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President's Message

The MDS is excited to announce their upcoming spring daffodil show entitled *Celebrating Daffodils in Haiku!* The show will include horticulture, photography, and floral arrangements from the Baltimore Chapter #118 of Ikebana International.

All classes will be open for entries on Tuesday, April 18, from 3:00 to 8:00 pm and Wednesday, April 19, from 7:00 to 10:00 am. After judging is complete on Wednesday, the show will be open to the public from 2:00 to 8:00 pm and from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm on Thursday, April 20. Thanks to Meredith McDonagh for Chairing our 2023 MDS Daffodil Show! See her message on page 2.

We decided to try something new this year and have already emailed a copy of the show schedule to everyone. We hope you enjoyed the sneak peek and are inspired to get your cameras ready and start thinking about all those daffodil photographs you are going to take and enter in the show! Thanks to MDS Board Member Debbie Cameron for this helpful suggestion. The complete show schedule has also been posted on the MDS website.

Like so many of you, I planted a slew of new daffodils in the fall in anticipation of the Daffodil Show. Now I am waiting, not so patiently, for spring to arrive so I can see the first blooms on all those daffodils I purchased at our fall bulb sale! Thanks again to Anne Donnell Smith and Leslie Aronson for the fabulous selection of bulbs they ordered and organized for the MDS.

Special thanks go to our Board for their hard work on behalf of the MDS. We are also grateful to our members for supporting the MDS and Maryland Daffodil

Show with their time, talent, and creativity.

Come join the fun, **volunteer** to help, and **enter** your blooms and photographs in the show!

Even if you only have one daffodil to exhibit, please bring that bloom and plan to attend!
- Muffin McAfee

Membership — Julie Minch

Thank you to all the generous supporters to the MDS. We are lucky to have not only garden clubs but individual members join the organization. Your dues and sponsorships underwrite the cost of our show each year. Without your support we would not be able to put on the show. There is a dues form on the back of this newsletter if you haven't yet sent your dues in.

Plan to come to the show and enter a few blooms and maybe a photograph or two. Encourage a friend to attend with you this year.

Let's spread Yellow Fever!

Need a Program for your Garden Club or organization?

The MDS offers several programs on growing and showing daffodils, including 'Daffodils 101', 'Let's Catch Yellow Fever!', and more.

Contact Julie Minch for more details.
julesmin@gmail.com

2024 ADS National Show and Convention

Washington Daffodil Society (WDS) and the Mid-Atlantic Region are hosting the 2024 ADS National Show and Convention at the Dulles Hyatt on April 10 - 14, 2024. Co-Chairs, Karen Cogar and Kathy Welsh are making great plans for programs and tours. You will want to enter the National Show -- it will be spectacular. Daffy fanatics from all over the country will be attending. While not the hosts, MDS is expected to help, and many volunteers will be needed. Mark your calendars now for the event, and make time to help. Contact Karen (kcogara@gmail.com) and Kathy (Kathy.welsh@phmloans.com) if you are interested. You won't want to miss this event!!!



2023 MDS Show Chairman's Report

This year, International Haiku Poetry Day coincides with the Maryland Daffodil Show, and "Celebrating Daffodils in Haiku" is the 2023 MDS Show theme. A photography show will accompany the fantastic horticultural display, with haiku poems as its inspiration. A haiku is a Japanese form of poetry consisting of three lines, with 5-7-5 syllables per line. It was first limited to an "objective description of nature suggestive of one of the seasons, evoking a definite, though unstated, emotional response."

(<https://www.britannica.com/art/haiku>).

It could include the time of day and landscape features and is the world's shortest form of poetry, paying no mind to grammar or punctuation. Here's an example:

A Walk in the Woods

*In the woods soft snow
falls on the first day of spring.
Two daffodils laugh.*

Please take a look at the Show Schedule, which is online at: www.marylanddaffodil.org, where you will find class descriptions for both horticulture and photography; you may like to begin snapping shots of daffodils to enter! Also, please tell your friends, family and garden club members about the show and that they may enter both horticulture and photography. As usual, MDS entices with lots of ribbons 😊. Cyburn Arboretum is a beautiful destination with its many beds of naturalized daffodils that all will appreciate apart from the show.

