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President's Message

Although the blustery cold and ice of January and early February may say otherwise, spring is always a busy and exciting time for our Society. From garden visits and daffodil shows to knowledge and stories, our community truly comes alive in the spring. I hope you'll join us at our upcoming show where we can learn from one another, celebrate outstanding blooms and welcome new members who are discovering daffodils for the first time.

Please join us as we celebrate the 250th signing of the Declaration of Independence with the 101st Maryland Daffodil Society Show:

“Yankee Doodle Daffodil!”
April 15th and 16th, 2026
at Cylburn Arboretum

We are embracing our patriotic spirit with a special horticulture class, Photography Show and Design displays. ** Please see the Schedule for specifics.

I want to extend my sincere thanks to our volunteers, officers, committee chairs and MDS Board Members. I also want to thank our Garden Clubs and individual members. Your time, expertise and enthusiasm are what make the Maryland Daffodil Society such a vibrant and welcoming organization.

Whether you are staging flowers, maintaining records, mentoring a new

grower or simply showing up with a smile (and daffodils ☺), your contributions MATTER!

Thank you for being a part of the Maryland Daffodil Society and I look forward to seeing you this season. I encourage you to participate in our annual fall meeting/bulb sale, shows and events – and take the time to enjoy the daffodils in your own garden and beyond. They are, after all, a symbol of renewal – and of the bright future we continue to cultivate as a society.

Deana Kozak
MDS President



Above: 2026 ADS John and Gertrude Wister Award winner, ‘Pipit’ (7 YYW-W). Hybridized in 1963 by Grant E. Mitsch (Oregon), this early-to-mid-season, lightly scented jonquilla is great in the garden. It’s included in the ADS Classics special class.

2026 MDS Show

On April 15 & 16, 2026, the 101st Maryland Daffodil Show, entitled

“*Yankee Doodle Daffodil*” will celebrate the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence! The show will include Horticulture, Photography and Design Displays. The Show Schedule is available online at our MDS Website, www.marylanddaffodil.org

Horticulture will feature a special class entitled “*Red, White and Daffodil*”. It will be a collection of five standard cultivars or species with red or white cups.

BIG THANKS to Glen Arm Garden Club, Halten Garden Club and the Maryland Rose Society whose members will make floral arrangements for our Design Division.

This year’s Photography Division also embraces our patriotic spirit. Get your cameras ready to start snapping photos to enter one of our 4 exciting photography classes: Dawn’s Early Light (black & white); Land That I Love (color landscape); Rockets Red Glare (still life/study); and Long May It Way (creative techniques). Advance Registration is required for Photography Classes. To register for a Photography class, please text Meredith McDonagh at 410-404-4164.

Welcome back to our devoted community of volunteers! Huge thanks to each one of you who help to make the show such a 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 or 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 and photographs in the Maryland Daffodil Show!

With special thanks to our 2026 Show Committee Members, Meredith McDonagh, Catherine Max, Deana Kozak, Sally Waller, and Pat Parker for their time, dedication and creativity,

- Muffin McAfee, MDS Show Committee Chair

Congratulations to MDS Member Kate Carney of Boonsboro, MD, who was awarded the **American Daffodil Society Silver Medal** at the April, 2025 ADS Convention in Reno NV. The Medal is awarded to an individual deemed worthy of “recognition of outstanding service to the American Daffodil Society.” From the ADS Press Release ([Press release ADS 2025 Silver Medal.pdf](#)):

Kate joined the ADS in 1999, and has served as Regional Vice President and Regional Director of the Middle Atlantic Region, as well as editor of the Regional Newsletter. She served on the ADS Executive Committee and is an accredited Judge. Kate is one of the undisputed queens of miniatures, and has exhibited in as many as ten shows in a year. She has been ADS Miniatures Chair since 2018, and was instrumental in presenting the rationale for the Koopowitz Award, and developing a medal for best collection of 24 different miniature daffodils. [Kate] is always there to help in any way she can at local and National Shows, whether it be setting up, classification, helping people with entries and tearing down.

