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President's Message

The MDS enthusiastically announces our spring 2024 Daffodil Show entitled *And Dances with the Daffodils*, inspired by William Wordsworth's beautiful poem "I Wandered Lonely as a Cloud". The show will once again be held in the spacious **Vollmer Center at Cylburn Arboretum**, 4915 Greenspring Avenue, Baltimore MD 21209. It will include horticulture, photography and floral displays.

All classes will be open for entries on Tuesday, April 16th from 3:00-7:30pm and Wednesday, April 17th, from 7:00 to 10:00 am. After judging is complete on Wednesday, the show will be open to the public from 2:00 – 7:30pm, and from 10:00am to 3:00pm on Thursday, April 18th. Thanks to this year's newly formed show committee for organizing a fabulous show. See the Show Report on page 2.

As you look over the show schedule, pay special attention to the photography classes and get ready to start snapping pictures when all those new daffodil bulbs you purchased at the fall meeting start to bloom! So **come** and join the fun, **volunteer** to help and **enter** your blooms and photographs in the show!

Wholehearted thanks to our MDS Board for their hard work on behalf of the MDS and to all our members for supporting the MDS and Maryland Daffodil Show with their time, talent, creativity, and dues!

We look forward to reconnecting with daffodil friends, the opportunity to learn and be creative, and the joy of sharing our passion for daffodils with the community.

See you at the Show! – Muffin McAfee



2024 ADS National Show and Convention

The Middle Atlantic Region is excited to host the 70th Anniversary ADS Convention at the **Hyatt Regency Dulles** in Herndon, Virginia, **April 10 – 13, 2024**. For information on registration and hotel, schedule of events and entering the National Daffodil Show, Photography Show and NGC-accredited Flower Show, see www.daffodilusa.org

CLERKS WANTED!

We are looking for volunteers to come to the ADS national show to clerk to assist the judges. This will take place on the morning of April 11th. If you would like to put in any blooms, a photograph and/or a design, you may want to come the night before. All clerks will be given lunch after the judging is over.

Please let me know if you would like to clerk, and let me know of any experience you have as a clerk.

- Julie Minch

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FOR YOUR SPRING CALENDAR

March 23 & 24 – Virginal Daffodil Society Show, Ginter Botanical Garden, Richmond VA vdsdaffshow@gmail.com

March 26 & 27 – Garden Club of Virginia Daffodil Show, Virginia Beach VA nancymcl@rockbridge.net

April 2 to 4 – District II FGCMD Daffodil Show, Our Shepherd Lutheran Church, Severna Park MD 21146 mliz.williams826@gmail.com

April 3 – ADS Judges School I, Greenhouse Classroom, Cylburn Arboretum, Baltimore MD 21209 julesmin@gmail.com

April 6 & 7 – Delaware Valley Daffodil Society Northeast Regional Show, Jenkins Arboretum, Devon PA Flowergirl26y@gmail.com

April 6 & 7 – Gloucester VA Daffodil Show, Newton Baptist Church, Gloucester VA carlastanley@yahoo.com

April 10 to 13 – ADS National Convention and Show, Hyatt Regency Dulles, Herndon VA www.daffodilusa.org

April 17 & 18 - Maryland Daffodil Society Show, Vollmer Center, Cylburn Arboretum www.marylanddaffodil.org

April 20 & 21 – Tuscarora Daffodil Show, First Lutheran Church, Chambersburg PA Mca1062357@aol.com

April 27 & 28 – Western PA Daffodil Growers South Show, Washington PA joehamm1@juno.com

2024 Show Committee Report

Our spring 2024 Daffodil Show is entitled *And Dances with the Daffodils*. The show will include horticulture, photography and three floral displays, courtesy of the Halten, Hardy and Woodbrook- Murray Hill Garden Clubs. Inspired by William Wordsworth's beautiful poem "I Wandered Lonely as a Cloud" this year's theme informs the photography classes as well as our MDS Garden Club Floral Displays. (See the entire poem on the inside cover of the Show Schedule).