Thank you to all who volunteer, and enter, to make this show a success. It is wonderful to see you every April. And please know that I will retire from my job as Show Chair for the 2024 show. I am looking for a replacement and/or co-chairs. I will walk the new Chair, or really Coordinator, through the steps and be there for support and questions. Please consider this request in earnest; there are many of us who have supported the show over the years with our time and effort and we would like to encourage more participation. The job is straightforward, with much in place. Tasks are done across the months and ahead of time. It is not difficult and especially fun when the show comes together in April.

Thank you and please let me know if I can answer questions; I have made a document listing my "jobs," which I am happy to share.

Meredith McDonagh
2023 Show Chairman

Minutes of the 2022 Fall Meeting of the Maryland Daffodil Society: The Meeting took place on Saturday, November 19, 2022 at the Greenhouse Classroom at Cylburn Arboretum, 4915 Greenspring Ave., Baltimore, MD 21209, and was called to order by President Muffin McAfee at 1:40 PM. 24 persons attended.

Minutes of the 2021 Fall Meeting were approved as printed in the March and October 2022 newsletters. Secretary Susan Palmer reported that subsequent to the fall meeting, in electronic communication among the board on October 11, 2022, Jackie Handley moved to renew the MDS domain name, private domain registration and website for 3 years at \$360; motion was seconded. Voting in favor were J. Handley, S. Jordan, M. McAfee, M. McDonagh, J. Minch, S. Palmer, P. Parker, M. A. Thompson, S. Waller and H. Whedbee. No 'nay' votes were cast. Motion carried.

President's Report: Muffin welcomed attendees, thanked Meredith McDonagh and her team for a successful 2022 show after two years' absence, and thanked Anne Donnell Smith and Leslie Aronson for coordinating today's bulb sale. Muffin introduced Deana Kozak, ADS Regional Vice-President, who encouraged e-mail nominations by year-end for the Middle Atlantic Leadership and Service Awards (mdkozak@yahoo.com). Muffin acknowledged Peggy Bowditch and Nancy Fuchs from Gloucester VA. (continued on p. 4)

For the Calendar: Upcoming Shows

Mar 25 – 26 Richmond Daffodil Show - Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden, 1800 Lakeside Ave., Henrico, VA 23228 - Jennifer Potter, 804-833-6961 jpotter890@msn.com, vdsdaffshow@gmail.com,

Mar 28 – 29 Garden Club of Virginia Daffodil Show - Norfolk Botanical Garden, 6700 Azalea Garden Rd., Norfolk, VA 23518. Nancy McLaughlin, 540-460-5327, nancymcl@rockbridge.net; Debbie Bonnewell, dbonnewell@hotmail.com

Apr 1 -2 Gloucester Daffodil Show - Newington Baptist Church, 6169 Main St, Gloucester, VA 23061 Kristen Oney, 804-694-6522, kris6435@verizon.net or gloucesterdaffodils@gmail.com

Apr 3 – 5 District II, Federated Garden Clubs of Maryland Daffodil Show - Our Shepherd Lutheran Church, 400 Benfield Rd, Severna Park, MD 21146. Liz Williams, 443-474-8748, mliz.williams825@gmail.com

Apr 8 -9 Washington Daffodil Society - The Alexandria Valley Scottish Rite Temple, 1430 W. Braddock Road, Alexandria, VA 22302. Mary Ann Barton, 571-225-0345 (c), 703-273-8641 (h), daffyun100@gmail.com

Apr 11 Upperville Garden Club - Buchanan Hall, 8649 John S. Mosby Hwy, Upperville, VA. Karla Etten, 703-732-8504, kegardengirl@gmail.com, and Stephanie Bates, 540-878-1081, stephybates@aol.com

