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President's Message

Dear MDS Members,
Despite the pandemic and cancellation of our 2021 Show, you stepped up and found fun and innovative ways to share your love of daffodils. The ideas that sprouted in February about staying connected and giving back blossomed into a wonderful array of spring daffodil activities! Here's a look back at what was accomplished:

- **Tour the Daffodils:** On Saturday, April 10, MDS partnered with Baltimore City Recreation and Parks (BCRP) Horticulture Division, to offer programs and tours in celebration of daffodils. MDS members Meredith McDonagh and Hilles Whedbee joined Parks Naturalist Molly Hoopes to lead the tours, and Jackie Handley, Muffin McAfee and Pat Parker set up an educational display of blooms from all 13 daffodil divisions, with handouts for visitors.
- **Daffodils 101:** On Saturday, April 17, MDS member and Daffodil Judge Joan Bender inspired us by leading a popular Zoom presentation at the Conservatory on *Daffodils 101: Learn the Basics about Daffodil Divisions, Colors, Care, and Planting*. Other MDS members joined in to help field questions from attendees.
- **Social Media Spotlights:** MDS member and Daffodil Judge Julie Minch recorded several short educational videos. Her *“Everything You Always Wanted to Know About Daffodils”* and *“Be a Daffodil Expert”* tutorials will be posted on the Rawlings Conservatory Facebook page and on the MDS website. Stay tuned!
- **Show Stopping Displays:** On April 20, Anne Donnell Smith graciously opened her farm to MDS members for a spectacular outdoor exhibit of over 235 show-quality blooms. (continued on p. 2)

THE ANNUAL FALL MEETING, JUDGES REFRESHER AND BULB SALE is just around the corner! Mark your calendars for Saturday, November 13 at 10 AM, at the Greenhouse Classroom, Cylburn Arboretum, 4915 Greenspring Ave., Baltimore, MD 21209.

Baltimore City Covid safety rules will apply: Face masks must be worn and temperature checks are required. No food or beverages will be served, though you may bring your own drink. There is a limit to the number of people permitted, so RSVPs are required. If you plan to attend, please reply by November 10 to Sherry Jordan at sherryjordan23@gmail.com.

Our program will be a Judges Refresher on the topic of ‘Utilizing the Scales’ led by
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2022 Maryland Daffodil Show

The Maryland Daffodil Society, with the support of Federated Garden Clubs of Maryland and Baltimore City Parks and Recreation, is excited to announce the **Wednesday April 20 and Thursday April 22, 2022** dates for the Maryland Daffodil Show at the Vollmer Center at Cylburn. The show schedule will be available online at www.marylanddaffodil.org and in print.

Enthusiastically and with hopes on high (!), it is time to ponder and plan for the show, beginning with a short meeting immediately following the MDS Annual Fall Meeting on November 13. All past volunteers are encouraged to let me know that they will once again do their important jobs for the Show. And for anyone else interested in helping, this is a great way to meet new and old daffodil friends and serve our community.

Let's keep the fantastic momentum MDS created last spring with all the educational and thanksgiving activities rolling; we hope to see a larger public in 2022 thanks to these efforts! - Meredith McDonagh

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Leslie Aronson, Debbie Cameron, Jackie Handley, Muffin McAfee, Julie Minch and Pat Parker helped set-up and stage.

- **Daffodils in Cyberspace:** MDS members participated in our Virtual Daffodil Show by sharing beautiful photos of daffodils from their gardens on the MDS website.
- **Giving Back: Honoring Health Care Workers, First Responders, and Essential Workers:** A big thanks to every MDS member who donated daffodils to honor our crucial service providers. WOW, did you deliver! Over 1,600 daffodils were collected in April. Hilles Whedbee organized collection and delivery of bouquets to health care workers at a hospital. Pat Parker honored essential workers at a grocery store, and Joan Bender and her Catonsville Garden Club members thanked their neighborhood fire fighters with cheerful bouquets as well.

As an aside, we received good publicity in the newsletters of District III - Federated Garden Clubs of Maryland and the ADS Mid-Atlantic Region, in the September *The Daffodil Journal*, and with the newly-updated MDS brochures on hand at the Spring Flower Show at Rawlings Conservatory.

In a year without a traditional show, MDS accomplishments were truly extraordinary! I'm optimistic that 2022 will allow a return to in-person daffodil shows, and am looking forward to seeing everyone at the MDS Fall Meeting!

