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## President's Message

The 2023 Maryland Daffodil Show, *Celebrating Daffodils in Haiku*, stands out as one of my favorite MDS shows to date! The floral designs from Baltimore Chapter #118 of Ikebana International beautifully highlighted the “daffodil” and elevated the entire show. The Daffodil Haiku inspired our photography classes as well, weaving the theme throughout the show.

**A round of applause** for our 2023 MDS Show Chair Meredith McDonagh and the incredible 50 plus MDS volunteers who worked hard to make the show run smoothly! With 409 Entries, a bloom count of 787, an exquisite floral and photography display the show was a big success. To see a list of our MDS Award winners, visit the MDS website [www.marylanddaffodil.org](http://www.marylanddaffodil.org)

The 2024 ADS National Convention will be held in Washington DC next spring. The Show will include Design, Horticulture and Photography sections along with educational seminars and private garden tours! With the show close by it provides a great opportunity to **Volunteer, Participate** and **Enter** your blooms in a National Show (see page 2)!

**We are excited to see you at the MDS Annual Fall Meeting and Bulb Sale Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup> as we commemorate our 100<sup>th</sup> year!** The business meeting will be followed by our program, **All About Intermediates**. After the program, we will hold our traditional daffodil bulb sale. See box, next column.

If there is a fellow gardener or someone in your neighborhood who would like to learn more about daffodils and would enjoy the opportunity to buy show-quality daffodil bulbs, invite them to the fall meeting! **ALL ARE WELCOME.** - Muffin McAfee

## Annual Fall Meeting and Bulb Sale

Saturday, November 4, 2023  
1:30 PM

Greenhouse Classroom, Cylburn Arboretum  
4915 Greenspring Avenue  
Baltimore, MD 21209

After a brief business meeting, our program **All about Intermediates** will be presented by ADS judges and award-winning exhibitors and growers, **Kate and Mitch Carney**.

The afternoon will wind up with our annual bulb sale, an always-FUN event that provides a great opportunity for members to buy quality show bulbs. Once again, the MDS has ordered a great selection of show-worthy bulbs for the sale — and we expect to see their blooms on show tables next spring! Selections of tried-and-true bulbs will be packaged 2 - 3 bulbs per bag; bags will be reasonably priced. Cash or check only.

**Membership**, Julie Minch It's Fall, and that means the MDS Annual Fall Meeting and Bulb Sale is just around the corner. This is when we remind members to support us by paying their annual dues (see remittance form, p. 3). Dues and donations are what make our April show possible.

Ask a friend to join you at our fall meeting and/or our show in the spring. Invite children and grandchildren to participate too. When you have extra show quality bulbs, think about sharing them with a friend or neighbor. We want to spread Yellow Fever wherever we can!

Did you know the MDS has speakers that can come to your club and talk about daffodils? In September, Kate Carney spoke to the Gibson Island Garden Club, Deanna Kozak spoke to a club in Salisbury and I spoke to a club in Howard County. Educating people on daffodils is a great way to spread the love for our flower. Let us know if you know a group that would like a daffodil speaker!

## 2024 ADS National Show and Convention

Join members of the American Daffodil Society at the annual National Convention in 2024. Enjoy an outstanding daffodil show including Horticulture, Design and Photography Sections, attend educational seminars, visit with renowned daffodil enthusiasts, and tour well-known and private daffodil gardens. See [www.daffodilusa.org](http://www.daffodilusa.org) for ongoing updates.

The Middle Atlantic Region is excited to be hosting the Convention at the **Hyatt Regency Dulles** in Virginia from **April 10 – 13, 2024**. Mark your calendars now!

In addition to a great lineup of speakers, plans include a Judges School, and Friday and Saturday tours to the private gardens of both Kathy Welsh and Karen Cogar, and to Oak Spring (the Upperville gardens and grounds of Bunny Mellon) and Dumbarton Oaks.

### Please Volunteer, and Enter!

As our nation's capital prepares to host the 2024 National Show and Convention, we are asking all daffodil lovers for help with the show. We need volunteers on Wednesday, April 10 to set out the properties for those entering blooms in the show. And, we need MDS members to serve as clerks on the morning of Thursday, April 11. No experience is necessary and you will support the judges and help to make the show a success.

Plan to bring your beautiful blooms on either April 10th or early on the 11th so you can enter them. The show is open to everyone. There is also a photography section and a design section. Grab a buddy and come spend the night on the 10th so you can help with properties, enter your flowers on Wednesday and then clerk on Thursday! Be sure to bring a big car to take all your blue ribbons home with you :)

Please contact me if you have any questions and let me know how you can help.

Julie Minch [julesmin@gmail.com](mailto:julesmin@gmail.com)



## Take a break from planting bulbs to attend the 2023 Virtual Fall Forum & Fall Board Meeting October 20 - 21 2023

This conference is hosted by  
The American Daffodil Society  
and is open to **ANYONE** interested in learning  
about daffodils!

Prior registration and payment is required  
Registration will remain open until  
October 17, 2023

Registration Fee: \$20  
ADS Accredited Judges Refresher Credit: \$5

**For full schedule of speakers and to register,  
visit the Fall Forum and Board Meeting page**  
[www.daffodilusa.org](http://www.daffodilusa.org)

## Save the Dates!

### 2024 Maryland Daffodil Society Show

Wednesday April 17 –  
Thursday April 18, 2024

Vollmer Center  
at Cylburn Arboretum  
4915 Greenspring Avenue  
Baltimore, MD 21209

#### Show Committee

Sherry Jordan  
Catherine Max  
Pat Parker  
Sally Waller

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### ADS Daffodil Judges School Course I

Wednesday, April 3, 2024

Greenhouse Classroom at  
Cylburn Arboretum

*Time, cost, registration and other information  
will be made available on*  
[www.marylanddaffodil.org](http://www.marylanddaffodil.org)

## 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.

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, 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, 2023 – Sep 30, 2024

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, 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