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President's Message

Asters, Caryopteris, and Solidago are blooming in my garden. I see goldfinches swaying on the seed heads of my Echinacea and that means fall is here and it's time to think about preparing our daffodil beds and buying bulbs. While the weather is still warm, take time to turn and loosen the soil in your flower beds. This will make it much easier to plant those show bulbs in November.

Hats off to all MDS Members for your enthusiastic participation in the 2022 Maryland Daffodil Show. To see the complete list of MDS and ADS award winners, visit the MDS website www.marylanddaffodil.org. With 454 entries, a bloom count of 1,000 and a beautiful Photography display, the show was a smashing success! A big thank you to Meredith McDonagh for Chairing the 2022 Daffodil Show.

Sharing our passion for and knowledge of daffodils by participating in the Maryland Daffodil Show is rewarding on many levels. I loved seeing the expression on the face of a local photographer and photo shop owner as he stepped into the show. He was so impressed by beauty of the blooms on display and had no idea there were so many daffodil cultivars!

Participating in the 2022 Maryland Daffodil Show was truly an uplifting experience. Everywhere I turned people were helping and teaching others and getting their jobs done with smiles amidst a glorious sea of daffodils! It was a magnificent team effort where everyone was a winner.

We are looking forward to seeing you at the fall meeting -- see below! Bring your questions about planting, growing and showing daffodils. After a brief business meeting, Daffodil Judge and Instructor Anne Donnell Smith and her panel of experts will answer them. Do you know a friend or fellow gardener who is interested in learning more about daffodils? Invite them to our fall meeting. All are welcome!

- Muffin McAfee

Fall Annual Meeting and Bulb Sale

Saturday, November 19, 2022

1:30 PM

**Greenhouse Classroom
at Cylburn Arboretum
4915 Greenspring Avenue
Baltimore MD 21209**

The Nominating Committee (Debbie Cameron, Sherry Jordan and Sally Waller), will present the 2022 – 2024 slate of officers for election:

Muffin McAfee – President
Pat Parker – Vice-President
Jackie Handley – Treasurer
Susan Palmer - Secretary

The afternoon will feature “Ask AD Anything – about Daffodils, That Is”, a Q&A with accomplished grower and shower Anne Donnell Smith and a panel of experts. The day will conclude with our traditional bulb sale (see p. 3).



Fall cleaning? Recycle your ribbons! Bring any unwanted MDS ribbons to the meeting – we'll reuse them in April.

2024 ADS Convention News

In 2024, the Washington Daffodil Society and the Mid-Atlantic Region will be hosting the 70th ADS National Show and Convention. Karen Cogar and Kathy Welsh will be serving as the Co-Chairs for the Convention, and Kirby Fong will be the Show Chair. The convention hotel is not yet solidified, but final negotiations are underway to secure a beautiful hotel near Washington Dulles Airport. Kathy and Karen are in the process of lining up the many Chairmanships for the event and hope to have most of those positions filled in the next few weeks. The entire Mid-Atlantic Region is the host for the convention, so we hope you will plan to attend and help out. The dates will be Thursday, April 11 – Saturday, April 13. A Judging School III will be held on Wednesday, April 10, the same day that entries for horticulture, photo and design will take place. The convention is being shifted one day earlier than most conventions to accommodate those that plan to attend the 2024 World Convention. It will begin in Holland on Tuesday, April 16 so those planning to attend will need to fly through the night on Sunday, April 14.

More news about the 2024 ADS Convention will be available early next spring with a list of the many volunteer positions that need to be filled. Please mark your calendars now and plan to attend what is sure to be a great event!

- Karen Cogar and Kathy Welsh, Convention Co-Chairs

2022 MDS Show Chairman's Report

The 2022 Maryland Daffodil Show was particularly rewarding for me last year because it was the first time in two years that we could unite in friendship to create a very, very successful show.

I sincerely thank all the volunteers who helped – and please let me know that you will perform your job next year, April 2023, if you are inclined! You know and execute your jobs such that I never worry!!

I am also grateful to all the judges and clerks for their meticulous consideration of daffodil specimens and photography; it made for a terrific show. Lastly, thank you to all of you who entered daffodils and photography into the show!! We were lucky to have had plenty of daffodils and approximately thirty photo entries to make for a “complete” showing. MDS strives to include more exhibitors of all kinds to share our love of daffodils.

Meredith McDonagh
MDS Show Chair 2022

American Daffodil Society 2022 Fall Forum and Fall Board Meeting



Daffodil Auction on e-Bay!

See daffodilusa.org
for registration and details

MDS Membership

- Julie Minch, Chairman

Membership is a constant. Every organization needs to invite new members to keep the group alive and viable. It's true for the MDS.