With deep gratitude, Muffin McAfee

Fall is Bulb Time - and Time to Renew Your Membership

- by Membership Chairman Julie Minch

Are you thinking about bulbs you would like to buy to round out your daffodil collection? Purchasing bulbs at the MDS Fall Meeting and Bulb Sale on November 13 could be just the ticket!

Fall is a great time to plant new bulbs and fertilize existing beds. I'll plant the bulbs I buy at our Fall Meeting in mid-November, and will top-fertilize them in February and June. Some exhibitors make their own mixture using sulfate of potash and bulb booster. Others use Bulbtone; be aware it has bone meal which can attract animals.

Many exhibitors use metal/plastic above-ground labels to identify their planted bulbs. You can also use plastic knives, spoons or cut strips of plastic milk cartons to bury with your bulbs. Be sure to put the name and color code on all labels. Sharpie tends to fade in sunlight. Paint pens (Deco-Art) work well, as does pencil. Some write the info on the back of the labels so the sun doesn't touch it. Unfortunately, labels can be disrupted. I think squirrels come out at night and move mine around -- that's why it's wise to make a garden map. This really helps when you have many varieties close together. Happy planting!

Fall is also time to renew your MDS membership. We had 78 individual and 23 garden club members in the October 2020 - September 2021 year. We need members like you to support us by attending the fall meeting, buying bulbs, paying dues and entering blooms in the spring show. Volunteers are always needed to make sure our show runs smoothly. The Dues form in this newsletter makes volunteering and remitting your dues easy; please send it in soon!



Photos: Bouquets for Health Care workers, Firefighters, and Grocery employees; Exhibits at A.D. Smith's farm.

2021 ADS Hybrid Fall Forum & Board Meeting



Join members of the American Daffodil Society
in-person October 21- 24, 2021 in Reno, NV

Unique opportunities for Virtual Sessions by Zoom
start in October, and continue into November

Schedule of Events (including Virtual Sessions),
Speakers and Topics, Registration and other
information posted at www.daffodilusa.org

The ADS William G. Pannill Award

is given 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 2021 winner is 'Southern Hospitality' (4 Y-R, registered in 2000, bred by Richard and Elise Havens [(Armada x Paricutin) x Falstaff]).



It's a stunning early to mid-season standard double daffodil, with perianth and other petaloid segments in three whorls, very broadly ovate, blunt, and golden yellow in color. The center whorl is strongly inflexed, with margins folded deeply inward.

In Memoriam – by Member-at-Large Nicki Schwab

Daffodilians, garden clubs and friends lost two beloved members this August. **Joan Bender, 1947 – 2021**, was an accredited American Daffodil Society Judge, as well as a Garden Club of America Horticulture Judge, and a National Garden Club Master Flower Show Judge. She was a leader and mainstay in the Maryland Daffodil Society, and faithfully helped with the setup and the passing of daffodils at the annual Maryland Daffodil Show. She shared her extensive knowledge of daffodils and was always encouraging and helpful to new growers and showers.

Joan was well-known as a speaker, and she presented her program "Daffodils 101" to many audiences. Joan also gave back to her community, and during the pandemic, she organized with her Catonsville Garden Club members bouquets of daffodils to be given to local firefighters for their service.

As an ADS Judge, Joan traveled extensively in the Mid-Atlantic Region to judge and enter shows. Her expertise as a judge was well-respected, and she will be missed by so many in the daffodil world. Her obituary may be viewed at: <https://www.dignitymemorial.com/en-ca/obituaries/catonsville-md/joan-bender-10316449>



Bonnie Stevens, 1942 – 2021, was an accredited American Daffodil Society Judge, a National Garden Club Master Flower Show Judge, and a past-President of Federated Garden Clubs of Maryland, Inc. She lived in Oxford, Maryland, and was married to her childhood sweetheart, Ray Stevens.

Bonnie's passion was daffodils. She was an avid grower who enjoyed entering her blooms at shows. Her friends and family always enjoyed the golden flowers in her gardens during the spring.

Bonnie was recognized by her peers as a knowledgeable judge. She was never without a smile, and her friendly demeanor touched many daffodil lovers.

Bonnie was a beloved spouse, mother, grandmother, and a friend to all who knew her. She will be missed by so many.

