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President's Message

We had a sunny weekend! The first in quite awhile. As such, I was drawn outside and did not sit down at my desk and pen this letter as I should have! Nonetheless, the lazy days of summer have sped by, daffodil catalogs have been received and I have turned my attention to you, the membership of the oldest Daffodil Society in the United States.

I need to take this time to share some important information. After a long association with the Shops at Kenilworth, we are no longer able to stage our spring daffodil show there. After a lot of calling about and making inquiries, our amazing Show Chairman Meredith McDonagh has secured the Vollmer Center at Cylburn Arboretum as our location for the show in 2019. We are excited about offering the Show at Cylburn, a beautiful 207 acre park/arboretum within the city limits. Show dates are set for **Tuesday, April 23 - Thursday, April 25, 2019**. The Show is a week later than it has been in the past; we will see how that works out. Please see Meredith's article on page 2 for particulars we know now.

The **Fall Meeting of the Maryland Daffodil Society will be held Saturday, November 17**; please see text box at right for information. We will have our Annual Meeting of the membership at which officers will be elected for two-year terms, an ADS Judge Refresher Program, and our bulb sale. Please spread the word to your non-daffodil society members -- the meeting offers a great opportunity to buy incredible bulbs at very little expense, plus, learn about this great plant we all love! Refreshments served.

Our membership year begins October 1, and dues are due! Page 3 of this newsletter includes a detachable Dues Remittance and Volunteer Form. We are in dire need for Show SPONSORSHIPS. An example -- sponsoring or helping to sponsor tables and tablecloths rentals ... this expense is approximately \$1800! Any and all help would be greatly appreciated!

Finally, I encourage all of you reading this Newsletter to dig up ONE new MDS member -- consider giving a membership as a Christmas present. How wonderful would that be? I'll close with the following: "Flowers always make people better, happier, and more helpful; they are sunshine, food and medicine to the mind." - Luther Burbank

Cheers! - Hilles Whedbee

2018 Fall Meeting of the Maryland Daffodil Society 10:30 A.M.

Saturday, November 17, 2018
Center for Maryland Agriculture and
Farm Park - 1114 Shawan Road
Cockeysville, MD 21030

Officer Nominees for 2018 - 2020 to be voted upon at the meeting:

President: TBA
Vice-President: Pat Parker
Secretary: Susan Palmer
Treasurer/
Membership: Julie Minch

Board Members for 2018 -2020

Elected Officers
Immediate Past President: Hilles Whedbee
Show Chair: Meredith McDonagh
Members-at-Large: Joan Bender, Joan
Moore, Nicki Schwab, Mary Ann Thompson
and Sally Waller

Daffodil Judges Refresher at the Fall Meeting

Learn the importance of condition when judging daffodils. ADS Judges Instructor Anne Donnell Smith will lead the program, including discussion of judging seedlings. Everyone welcome, judges and non-judges alike. Judges wishing to refresh must remit or bring \$5 fee; contact registrar Julie Minch at julesmin@gmail.com in advance.

Bulb Sale

2019 MDS Show: Breaking News!

"Change is the only constant in life," said the Greek philosopher Heraclitus; I thought of him while in a panic upon learning the news in late August that MDS could no longer hold its fabulous show at the Shops at Kenilworth. And so, with the help of MDS board members, and Jackie Handley, past President of Federated Garden Clubs of Maryland, Inc. (FGCMD) and Diana Bonner, current President of FGCMD, I am pleased to announce a new venue for the 2019 Daffodil Show representing the Baltimore area.

The 2019 Daffodil Show will take place at the Vollmer Center at Cylburn Arboretum. That this is a center for horticulture is very favorable. MDS will sponsor this event with FGCMD and Baltimore City Parks and Recreation. The Arboretum is located at 4915 Greenspring Avenue, Baltimore MD 21209, and is convenient to I-83/Jones Falls Expressway, via the the Northern Parkway exit, west.

Change also comes with the dates available at our new location. **The 2019 Daffodil Show will take place on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday April 23, 24 and 25, 2018.** Please note: NO Monday activities are scheduled. Set-up and early entries will instead take place on Tuesday, with judging on Wednesday morning. Times for entering and viewing the show will be determined (and enforced!) based on the hours of operation at Cylburn Arboretum. Please start spreading the word to your daffodil friends!

