



# Yellow Fever Gazette

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## President's Message

Greetings Daffodil friends far and near!

The Maryland Daffodil Society is thrilled to announce we are celebrating our 100<sup>th</sup> Daffodil Show this Spring! The show will include Horticulture, Photography and Design Classes, all inspired by our centennial theme! The Show will be held in the beautiful Vollmer Center at Cylburn Arboretum, 4915 Greenspring Avenue, Baltimore MD 21209.

**All classes will be open for entries on Tuesday, April 15<sup>th</sup> from 3:00-7:30 pm and Wednesday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, from 7:30 to 10:00 am.** After the Judging is complete on Wednesday, the show will be open to the public from 2:00 – 7:30 pm and from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm on Thursday, April 17<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to this year's show committee for organizing our special centennial show. See the Show Report on page 2, for more details.

As you read the show schedule, pay special attention to the special collection class in horticulture, the four fun Photography Classes and the four fabulous Design Classes. Get those creative juices flowing and start thinking about all the classes you are going to enter!

In addition, the MDS is excited to be holding Daffodil Judging School II in conjunction with the Daffodil Show on Thursday April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025. See page 3 for more details.

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 our 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!

Deana Kozak  
MDS President

## MEMBERSHIP

Thank you to all the generous supporters of the MDS. As you know, membership is a constant. 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, and this year will be our 100<sup>th</sup> -- wow!

Support the show by entering a bloom, a photograph and/or a floral design. Please invite a friend to attend with you this year. Are you on Instagram or Facebook? Spread the word about our show.

### Let's spread Yellow Fever!

There is a dues form on the back of this newsletter if you haven't yet sent in your dues for the October 2024 – September 2025 fiscal year.

**On April 16 & 17, 2025**, the Maryland Daffodil Society will celebrate its 100th Daffodil Show, entitled *Celebrating 100 Years of Daffodils!* In addition to Horticulture and Photography, we are excited to feature a Flower Show with four Design Classes using National Garden Club rules. This year's centennial theme will set the stage for all the classes!

**We can't wait for you to read the show schedule!** In honor of our hundredth show we added a Special Collection Class to include a bloom from ten different decades. Check out the fun Photography Class that highlights Daffodils in the landscape including animals, people, or companion plants. Let your imagination run wild when entering one of four fantastic Design Classes like, "Peace, Love and Daffodils" or "Daffodils Just Want to Have Fun!" The entire schedule is available on our MDS Website, [www.marylanddaffodil.org](http://www.marylanddaffodil.org).

Advance Registration is required for Photography and Design Classes.

To register for Photography Classes, text Meredith McDonagh at 410-404-4164.

To register for Design Classes, text or email Jackie Handley at 443-310-5172, [jhandley09@aol.com](mailto:jhandley09@aol.com).

**Welcome back to our devoted community of volunteers!** Did you know there are over 50 people who volunteer to work the show every year? Huge thanks to each one of you who help make the show such a big success! This year we are looking for Pages and Hostesses. If you are interested in volunteering for the day or just a two-hour shift of community service, please contact Muffin McAfee at [LBM8132@aol.com](mailto:LBM8132@aol.com) or call 410-371-2207.

There are multiple awards and ribbons to be won by exhibitors of all experience levels! **So COME join the fun, VOLUNTEER to help and ENTER your blooms, photographs, and designs in the Maryland Daffodil Show!**

Special thanks to our 2025 Show Committee Members, Pat Parker, Sally Waller, Catherine Max, Meredith McDonagh, and Jackie Handley for their time, dedication, and creativity!

Muffin McAfee

MDS Show Committee Chair



**ADS National Convention and Show** - April 10 -13  
[www.daffodilusa.org](http://www.daffodilusa.org)

The **ADS 2025 Wister Award** is presented to 'Cassata'. This Split-Cupped Collar daffodil is outstanding in the garden and well deserving of this award. N. 'Cassata' was registered in 1963, hybridized by Gerritsen and Son from the Netherlands, and is included in the ADS Classics special class. The perianth segments are very broadly ovate, greenish white and reflexed, with a corona split to base and closely overlying the perianth segments. An early to mid-season bloomer, it is lightly scented, and long lasting.