Apr 15 -16 Northeast Region, Delaware Valley Daffodil Society - Jenkins Arboretum, 631 Berwin Baptist Rd, Devon, PA 19333. Yvonne Brownlee, 610-215-2154, flowergirl26y@gmail.com

Apr 22 -23 Tuscarora Daffodil Group - First Lutheran Church, 43 W Washington St, Chambersburg, PA 17201. Mitch Carney 301-432-4728, mca1062357@aol.com

Apr 29- 30 Western Pennsylvania Daffodil Growers South - Joe Hamm's Barn, 99 Maple Rd., Buffalo Village, Washington, PA 15301. Joe Hamm, 724-345-3762, joehamm1@juno.com

2023 ADS Wister Award Winner



Wister winners are great garden performers, readily available, floriferous with a tall stem, and resistant to rot, disease and frost damage.

The 2023 Wister Award is presented to '**Delibes**', a stunning large-cupped daffodil that is a showstopper in the garden. '**Delibes**' is a handsome cultivar that was registered prior to 1950, hybridized by F. Rijnveld and Sons from the Netherlands, and is included in the ADS *Classics Daffodils* special class.

An early to mid-season bloomer, '**Delibes**' has broad greenish-yellow perianth segments with a shallow bowl-shaped corona that is lightly ribbed with vivid yellow shading to orange at the mouth that is frilled.

Past outstanding garden daffodils that have been awarded the Wister Award can be viewed The John and Gertrude Wister Award page of the ADS website www.daffodilusa.org.

Minutes of the 2022 Fall Meeting of the Maryland Daffodil Society, continued from p. 3:

Committee Reports: Membership chair Julie Minch reported that MDS had 64 individual and 13 garden club members last year. Since mailing the October newsletter, 19 individuals and 4 garden clubs have renewed.

Meredith McDonagh will chair the MDS show, but needs 1 or 2 persons to apprentice for future, and will meet with those interested in January. She will confirm that last year's volunteers will re-up for 2023. Help with Publicity, Lunches and Passing is needed. Whether to include Photography and Floral Design divisions is to be determined. Set-up for the show will be on Tuesday April 18, with the show on Wednesday April 19 and Thursday, April 20, 2023 in the Vollmer Center at Cylburn Arboretum.

Treasurer's Report: Jackie Handley presented the following:

Beginning balance 9/30/21	\$15,355.78
Income	5,575.00
Expenses	(3,774.29)
Ending balance 9/30/22	\$17,156.49

The Certificate of Deposit was renewed for another six months on 5/4/22, in the amount of \$5,188.94.

Before today's meeting began, \$460 in dues, \$600 in sponsorships and \$30 in donation had been received.

Today's Bulb Sale: Anne Donnell stated that bulbs sourced from commercial growers were chosen for show-quality results. Washington Daffodil Society's overflow bulbs are also included, with those proceeds supporting the 2024 ADS Convention. Bulbs from Don Caton are unpriced; a reasonable donation for those was requested.

New Business: Nominating Committee Chairman Debbie Cameron reported the proposed slate of officers for 2022 – 2024: President – Muffin McAfee, Vice-President – Pat Parker, Secretary – Susan Palmer, Treasurer – Jackie Handley. After opening the floor for additional nominations from the floor but hearing none, Debbie moved to accept the slate as presented; motion was seconded. No discussion; motion passed unanimously. Muffin introduced the board, thanked outgoing Member-at-Large for Nicki Schwab for her service, and announced Pat Ghingher as new Member-at-Large.

Announcements:

March 13, 2023 - ADS Convention, Atlanta GA

April 11, 2024 – ADS Convention hosted by Middle-Atlantic Region, location tbd

Meeting was adjourned at 2:15 PM and was immediately followed by Anne Donnell's informative Q & A "Ask Anne Donnell Anything About Daffs". The bulb sale took place after Anne Donnell's presentation, at 3 PM.

-- 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 _____

Telephone _____ Contact person, if applicable _____

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, and Records, Pages and Hostesses while the show is open to the public; Design Division; Photography; 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