The Garden Club of America
**ZONE HORTICULTURE
COMMENDATION**

presented to

The Maryland Daffodil Society
*in appreciation for nurturing the love of
daffodils by sharing its extensive knowledge of
daffodils and hosting the nation’s longest-
running Daffodil Show.*

In July 2025, St. George’s Garden Club president Lucy Chittenden and Awards Chairs Laura Johnson and Anne Hawkins proposed the Maryland Daffodil Society for the GCA Zone VI Horticulture Commendation Award.

St. George’s member Hannah Byron presented the award to MDS President Deana Kozak at the MDS Annual Fall meeting on November 1, 2025.

The award was presented again at the GCA Awards Luncheon on November 11 by Georgina Horsey, Horticulture Representative for Zone VI, where Muffin McAfee accepted it on behalf of MDS.

Thanks to St. George’s Garden Club for proposing MDS for the award, which honors our organization in such a meaningful way. And, thanks and sincere appreciation to the members of St. George’s for their ongoing support, enthusiasm and participation in the Maryland Daffodil Show!

Photo - J. Minch. Left to right: Muffin McAfee, MDS immediate past President, Hannah Byron of St. George’s Garden Club, Deana Kozak, MDS President



For Your Calendar

- March 7, 2026** – Carolina Daffodil Society, Charlotte NC Louis Bozard; Carolina.daffodil@gmail.com
- March 21, 22** – Virginal Daffodil Society Show, Ginter Botanical Garden, Richmond VA nanfox@gmail.com
- March 24, 25** – GC of Virginia Daffodil Show, Virginia Wesleyan University, Virginia Beach VA kimcory@mac.com
- March 28, 29** – Gloucester Daffodil Show/Mid-Atlantic Regional Show, Newington Baptist Church, Gloucester VA
Carla Stanley; daffodilshowofgloucester23@gmail.com
- March 30, 31 & Apr 1** – District II FGCMMD Daffodil Show, Historic Baldwin Hall, Millersville MD
mliz.williams825@gmail.com
kRar1960@verizon.net
- April 7** – Upperville Garden Club Daffodil Show, Buchanan Hall, Upperville VA
Daffyun100@gmail.com
- April 11, 12** – Washington Daffodil Society Show, Scottish Rite Temple, Alexandria VA
lbn8132@aol.com;
www.marylanddaffodil.org
- April 15, 16** – Maryland Daffodil Society Show, Cylburn Arboretum, Baltimore MD
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- April 16** – ADS Judges School III, Greenhouse Classroom, Cylburn Arboretum, Baltimore MD
Mca1062357@aol.com
- April 17, 18, 19** – Tuscarora Daffodil Group, First Lutheran Church, Chambersburg, PA
rosequeen799@gmail.com
- April 18, 19** – Delaware Valley/NE Regional Daffodil Show, Jenkins Arboretum, Devon, PA
www.daffodilusa.org
- April 22-25** – ADS Convention and National Show, Chicago Botanical Gardens, Glencoe IL
lindafraker@me.com
- April 25** – Nantucket Garden Club 50th Anniversary Show, Nantucket MA
joehamml@juno.com
- April 25, 26** – Western PA Daffodil Growers South, Joe Hamm's Barn, Washington, PA

and SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday, November 7, 2026

Maryland Daffodil Society Annual Fall Meeting and Bulb Sale

1:30 – 3:30 PM

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



ADS National Convention and Show
Horticulture, Design & Photography

Chicago Botanical Garden
Glencoe, IL

April 22 - 25, 2026

Information and registration at
www.daffodilusa.org

Maryland Daffodil Society Hosts

American Daffodil Society Judges School - Course III

The Maryland Daffodil Society will host Course III, the last in the series of ADS Judges School Courses, on Thursday, April 16, 2026. There are a few requirements for taking the course. A copy of the handbook "Growing, Exhibiting and Judging Daffodils", 6th edition 2020, will be needed; it can be purchased from the ADS online store at <https://daffodilusa.org>. Please read the sections for School III prior to attending.