Our membership invites you to learn about our favorite flower! Daffodils come in a variety of colors and sizes to enhance any garden. The fact that deer don't eat them is a bonus! Please consider joining and participating in the upcoming Fall Meeting and Bulb sale, as well as exhibiting in the spring show. New gardener? We encourage you to bring one bloom or more to the show in April. Never entered before? No problem! We'll happily help with that.

You can help the MDS by asking friends and family members to consider joining, and by sending in your dues -- and it's that time of year when dues for the October 1 – September 30 year are payable. Please see page 4 for a membership and remittance form and mail it in, or bring it and a check with you to the Fall Annual Meeting on November 19.



The ADS William G. Pannill Award is given to an American hybridizer to recognize a named standard daffodil that has demonstrated show qualities for a minimum of 5 years following registration. The 2022 winner, above, is 'Williamsburg' (2W-W, registered in 1970, bred by William G. Pannill (Easter Moon x Vigil). It's a mid-season flower with a smooth white perianth and a ribbed, frilled white corona.



MDS Member Winners at the April 29 – May 1, 2022 ADS National Convention and Show, Gettysburg, PA

Above, Three stems of nine Division 3 standards; Little England – Larry Mains Trophy, exhibited by Anne Donnell Smith

Below, 'Dreamlight' 3W-GWR, Best of Three Intermediate Stems, exhibited by Julie Minch

Bulb Sale following the November 19 Annual Meeting

Our traditional post-meeting bulb sale is always fun, and a great opportunity for members to buy quality bulbs. As in 2021, MDS has ordered bulbs with known garden performance and show-worthiness to include in the sale -- and we expect to see their blooms on show tables next spring!

There will be a nice selection of tried-and-true bulbs coming in, packaged as 2 to 3 bulbs per bag depending on size; bags will be very reasonably priced. Bring cash or check – credit cards not accepted.



Minutes of the 2021 Fall Meeting of the Maryland Daffodil Society:

The Fall 2021 Meeting of the Maryland Daffodil Society was held on Saturday, November 13, 2021 at the Greenhouse Classroom at Cylburn Arboretum, 4915 Greenspring Ave., Baltimore, MD 21209, and was called to order by President Muffin McAfee at 10:22 AM. Twenty-three persons were in attendance.

Minutes of the 2020 Election of Officers were approved as printed and distributed in the February, 2021 newsletter. Julie Minch read the report for Treasurer Jackie Handley, who was unable to attend. Checking account balance as of 9/20/21 was \$15,355.78; CD balance was \$5,175.10.

Muffin welcomed attendees, introduced the board and Deana Kozak, ADS Regional Vice-President. Deana reported that Middle Atlantic Leadership and Service Awards were presented to Peggy Bowditch, a Virginia resident and MDS and Washington Daffodil Society (WDS) member, and posthumously to Joan Bender of MDS, whose medal was accepted by Muffin on behalf of Joan’s daughter.

Muffin extended thanks to all who organized and participated in alternatives to the cancelled-due-to-Covid 2021 MDS show. Events this past spring included tours and educational displays at Cylburn, Zoom and social media presentations, and opportunities to give back to essential and medical workers, and first responders; activities were detailed in the October 2021 newsletter.

Membership chairman Julie Minch reported that there were 44 paid individual and 20 garden club members last year, and encouraged members to publicize the organization.

2022 Show Chairman Meredith McDonagh reported that the 2020 schedule will be used for 2022, and that she hopes those who have helped in the past can be counted on for repeat duty; volunteers needed. The show Committee will meet after the first of the year.

Anne Donnell Smith, who coordinated the acquisition of bulbs for today’s sale, reported that bulbs were chosen for their show-worthiness in the first year, and were bought from Esker (N.Ire.), Quality, Brent and Becky’s. Consensus was to water when planted and plant late, to have blooms to enter in 2022 shows.

Under ADS business, the 2022 Convention “Long Remember” will be held in Gettysburg, PA April 28 – May 1, 2022. Hotel, registration, schedule of events and National Show information can be found on the convention page of the ADS website <https://daffodilusa.org>. Photography rules will be posted in December; for design information, contact Nancy Reddington at rosered1@comcast.net.

WDS will host the 2024 Middle Atlantic Regional Convention and Show. MDS will be expected to help.

The meeting adjourned at 10:55 AM, and was followed by a Judges Refresher presented by Anne Donnell Smith on the topic of using scales for historic and species daffodils, and the bulb sale. - Susan Palmer, Secretary

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Maryland Daffodil Society, Inc. Dues Remittance and Volunteer Information Oct 1, 2022 – Sep 30, 2023

Individual, Couple or Organization's Name _____

Mailing address _____

_____ Contact person, if applicable _____

Telephone _____ Email address _____

This is a change of address or contact information.

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

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 Patron \$100 Angel \$200 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, Hosting 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.

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