Her obituary may be viewed at: [Bonnie E. Stevens Obituary - Visitation & Funeral Information \(fhnfuneralhome.com\)](http://Bonnie.E.StevensObituary-Visitation&FuneralInformation(fhnfuneralhome.com))

THE ANNUAL FALL MEETING, JUDGES REFRESHER AND BULB SALE - continued from p. 1

Anne Donnell Smith. *Judges wishing to refresh should register with Julie Minch at julesmin@gmail.com by November 10*; the cost to refresh is \$5.

And, there's an exciting twist to the ever-popular bulb sale, which should start at about 11:45:

From Leslie Aronson and Anne Donnell Smith: "In an effort to supply members with bulbs that will provide a full-sized bloom in Spring 2022, we decided to place orders with specialty daffodil growers both in the U.S. and Europe. These bulbs were selected according to known show worthiness and season of bloom. Most cultivars that will be available are known to consistently provide excellent show exhibits. Sprinkled in are a few newer varieties that, from their heritage, should be successful at our shows.

Season of bloom was also a major factor in bulb choices. In the past several years, our springs have come rather early, so those who grow later-blooming cultivars have had more to exhibit. Therefore, mid-season, late mid-season and late-season bloomers make up the bulk of our choices. Importantly, the American Daffodil Society Convention and National show will be in Gettysburg, PA on the last weekend in April, 2022. Hopefully, with later flowers, some of us might exhibit at the National Show; it will be so close.

For the bulb sale, we'll bag 2 or 3 bulbs for modest payment. There may be a few special cultivars where only one bulb is available, or mini cultivars with more than 3 per bag. Intermediates are included, and most divisions are represented. Each bag will be \$5; only cash or checks accepted."

The MDS meeting also will serve as the ADS Middle-Atlantic Region Fall Meeting. The winner of the Regional Leadership and Service Award will be announced. Letters to nominate an individual may be emailed to Regional VP Deana Kozak at mdkozak@yahoo.com

Dues for the October 1, 2021 – September 30, 2022 year may be paid at the meeting. Remittance also may be made using the Dues form below.

Spring 2022 Shows & Events

March 26: Virginia Daffodil Society, Lewis Ginter Botanical Gardens, Richmond VA jpotter890@msn.com

April 2-3: Gloucester Daffodil Society/Mid-Atlantic ADS Show, Botetourt Elementary School krist6435@verizon.net or peggyb72@gmail.com

April 4: ADS Judging School III, Brent and Becky's Bulbs, Gloucester VA Peggy Bowditch at gloucesterdaffodils@gmail.com or nanfox@gmail.com

April 8-10: Washington Daffodil Society, Alexandria Valley Scottish Rite Temple, Alexandria VA daffyun100@gmail.com

April 11-13: District II FGCMMD, Our Shepherd Lutheran Church, Severna Park MD mliz.williams825@gmail.com

April 21-22: Maryland Daffodil Society, Cylburn Arboretum, Vollmer Center meredy@comcast.net

April 29 – May 1: American Daffodil Society Convention and National Show, Gettysburg PA

Dates TBD: Upperville and Delaware Valley Shows

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Maryland Daffodil Society, Inc. Dues Remittance and Volunteer Information Oct 1, 2021 – Sep 30, 2022

Individual, Couple or Organization's Name _____

Contact person, if applicable _____

Mailing address _____

Telephone _____ Email address _____

This is a change of address or contact information.

Dues. Renewing Member or New member. *1-year membership dues, October 1 to September 30:*

- Individual \$ 20.00
- Couple \$ 25.00
- Organization or Garden Club \$ 25.00

Support for the MDS. I/we want to make an additional contribution to support MDS:

- Sponsor \$ 50.00 Angel \$200.00
- Patron \$100.00 Other \$ _____

Total Enclosed: _____ **\$** _____

Please Volunteer! The annual Daffodil Show in April is the major undertaking of MDS! Please indicate your willingness to help with: Set-up the day before, Dismantling, Publicity, Passing, Properties and Staging, Records, Hostessing while the show is open to the public; Design Division; Special Exhibits Division; other.

Yes, I can help with _____ Yes, I can help where needed most.

Please make checks payable to MDS, Inc. and mail to: Jackie Handley, 1055 W. Joppa Rd., #612, Towson, MD 21204