Plan to arrive the night before. You'll 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 class will be held in the Greenhouse Classroom at Cylburn Arboretum, 4915 Greenspring Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21209 (www.cylburn.org). Allow time to tour the grounds; they have a beautiful display of thousands of daffodils.

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 cost of the school is \$35.00. Snacks and lunch will be provided. If you want to sign up and are interested in receiving more information, please email me at julesmin@gmail.com. Courses can be taken in any order.

Julie Minch, School Registrar 410-303-6536

Minutes of the 2025 Fall Meeting of the Maryland Daffodil Society The meeting took place on Saturday, November 1, 2025 at the Greenhouse Classroom at Cylburn Arboretum, 4915 Greenspring Ave., Baltimore, MD 21209, and was called to order by President Deana Kozak at 1:46 PM. 25 persons were present.

Minutes of the 2024 Fall Meeting as printed in the February and September 2025 newsletters were approved.

Treasurer's Report (detailed report filed with these Minutes). Susan Palmer read the report of Jackie Handley:

Beginning balance 9/30/24	\$ 9,709.23	Income to 9/30/25	5,515.80	Expense to 9/30/25	(5,466.72)
Ending balance 9/30/25	\$ 9,758.31	Certificate of Deposit \$5,341.19, including YTD interest of \$1.86.			

President's Report: Deana welcomed attendees, and thanked the MDS Board, Show Committee and volunteers for a successful daffodil show in April. She announced that the 2026 Show will include a 'President's Pick', a potted daffodil, hopefully in bloom, to be given to youth exhibitors to take home and plant.

Deana introduced Hannah Byron of St. George's Garden Club, who presented the Maryland Daffodil Society with a Garden Club of America (GCA) Zone VI Horticulture Commendation Award certificate.

Deana introduced Julie Minch, ADS Mid-Atlantic Regional Vice-President. Mid-Atlantic is the largest region by membership, with 230 members in DC, Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia and North Carolina. A new society, the Carolina Daffodil Society, has been formed and will hold a non-juried exhibition on March 7, 2026 in Charlotte, SC; see carolinadaffodil.org. This year's Mid-Atlantic Region Leadership and Service Awards to honor individuals for outstanding support of ADS goals to stimulate interest in daffodils through education and exhibition, were given to Diana Spence (Williamsburg, VA) and Carla Stanley (Gloucester, VA).

Committee Reports:

- **Membership.** Chair Julie Minch reported that MDS is fortunate to have garden clubs as members, but individual membership is declining. She recommends reaching out to youth organizations to stimulate interest.
- **MDS Show Committee.** Muffin McAfee circulated a sign-up sheet for volunteers for the April 15 -16, 2026 show (set-up Tuesday April 14), emphasizing a need for passers, registration, scoring and pages. Experience not needed for all jobs. There will be Photography; including competitive or exhibition Design not yet determined.

New Business:

- **Cylburn in Spring: A Community Fair 2026.** Muffin recapped MDS participation in the first such day at Cylburn last March, where Cylburn held tours and partners like the Rose Society, Ikebana Chapter, Master Gardeners, Baltimore Bird Club and others had informational tables and activities for the public. More than 600 people attended. Next event will be Saturday, Mar. 28, 2026.
- **ADS Judges School.** Julie Minch announced that ADS Judges School Course III will be held Thursday, April 16, 2026, in the Greenhouse Classroom at Cylburn.

Announcement: The ADS National Convention will be held April 22 – 25, 2026 at the Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe IL, with lodging at the Renaissance Chicago North Shore Hotel.

The business meeting adjourned at 2:19 PM.

Deana Kozak, MDS President and daffodil grower and shower extraordinaire, presented an informative program titled "How Does your Garden Grow?" – growing daffodils for show, and incorporating them in the landscape.

The meeting day concluded with the annual bulb sale, with bulbs obtained from Flying Colors, Qdaffs and the collection of Kathy Welsh, WDS.

- 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