As you look over this year's show schedule, we hope you will be as excited as we are to start snapping pictures of your beautiful blooms to enter in the photography classes and think about all those horticulture classes you want to enter. There are lots of awards and ribbons to win for exhibitors with all levels of experience.

A very special thanks to Meredith McDonagh for all the years she has so magnificently chaired and run the Maryland Daffodil Show! As Meredith steps down, we have formed a committee to run the 2024 daffodil show. A big shout out to Pat Parker, Catherine Max, Sherry Jordan and Sally Waller for stepping up as our Show Committee!

Welcome back to our devoted volunteers! Did you know there are 50 plus people who volunteer to work the show each year? A huge thanks to each one of you who volunteer to make the show a success! We could not put on the daffodil show without your dedication and help. Interested in volunteering at the show? Contact Muffin McAfee at LBM8132@aol.com

Spread the news! Tell your friends, family and fellow garden club members about the Maryland Daffodil Show and invite them to attend!

- **2024 MDS Show Committee**, Muffin McAfee, Pat Parker, Catherine Max, Sherry Jordan and Sally Waller

ADS Judging School Being Offered

The Maryland Daffodil Society is pleased to sponsor a daffodil judging school beginning in 2024.

It's a three-year process to become an accredited American Daffodil Society judge. School I will be held on Wednesday, April 3, 2024 at the Greenhouse Classroom at Cylburn Arboretum. We encourage anyone who wants basic daffodil knowledge to take this one-day class. You can decide to take the test to become a judge at the end of the class, or just attend for your own benefit. We will offer judging school courses II and III in 2025 and 2026.

Judges Accreditation Requirements are:

1. Hold a current membership with the ADS.
2. Pass all the ADS judging schools with a score of at least 75% in each section of the school.
3. Grow at least 100 different daffodil cultivars, species and miniatures from at least eight divisions.
4. Serve as a student judge at three or more ADS approved shows with a favorable evaluation from the Accredited Judge who supervised the experience.
5. Exhibit daffodils in ADS approved shows for at least three years.
6. Win at least five blue ribbons over the course of three years in ADS approved shows. One blue ribbon needs to be for a collection. A red or yellow ribbon with 90+ score is acceptable.

The cost of Judging School I is \$25.00, and will cover snacks, lunch and costs associated with conducting the class. Interested? Please email or call the class registrar, Julie Minch, julesmin@gmail.com, 410-303-6536.

Membership

Many thanks to our members who have already paid dues for the 2023 - 2024 fiscal year, which runs from October 1st to September 30th. Many member clubs and individuals pay in the spring, so this serves as a reminder: there's still time to pay your dues for this year (*see p. 4 for the dues remittance form*). If you're not sure if you have done so, below is a list of those whose dues have been paid since October 1, 2023:

Individual Members

Scott Bally
Meghan Bernier
Martha Best
Perry Bolton
Peggy Bowditch
Janet Brown
Tina Brown
Debbie Cameron
Kate & Mitch Carney
Don Caton
Karen Cogar
Carol Davis
Marion DeGroff
Patricia Ghingher
Sue Grady
Glenna Graves
Jackie Handley
Janet Hickman

Frances Horich
Bob & Lena Huesmann
Anne Jamison
Nancy Johnston
Debbie Kurz
Jane Lynn
Muffin McAfee
Bliss McCord
Meredith McDonagh
Julie Minch
Joan Moore
Maria O'Rourk
Megan Pase
Susan Palmer
Pat Parker
Betty Reeves
Trish Reynolds
Lucy Rhame

Marjorie Schiebel
Nicki Schwab
Avie Stettinus
Carolyn Taylor
Mary Ann Thompson
Sue Thompson
Sally Waller
Kitty Washburne

Garden Club Members

Amateur Gardeners
Crofton Village Garden Club
Friendship Garden Club
Green Spring Valley Garden Club
Queen Anne's County Garden Club
Woodbrook-Murray Hill GC

Thank you, thank you to all of you for supporting the MDS!