## FOR YOUR CALENDAR

- March 22 & 23, 2025** – Virginia Daffodil Society Show, Ginter Botanical Garden, Richmond VA [jpotter890@msn.com](mailto:jpotter890@msn.com)
- March 25-26** – GC of Virginia Daffodil Show, Virginia Wesleyan University, Virginia Beach [nancymcl@gmail.com](mailto:nancymcl@gmail.com)
- March 31 & Apr 1** – District II FGCM Daffodil Show, Our Shepherd Lutheran Church, Severna Park MD 21146  
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- April 1** – Upperville Garden Club Daffodil Show, Buchanan Hall, Upperville VA [bhm75hc@gmail.com](mailto:bhm75hc@gmail.com)
- April 5 & 6** – Gloucester VA Daffodil Show, Newton Baptist Church, Gloucester VA [carlastanley@yahoo.com](mailto:carlastanley@yahoo.com)
- April 5 & 6** – WDS Daffodil/Mid-Atlantic Regional Show, Scottish Rite Temple, Alexandria VA [Daffyfun100@gmail.com](mailto:Daffyfun100@gmail.com)
- April 10 to 13** – ADS National Convention and Show, Peppermill Resort Spa Casino, Reno NV [www.daffodilusa.org](http://www.daffodilusa.org)
- April 16 & 17** – MDS 100<sup>th</sup> Daffodil Show, Cylburn Arboretum, Baltimore [lbn8132@aol.com](mailto:lbn8132@aol.com) [www.marylanddaffodil.org](http://www.marylanddaffodil.org)
- April 17** – ADS Judges School II, Greenhouse Classroom, Cylburn Arboretum, Baltimore MD [julesmin@gmail.com](mailto:julesmin@gmail.com)
- April 19 & 20** – Delaware Valley Daffodil Society Show, Jenkins Arboretum, Devon, PA [rosequeen799@gmail.com](mailto:rosequeen799@gmail.com)
- April 26 & 27** – Tuscarora Daffodil Society, First Lutheran Church, Chambersburg, PA [MCa1062357@aol.com](mailto:MCa1062357@aol.com)
- April 26 & 27** – Western PA Daffodil Growers South, Joe Hamm's Barn, Washington, PA [joehamm1@juno.com](mailto:joehamm1@juno.com)
- October 24 & 25** – ADS Fall Forum and Board Meeting, by Zoom – hosted by ADS Northeast Region

### Maryland Daffodil Society Hosts American Daffodil Society Judges School II

The Maryland Daffodil Society will host the ADS Judges School II on Thursday, April 17, 2025. There are a few requirements for taking the course. A copy of the handbook "Growing, Exhibiting and Judging Daffodils", 6<sup>th</sup> edition 2020, will be needed. It can be purchased via the American Daffodil Society website store at <https://daffodilusa.org>. Please read the sections for School II prior to attending.

Please plan to arrive the night before for the school. You will be able to see the blooms you will need to study for the ID part of the test. As stated in the handbook, the course is broken down into 3 sections lasting a total of 4 hours of lecture and then testing time. There will be a display of 30 blooms and the test requires identifying 20 or more. You will have time to study these the night before and the morning of the school. The three schools can be taken in any order.

The cost of the school is \$35.00. Snacks and lunch will be provided.

Interested in spending the night? Delta Hotels by Marriott - Baltimore North, 5100 Falls Road, Baltimore, MD 21210 (410.532.6900 main number), is nearby.

The class will be held in the Greenhouse Classroom at Cylburn Arboretum, 4915 Greenspring Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21209. Plan to allow time to tour the Arboretum grounds; they have a beautiful display of thousands of daffodils. Directions are below.

If you want to sign up and are interested in receiving more information, please email me at [julesmin@gmail.com](mailto:julesmin@gmail.com). Thank you!  
Julie Minch, School Registrar  
C- 410-303-6536

*Cylburn Arboretum, a 200-acre urban oasis in Baltimore. Cylburn is a place of natural beauty and learning with hundreds of specimen trees and plantings, gorgeous gardens, wooded trails, and an historic mansion. Cylburn Arboretum is **free** and open to the public year-round.*

#### **Directions:**

- Cylburn is accessible from I-83 South or North
- Exit Northern Parkway West
- At first stoplight, turn left onto Greenspring Avenue
- Continue past traffic light at the intersection of Cylburn Avenue and Greenspring Avenue
- Turn left into the Arboretum gates
- Drive around the circle and continue through the parking lot; follow signs to the greenhouse

**Minutes of the 2024 Fall Meeting of the Maryland Daffodil Society** The Meeting took place on Saturday, November 2, 2024 at the Greenhouse Classroom at Cylburn Arboretum, 4915 Greenspring Ave., Baltimore, MD 21209, and was called to order by President Muffin McAfee at 1:45 PM. 33 persons were present.

