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President's Message

Greetings Daffodil Lovers! As summer slowly turns to fall and we look to getting bulbs planted, let me take you back to this past spring for a recap:

On March 29, MDS participated in Cylburn Arboretum's first ever Community Fair. Over 600 people attended. We staffed an information table, and helped with tours of Cylburn's garden beds and daffodil plantings.

In April, the 100th Annual Maryland Daffodil Society Show "Celebrating 100 Years of Daffodils" brought us another incredible show by America's Oldest Daffodil Society! Cheers to an exceptional committee, and I'd like to thank Muffin McAfee, Catherine Max, Pat Parker, Sally Waller, Meredith McDonagh and Jackie Handley, not to mention the MANY MDS volunteers who made this show a success! Here are a few statistics but please visit our MDS website (www.marylanddaffodil.org) for full show information:

Blooms – 930
Photographs – 14
Designs – 12

Photography entries really CELEBRATED the 100 years of Daffodils by recognizing "The Centenarian", "The Guest of Honor" and of course including "Balloons, Confetti, Champagne Bubbles and Fireworks!"

Our Design class was especially fun as we looked at "Daffodils Through the Century" and enjoyed a myriad of exhibits from "The Roaring Daffodils", "Peace, Love and Daffodils", Daffodils Just Want to Have Fun!" and "Dancing into the Future with Daffodils".

Looking ahead, please join us for the MDS Annual Fall Meeting and Bulb Sale **Saturday, November 1**; see below for information.

The after-meeting-and-program bulb sale is a GREAT way to buy show-quality bulbs – so bring a friend, bring a neighbor, bring anyone who is interested in gardening and daffodils! This is my absolute favorite and I find I usually have to "reel myself in" on how many daffodil bulbs CAN I get planted this fall?

Looking forward to seeing you then.

Deana Kozak
MDS President

ANNUAL FALL MEETING



**Saturday, November 1
1:30 PM
Greenhouse Classroom at
Cylburn Arboretum
4915 Greenspring Avenue
Baltimore MD 21209**

- Business Meeting
- Presentation by Deana Kozak:
How Does Your Garden Grow?
incorporating daffodils into the garden and landscape, for showing or just enjoying
- Bulb Sale

Bring a friend!
Bring a neighbor!
Bring cash or check for annual
dues and bulb purchases!

Maryland Daffodil Society Hosts American Daffodil Society Judges School III

The Maryland Daffodil Society will be hosting Judges School III for the American Daffodil Society on Thursday, April 16, 2026. There are a few requirements for taking the school. A copy of the handbook "Growing, Exhibiting and Judging Daffodils", 6th edition 2020, will be needed. It can be purchased via the American Daffodil Society website store: <https://Daffodilusa.org> Please read the sections for School III 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 40 blooms and the test requires identifying 30 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.

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 Julie Minch, School Registrar – julesmin@gmail.com; cell 410-303-6536

Interested in spending the night?

Hotel: Delta Hotels by Marriott Baltimore North

5100 Falls Road, Baltimore, MD 21210, (410.532.6900 main number)

Cylburn Arboretum, a 200-acre urban oasis, 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 to the Greenhouse Classroom

Membership

Thank you to all the generous supporters of 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. Our new fiscal year starts October 1. Please use the dues form on p. 4 of this newsletter to send in your club or individual dues for 2025 - 2026.

We are excited about our Fall Meeting and Bulb Sale on November 1. Not only will you learn more about daffodils and planting tips, but you will be able to purchase show quality bulbs, bagged and identified with a photo, at great prices. See you there!



FOR YOUR CALENDAR

October 11- Virginia Daffodil Society Fall Meeting and Bulb Exchange - Covenant Woods, 7090 Covenant Woods Drive, Mechanicsville, VA 23111. 10:00 am to 12:00 pm; virginiadaffodilsocietyinfo@gmail.com

October 19 - Tuscarora Daffodil Group fall meeting, bulb raffle and bulb exchange - Bender Farm, 1120 Lincoln Way East, Chambersburg, PA 17202. 2:00 pm; Mitch Carney 301 432 4728/ Mca1062357@aol.com.

November 1 - ADS Regional Meeting and The Washington Daffodil Society Annual Meeting, Bulb Pickup and Bulb Auction & Exchange - Trinity United Methodist Church, 1205 Dolly Madison Blvd., McLean, VA 22101 10:00 am to 12:30 pm; Mary Anne Barton daffyun100@gmail.com or text 571-225-0345

November 2 - Charlotte Daffodil Society Fall Meeting & Bulb Sale, with program 'Anatomy of Daffodils' by Charisse Miller - Betty Little House, Charlotte, NC. 2 pm

March 31 – April 1, 2026 - District II Daffodil Show at a new location, Historic Baldwin Hall, 1358 Millersville Rd., Millersville, MD 21108; Liz Williams, mliz.williams825@gmail.com, 410-987-7571

April 15 – 16, 2026 - Maryland Daffodil Society Show, Cylburn Arboretum, 4915 Greenspring Ave., Baltimore, MD 21209. Set-up April 14, judging April 15; open to the public 2:00 pm April 15 and closes 3:00 pm April 16; Muffin McAfee, lhm8132@aol.com, 410-371-2207; www.marylanddaffodil.org



From the April 16 – 17, 2025 MDS 100th Annual Daffodil Show, clockwise from upper left:

Deana Kozak and new friends from Cylburn Camp touring the show; Hilles Whedbee's winning entry in the Novice Class of 5; Julie Minch's Vase of 3 ADS Special Award winner, and David Walsh's 'Daffodils Just Want to Have Fun' Best-in-Show design

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:

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| 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 100th 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, 2025 – Sep 30, 2026

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