Important: the first meeting of the Daffodil Show Committee will take place immediately following the fall meeting of MDS (Saturday, November 17, 2018 at the MD Ag Center). I hope to have more details to share about showing at Cylburn. Thank you to all who have said they can help, and thank you for letting me know how/that you can volunteer to help this year. See my contact information below!

Meredith McDonagh, 2019 Show Chairman
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... and Highlights from the 2018 Show

- 83 individuals entered 683 Horticulture exhibits
- 12 individuals entered 16 floral designs
- 6 individuals entered 13 photographs

Selected Awards

Horticulture

McKean-Meire Award;	Bob and Lena
Bruce Campbell Award	Huesmann
Louise H. Wharton Memorial	Nicki Schwab
Joanna Tilghman Award	Kate Carney
E. Gundry Memorial Award	Deana Kozak
Isabelle Whedbee Hopkins Award;	
Erlandson Award	Karen Cogar
Viele Award	Maria Egan
CC and Grace McCabe Award	Tina Brown
Olga Gilchrist Award	Anne Donnell Smith
Betsy Bauer Youth Award;	
MDS Youth Award	Kieran Zacchetti
MDS Club with most ribbons	Hardy Garden Club
Best Historic in Section I	Barbara Mertz
Most ribbons in Section B- tie	Leslie Sobel and Carol Warner

Design

Malcolm Lowenstein Award;	Jo Owen Award;
People's Choice Award	Linda Masland
Dr. and Mrs. Stuart D.P.	
Sunday Memorial Award	Marilyn Sparks
Mrs. Leo J. Vollmer Award	Dorrie McDonald
Best-in-Show	Barbara Small

Photography

Best-in-Show	Freddy Shaw
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Join Today! The MDS is the oldest daffodil society in the United States. Its success has been from the support of members like you! Not only do individuals support the society but many garden clubs do as well. The MDS would not exist without this support. We are always happy to welcome new members. We would also like to thank the individuals that help this organization by becoming a sponsor, patron or angel with additional money in their membership.

Did you know you can buy a membership for a friend? What a lovely gift. They will receive our newsletters and their very own show schedule. It's still only \$20.00. Just fill out the membership form with their information and we will add them to our list. It would make a wonderful holiday gift.



2018 American Daffodil Society Award-winning Flowers

The *William G. Pannill Award*, first awarded in 1997, is given annually by the American Daffodil Society to an American hybridizer to recognize a named standard daffodil which has demonstrated winning show qualities for at least 5 years following registration. The cultivar must have been awarded at least one ADS Gold or White Ribbon within the last 5 years, and must be regarded as generally "growable and showable" in a majority of ADS regions.

The 2018 Pannell Award was given to Grant Mitsch for his flower, '**Engagement Ring**', 3 W-WWY. Registered in 1994, Engagement Ring was bred from two greats, Silken Sails (1964, Green Island x Chinese White) x Merlin (1956, Mahmoud x Mahmoud). It is an extremely consistent flower that opens nick free and develops a bright rim on a pristine white flower. This flower is one to cut and bring inside to watch its colors develop and is best seen up close. Engagement Ring blooms during late mid-season.

The *John and Gertrude Wister Award*, first given in 1985, recognizes outstanding garden daffodils. Criteria for the annual award are: (1) the cultivar must be a good grower, with a floriferous habit (many bloom stalks); (2) cultivar should have long lasting bloom with clean color, showy at a distance and reasonably sunfast; (3) foliage should be vigorous, resistant to disease and frost damage; (4) stem should be taller than foliage, strong and sturdy; (5) bulb should be resistant to basal rot and not prone to splitting up; (6) emphasis should be on garden performance, although it may be of show table quality; and (7) cultivar should be readily available.

'**Mount Hood**', 1-W-W, was awarded the 2018 Wister Award. Registered in 1938, it has a proven track record for longevity and shows up annually on the show bench in the Historic section. Dutch-bred, Mount Hood is one of the finest white trumpet daffodil for landscape purposes, and a single bulb will make a clump which will bloom for many years without digging and dividing providing it has sun, decent drainage and room to increase.

- from the ADS website www.daffodilusa.org . See photos of these award winners on the ADS website, or on daffseek.org

----- ↓ Detach and return with Dues Remittance ↓ -----

Maryland Daffodil Society, Inc. Dues Remittance and Volunteer Information Form Oct2018

Individual, Couple or Organization's Name _____

Contact person, if applicable _____

Mailing address _____

Telephone _____ *Email address _____

This is a change of address or contact information.