**Minutes** of the 2023 Fall Meeting were approved as printed in the March and October 2024 newsletters.

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

Beginning balance 9/30/23	\$17,156.49	Expenses through 9/30/24	(12,454.26)
Income through 9/30/24	5,007.00	Ending balance 9/30/24	\$ 9,709.23

Certificate of Deposit of \$5,339.33 renewed for 6 months, to next mature 1/7/25.

**President's Report:** Muffin welcomed attendees, thanked her fellow 2024 Show Committee members Sherry Jordan, Catherine Max, Meredith McDonagh, Pat Parker and Sally Waller, floral arrangers from Halten, Hardy and Woodbrook-Murray Hill Garden Clubs, and over 50 volunteers for a successful 2024 show. There were 437 entries and 774 blooms. She thanked Julie and Paul Minch for managing the MDS website, and Debbie Cameron and Olivia Welbourn for coordinating today's bulb sale.

Muffin summarized MDS achievements over the past 4 years, including innovative activities during the Covid pandemic.

Muffin introduced Julie Minch, ADS Mid Atlantic Regional Vice-President, who reported no winner of the Mid-Atlantic Leadership and Service Award, as no nominations were received.

**Committee Reports:**

- **Membership.** Chair Julie Minch reported that before today, 19 persons and 8 garden clubs paid dues for 2024 – 2025.
- **MDS Show Committee.** Muffin reported that a committee consisting of herself, Catherine Max, Meredith McDonagh, Pat Parker and Sally Waller will chair the 2025 show. This will be MDS's 100<sup>th</sup> show, and will be held Wednesday April 16 - Thursday April 17, 2025, again at the Vollmer Center at Cylburn Arboretum. Set-up will be on Tuesday, April 15. The Committee hopes to offer a competitive Design Division. Clean boxwood is wanted for staging, as are volunteers for Passing, Pages, Clerks and Hostesses, with extra hands requested for Dismantling. A sign-up sheet was circulated.
- **Awards.** Sally Waller presented the T. McKean-Meiere Award, given to the winner of the most weighted points in horticulture and the oldest MDS Award, to Kate Carney for her entries in the 2024 MDS Show.
- **Nominating Committee.** Prior to hearing the report of the Committee, Muffin introduced Deana Kozak, nominee for President, ADS Judge, former ADS Regional VP and member of Dorchester Garden Club, as well as Mary Carol Bruff, nominee for Vice-President, avid arranger, former banker and Girl Scout leader, and member of Glen Arm Garden Club.

Chair Pat Parker presented the slate of nominees for 2024 – 2026: Deana Kozak, President; Mary Carol Bruff, Vice-President; Susan Palmer, Secretary; Jackie Handley, Treasurer. There were no nominations from the floor.

**MOTION TO APPROVE THE SLATE OF OFFICERS AS PRESENTED** was made by Nancy Johnston and seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Outgoing Board Members-at-Large Leslie Aronson, Debbie Cameron, Sherry Jordan, Pat Ghingher and Mary Ann Thompson were recognized. Incoming Members-at-Large Kathie Offutt, Pat Parker, Reiko Royston, Sally Waller, Hilles Whedbee and Liz Williams were welcomed. Deana Kozak made introductory remarks and reminded of the April 10 – April 13, 2025 **ADS National Convention** at the Peppermill Resort and Casino, Reno, NV, hosted by the High Desert Daffodil Society.

**New Business:**

- **ADS Judges School.** Julie Minch announced that ADS Judges School Course II will be held Thursday, April 17, 2025, in the Greenhouse Classroom at Cylburn.

The business meeting adjourned at 2:09 PM. Kathy Welsh, ADS Judge, past president of both ADS and Washington Daffodil Society, ADS Board member for the past 33 years, and recipient of the ADS Silver medal in 2024 presented an informative program entitled "How, When and Where to Plant Daffodils for Show". 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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