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President's Message

The 2024 Annual Maryland Daffodil Society Show, *And Dances with the Daffodils*, marked yet another exceptional exhibit! The Wordsworth-inspired theme informed both the photography classes and floral displays. Special thanks to members of Woodbrook-Murray Hill, Halten, and Hardy Garden Clubs for their stunning floral designs that enhanced the Show.

Hats off to my 2024 Show Committee, Pat Parker, Catherine Max, Sally Waller, Sherry Jordan, Meredith McDonagh, and the dedicated fifty-plus MDS volunteers who made the Show happen! With 437 entries, 774 blooms, creative floral displays, and superb photography, the show was a great success. It was especially rewarding to see so many of our new exhibitors winning ribbons and awards! To see the complete list of our MDS and ADS Award Winners, visit the MDS website.

A special shout out to MDS volunteers who worked at the 2024 ADS National Convention in Washington, DC!

As my term comes to a close, I want to say that it has been an honor and a privilege to serve as your MDS President for the past four years. I extend my heartfelt thanks to the MDS Board and Membership for their years of dedicated service and support. Kudos to the MDS for the many innovative activities organized during the pandemic, keeping us connected with each other and engaged with the community at large. In a standout example of “giving back” during the pandemic, the MDS honored our Health Care Workers, First Responders and Essential Workers by collecting and delivering over 1,600 daffodils to our crucial service providers. Since then, the MDS has hosted three dynamite Daffodil Shows, and is excited to celebrate its 100th Show in April, 2025!

A sincere thank you to our Nominating Committee, chaired by Pat Parker, for their work identifying outstanding nominees for the 2024 – 2026 term. Deana Kozak, nominee for President, is an active ADS Judge and just completed her term as the ADS MidAtlantic Regional Vice President. Mary Carol Bruff, nominee for Vice President, is past President of Glen Arm Garden Club, an avid flower arranger and daffodil lover. Our nominees bring a wealth of daffodil knowledge and leadership experience and will be wonderful additions to the MDS Board.

I look forward to seeing everyone at our Annual Fall Meeting and Bulb Sale, Saturday November 2nd, 2024 (see p. 2). Following our business meeting and installation of officers, Kathy Welsh will speak on *How, When and Where to Plant Daffodils for Show*. Kathy is an ADS Judge, past President of both the American Daffodil Society and Washington Daffodil Society, recipient of the ADS Silver Medal in 2024 and a generous donor of hundreds of bulbs to the MDS over the years. After her presentation, we will hold our traditional daffodil bulb sale, which includes a broad selection of later blooming, show-worthy bulbs.

With a grateful heart,
Muffin



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Save the Dates!

Annual Fall Meeting and Bulb Sale

Saturday, November 2, 2024

1:30 PM

Greenhouse Classroom at Cylburn Arboretum

4915 Greenspring Avenue

Baltimore, MD 21209

- **Business Meeting**, including the report of the Nominating Committee (Chairman Pat Parker, with Mary Ann Thompson and Sally Waller), proposing the following candidates as officers for the 2024 - 2026 term:

Deana Kozak, President

Mary Carol Bruff, Vice-President

Jackie Handley, Treasurer

Susan Palmer, Secretary

- **"How, When and Where to Plant Daffodils for Show"**, presented by Kathy Welsh, ADS Judge

- **Bulb Sale** - Great selection of show-worthy cultivars, identified by division, name and color Code --- and thanks to organizer Debbie Cameron, with a photo of the bloom on the bag!



Dues for 2024 - 2025 are due on October 1, and may be paid at the meeting, or mailed.

Please see the Dues Remittance Form on the back page of this newsletter.



Daffodil Explosion!

(Photos above: Blooming; Divided, bagged and ready to go)

I couldn't believe it! Five years ago, I planted the 35 varieties of daffodils I had purchased from the MDS and WDS bulb sales.

This year I dug up the beds to thin them out, and those 70 or so bulbs had become almost 1,800 bulbs!

It seems clear to me that bulb quality matters. I'm sharing the largess with friends and family.

- Sherry Jordan
MDS Board Member-at Large

Course II, ADS Judging School to be held Thursday, April 17, 2025

Course II of the three-course process to become an ADS judge will be conducted on Thursday, April 17, 2025 at the Greenhouse Classroom at Cylburn Arboretum, 4915 Greenspring Ave., Baltimore MD 21209. While the course is a requirement for prospective daffodil judges, anyone who wants to learn more about daffodils is encouraged and welcome to take this one-day class. Courses do not need to be taken in order.

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 for Course II 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.



ADS William G. Pannill Award Winner for 2024 ‘Tom Terrific’ (11 Ya Y- O), left. Bred by Dr. John Reed and registered in 2007, it’s a mid-season, split corona, intermediate size bloom with heavy substance. The Pannill Award is given annually to an American hybridizer to recognize a named standard daffodil which has demonstrated winning show qualities for a minimum of five years following registration. The cultivar must have been awarded at least one ADS Gold or White Ribbon within the last five years, and it must be regarded as generally “growable and showable” in a majority of the ADS regions.



ADS John and Gertrude Wister Award Winner for 2024 ‘Bantam’ (2 Y- YOO), left. Registered before 1950 and hybridized by Barr and Sons (UK), this intermediate sized daffodil is late-blooming, and a garden standout. It’s included with ADS Classics and ADS Intermediate special classes. Criteria for the award are that the cultivar must be a readily available good grower with a floriferous habit, a showy long lasting bloom and vigorous, disease -resistant foliage, with a stem taller than foliage, and resistant to basal rot and bulb splitting. Emphasis is on garden performance, though it may be of show table quality.

FOR YOUR CALENDAR

- October 18 & 19, 2024** – ADS Virtual Fall Forum and Board Meeting www.daffodilusa.org
- October 26, 2024** – Washington Daffodil Society Annual Meeting, Bulb Exchange – Trinity United Methodist, 1205 Dolley Madison Blvd, McLean VA www.thewashingtondaffodilsociety.org
- March 22 & 23, 2025** – Virginial Daffodil Society Show, Ginter Botanical Garden, Richmond VA jpotter890@msn.com
- March 26** – GC of Virginia Daffodil Show, Virginia Wesleyan University, Virginia Beach nancymcl@gmail.com
- March 31 & Apr 1** – District II FGCMMD Daffodil Show, Our Shepherd Lutheran Church, Severna Park MD 21146 mliz.williams826@gmail.com
- April 1** – Upperville Garden Club Daffodil Show, Buchanan Hall, Upperville VA bhm75hc@gmail.com
- April 5 & 6** – Gloucester VA Daffodil Show, Newton Baptist Church. Gloucester VA carlstanley@yahoo.com
- April 5 & 6** – WDS Daffodil/Mid-Atlantic Regional Show, Scottish Rite Temple, Alexandria VA Daffyun100@gmail.com
- April 10 to 13** – ADS National Convention and Show, Peppermill Resort Spa Casino, Reno NV www.daffodilusa.org
- April 16 & 17** – MDS 100th Daffodil Show, Cylburn Arboretum, Baltimore lbn8132@aol.com; www.marylanddaffodil.org
- April 17** – ADS Judges School II, Greenhouse Classroom, Cylburn Arboretum, Baltimore MD julesmin@gmail.com
- April 19 & 20** – Delaware Valley Daffodil Society Show, Jenkins Arboretum, Devon PA bvmertz@aol.com

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, 2024 – Sep 30, 2025

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.

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