***MDS would like to move to a 'green' platform and eliminate paper mailings; submitting your email address would be greatly appreciated.**

Dues. Renewing Member or New member. *1-year membership dues, October 1 to September 30:*

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|--|----------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Individual | \$ 20.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Couple | \$ 25.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Organization or Garden Club | \$ 25.00 |

Support for the MDS Show. I/we would like to make an additional contribution in support of the MDS show:

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|---------------------------------------|----------|---------------------------------------|----------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Show Sponsor | \$ 50.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> Show Angel | \$200.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Show Patron | \$100.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> Other amount | \$_____ |

Total Enclosed:

\$ _____

Please Volunteer! The Daffodil Show (annually, on the 3rd Tuesday and Wednesday in April) is the major undertaking of MDS! Please indicate your willingness to help with: Set-up on Monday, Dismantling, Publicity, Passing, Properties and Staging, Records, Hostessing while the show is open to the public; Design Division; 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: *Bobbie Hudson - 15217 Tanyard Rd., Sparks, MD 21152*

Minutes of the 2017 Fall Meeting of the Maryland Daffodil Society - The 2017 Fall Meeting of the Maryland Daffodil Society was held on Saturday, October 28, 2017 at the Center for Maryland Agriculture and Farm Park, 1114 Shawan Rd., Cockeysville MD 21030. The meeting was called to order by President Hilles Whedbee at 10:55 AM with 20 persons in attendance. Ms. Whedbee welcomed attendees and introduced the Board. MDS 2018 Show Chair Meredith McDonagh, ADS Regional Vice President Julie Minch (absent), and ADS Regional Director Pat Parker were recognized.

President's Report: Hilles recapped the 2017 MDS Show at Kenilworth, held in a vacant store front due to construction, with 1,400+ blooms from 82 exhibitors, 16 Design entries, and lighter-than-usual Photography entries. Ongoing efforts with the Demonstration Garden at the Agriculture and Farm Park and the bulb sale courtesy of bulb donors Kathy Welsh, Don Caton, Hilles Whedbee, and the Carneys/South Mountain Bulbs were acknowledged. The 2018 ADS Convention will be held in Franklin, TN on April 5-8, 2018. After discussion about cost-saving and establishing an environmentally-friendly footprint, motion was made and seconded to publish future issues of the MDS newsletter on-line only, with a separate USPS regular mailing to solicit dues. Motion carried unanimously.

Membership Report: In the absence of chairman Julie Minch, Hilles reported that there are 139 individuals and 46 garden club members of MDS.

Treasurer's Report, Bobbie Hudson: As of 9/28/16, checking account balance was \$9,399.20. Ending balance 9/27/17 was \$9,051.13. Also as of 9/27/17, Certificate of deposit balance (maturing 11/18/2018) was \$5,040.72. 2017 expenses reflected in the checking account balance: Federal Income Tax \$20.23 (March); MDS Show Expenses \$3,793.38 (April); Insurance \$325.

Report of MDS 2018 Show Chairman, Meredith McDonagh: The 2018 show will be the ADS Regional Show, and it's scheduled for Tuesday/Wednesday April 17-18, 2018 at the Shops at Kenilworth, with set-up on Monday April 16. Periodic meetings with the Show Committee will begin the week before or immediately following Thanksgiving. Alex Secor is chairman of the Design Division; Freddy Shaw is chairman of Photography. Dismantling will be done by MDS members. Hostessing needs for one-hour shifts of 2 persons were discussed, as was having each exhibitor provide a self-addressed and stamped #10 business envelope to facilitate return of ribbons and entry cards.

Report of Regional Vice-President of the American Daffodil Society, Julie Minch (absent); read by Pat Parker: The ADS Fall Meeting is scheduled for November 10-12 in Cincinnati, OH. The National spring convention will be held in Nashville, TN April 5-8, 2018; more information on both events is on the ADS website. Our own Nicki Schwab has been nominated for Regional Vice-President. Bridget Bryant for Orange, VA has been nominated for Director of the Mid-Atlantic Region. Motion was made by Jane Lynn to accept these nominations; motion was seconded and carried unanimously. Letters submitted by Nicki Schwab and Joan Bender nominating James Taylor of Ruther Glen, VA for the Mid-Atlantic Regional Leadership and Service Award were read.

Information on the ADS Video "Let's Grow Daffodils" (available on Dafftube.org, the Daffodil Presentation site) was presented.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:25 PM, and was followed by the traditional bulb raffle.

- Susan Palmer, Secretary

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