MDS needs your service as President, or co-President with a partner. Seasoned officers Susan Palmer, Secretary, and Jackie Handley, Treasurer, will be renominated for the 2024 – 2026 term, which will begin at the close of the fall meeting on November 2, 2024. Mary Carol Bruff will be nominated to join the team as Vice-President, and Kathie Offutt and Reiko Royston have agreed to serve as new (non-elected) Members-at-Large.

All we need is you! A job description follows. Please consider lending your skills to keep our organization vital, and contact Nominating Committee Chairman Pat Parker 410-458-6829, patpparker@aol.com.

MDS hosts two events per year: the April daffodil show, and the fall meeting and bulb sale. The MDS President:

- Presides over the annual fall meeting, and presents a report on the affairs and accomplishments of MDS during the year
- Schedules Board meetings for the year, usually by Zoom in September and February and as needed, and presides at those meetings.
- Ensures the MDS Show Committee is in place and provides support to the Committee as needed. The President is on-site at the show.
- Appoints committees and chairman as needed. The President can sign MDS checks.
- Writes a brief message to members, for the two newsletters published each year.

Minutes of the 2023 Fall Meeting of the Maryland Daffodil Society

The Meeting took place on Saturday, November 4, 2023 at the Greenhouse Classroom at Cylburn Arboretum, 4915 Greenspring Ave., Baltimore, MD 21209, and was called to order by President Muffin McAfee at 1:39 PM. 23 persons were present.

Minutes of the 2022 Fall Meeting were approved as printed in the March and October 2023 newsletters.

Treasurer's Report (detailed report filed with these Minutes). Jackie Handley presented the following:

Beginning balance 9/28/22 \$17,156.49, Income to 9/30/23 \$5,275.30, Expenses to 9/30/23 (\$ 5,572.21),
Ending balance 9/30/23 \$16,859.58
Certificate of Deposit of \$5,189.46 renewed for 6 months in May.

President's Report: Muffin welcomed attendees, thanked Meredith McDonagh, her team and over 50 volunteers for a successful 2023 show with 409 entries and 787 blooms. She thanked Anne Donnell Smith, Leslie Aronson, Olivia Welbourn, Don Caton, Julie Minch and WDS for coordinating or contributing to today's bulb sale. Muffin introduced Deana Kozak, ADS Regional Vice-President, who announced that the winner of the Mid-Atlantic Leadership and Service Award is Nancy Fuchs of the Virginia Daffodil Society.

Committee Reports:

- **Membership.** Chair Julie Minch reported that prior to today, 25 individuals paid dues for 2023 – 2024.
- **Nominating Committee.** Chair Pat Parker reported that she, Mary Ann Thompson and Sally Waller are working to fill positions for the term beginning October 2024, and urged members to consider serving in a leadership position if asked.
- **MDS Show Committee.** Muffin reported that a committee consisting of herself, Sherry Jordan, Catherine Max, Pat Parker and Sally Waller will chair the 2024 show; Meredith McDonagh will be available to consult. Muffin introduced new member Meghan Pace who helped with dismantling in 2023, and presented her with 'Little Meg' bulbs donated by Don Caton. Meredith asked previous volunteers to recommit for the **April 16 – 18, 2024 show**, at the Vollmer Center, Cylburn Arboretum.

New Business:

- **ADS Judges School.** Julie Minch announced that ADS Judges School Course 1 will be held on Wednesday, April 3, 2024, in the Greenhouse Classroom at Cylburn. The course also serves as a judge's refresher. All interested persons are welcome; taking the exam is not required unless the student wishes to become a judge, and in that case, Julie will try to place the student as a clerk or student judge in MDS show/s.
- **ADS Convention.** Julie announced that the ADS National Convention and Show will be held at the Hyatt Regency Dulles (VA), April 10 – 13, 2024, and encouraged members to register for convention tours and lectures, and to volunteer and enter blooms, floral designs and photographs. Further information at <https://daffodilusa.org/events-show-calendar/national-convention/>

Muffin asked for help in redirecting several Newsletters that had been returned by the post office.

The business meeting was adjourned at 2:04 PM.

The informative afternoon PowerPoint, discussion and Q&A about Intermediates, presented and lead by Mitch Carney, began immediately thereafter.

The meeting day concluded with the annual bulb sale.

- 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