee:* The 2018 Show was impacted by weather, but nonetheless had a good showing of 1,400+ blooms from more than 80 exhibitors. Cylburn Arboretum is the new site for the 2019 show and recent plantings of 10,000 daffodil bulbs along the driveway will complement the event. Soliciting corporate sponsors for the show is being considered, as is developing increased participation from local garden clubs. Dues-paying clubs will be given a bag of 9 bulbs at today's meeting to help generate interest. In discussion about reducing show costs, Meredith McDonagh suggested recycling ribbons and informing exhibitors that ribbons won't be mailed unless a self-addressed stamped envelope is provided. *Report of the Nominating Committee:* Bobbie Hudson reported the nominees for office for the 2018 – 2020 term: Hilles Whedbee, President; Pat Parker, Vice-President; Julie Minch, Treasurer; Susan Palmer, Secretary; and Immediate Past President, Meredith McDonagh. Membership Chairman Julie Minch, and Members-at-Large Joan Bender, Joan Moore, Nicki Schwab, Mary Ann Thompson and Sally Waller also will serve on the Board. Motion to accept the slate of officer nominees as presented was made by Bobbie Hudson, was seconded and passed. The meeting concluded at 11:35 AM. Anne Donnell Smith's PowerPoint refresher for Daffodil Show Judges began immediately thereafter and ended at 12:40 PM. The day finished with the traditional bulb sale.

Subsequent business: On November 20, 2019, by e-mail to officers and members of the Board, President Hilles Whedbee moved that MDS donate \$1,000 to the ADS Capital Campaign for technology upgrades. The motion was seconded, discussed and passed. – Susan Palmer, Sect'y

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