

THE WASHINGTON DAFFODIL SOCIETY

NEWSLETTER, FALL 2023

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WDS Annual Meeting, Bulb Auction, Bulb Exchange, & Bulb Order Pickup - Saturday, October 28, 2023, McLean, VA

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2023 Bulb Order: Kathy Welsh/
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**2024 ADS National Convention
& Show:**

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The WDS Newsletter is published Winter, Spring and Fall for members of WDS with information on activities of local interest. Please send comments, ideas, and articles to the Editor: Mary Anne Barton, 3707 Burrows Avenue, Fairfax, VA 22030

Message from the President:

Dear Daffodil Friends:

We had a fun summer meeting at the newly renovated activity building at the Merrifield location of Merrifield Garden Centers. In addition, MGC gave everyone limited time discount coupons for purchases. Thank you, Merrifield!

I am looking forward to seeing you at our Fall meeting- to pick up your bulb order, participate in the bulb auction/sales and the bulb exchange. This is also our annual meeting where you get to vote for officers and directors. Information on those nominated is on page two of this newsletter. Please be sure to stock up on special bulbs at the Fall Meeting. As you know, we will not be offering the bulb normal order in 2024 since WDS is helping to sponsor the ADS National Convention.

Kathy Welsh, Karen Cogar and Glenna Graves have been busy planning the 2024 ADS Convention, sponsored by the clubs of the ADS Mid-Atlantic Region, that will include the National Daffodil Show. The National Daffodil Show will also have a Design Section and Photography Section to enter. We will have schedules for the show available early next year. WDS will not have a separate show in 2024. Many of you have already volunteered to help with the convention and show. I am looking forward to seeing daffodils from all over the country (maybe the world) and attending the special programs and tours at the convention. Everything will take place at the Dulles Hyatt Regency April 10-April 13, 2024.

In addition, we thank Kathy Welsh for all her work in arranging for the much needed maintenance of our storage shed and our show supplies. The risers and the staging blocks look like new, and our shed has a new roof, wood repairs and fresh paint. Thank you so much Kathy!!

Hope to see you soon, Mary Anne Barton, President, daffyun100@gmail.com

WDS Annual Meeting, Bulb Auction, Exchange, and Order Pickup October 28, 2023

Trinity United Methodist Church, Langley Hall
1205 Dolley Madison Blvd
McLean, VA 22101

10-11 am: Board Meeting (all are invited to attend)

Board Members please bring snacks and sides for General Meeting.

WDS will provide pulled pork sandwiches & drinks

11:30 – 1 pm

Annual Meeting, Vote for Officers, Bulb Auction, Bulb exchange,

If you paid for mailing, and plan to attend the meeting, email Kathy Welsh.

Nominations for Officers and Directors

Glenna Graves, Nomination committee chair, presents the following slate for election at the October 28, 2023 Fall meeting. Terms will begin on January 1, 2024.

For President: Mary Anne Barton – second year

For Vice President: Donna Clausen – second year

Four *Directors: Three year terms to end December 31, 2026

Suzanne Worsham

Lea Shuba

Cynthia Sturke

Babs McClendon

Nominations from the floor may be made with the prior consent of the nominee.

*Duties of a Director

As a director you are to attend as many of our meetings as you can, support the activities of the Society, encourage membership and offer ideas for future activities or function of the WDS.

Busy Summer for Daffodils

By Glenna Graves

Each summer I say I am going to dig more daffodil bulbs to share and then promise myself I will not completely refill the area with more new bulbs. This year I again failed to dig as many as I wanted. Of course I blamed the hot weather for my procrastination, but also the body and knees seemed to dictate my progress. Next Year!!

The fun part of digging is uncovering a hill where you had planted one or two bulbs and discover a dozen plus of new bulbs especially when finding the plastic name tag confirming that the above ground label was in the correct place. Something I do not like is the sound of the shovel going down and that squish sound of a bulb being cut. That is not fun! We will all have our bulbs at the fall general meeting and bulb exchange. If you keep your eyes sharp you may find that bulb you have been looking for and could not find for sale anywhere.

2024 American Daffodil Society Convention and National Show

By Glenna Graves

As you know the Mid- Atlantic Region of the ADS (Maryland, Washington, Virginia and Gloucester Societies) is hosting the National Convention next April 2024. This will be the 70th Anniversary of the ADS and many of the founders of the ADS were from the WDS area.

At our June WDS meeting Kathy Welsh and Karen Cogar gave an overview of plans they were working on for the convention. Committees are being established, activities and tours are confirmed and very important was the properties were being counted. Kathy spent a couple of days at our property building counting tubes, blocks, risers, etc to make sure we had enough properties for the show. Also at the meeting, Kathy and Mary Anne Barton reported our property building which is stored at the Merrifield Garden Center, was very much in need of repair. Roof shingles missing, side boards rotting and it was very much in need of paint.



Kathy arranged for workmen to do the necessary repair and said it is “now good for another 20 years”!! Thank you, Kathy!! With the workmen available, we also have all of our blocks and planks repainted, risers trimmed down to size and all looks good just in time for the convention. The other societies of the Mid- Atlantic Region – VDS, MDS, and Gloucester – are also involved in many aspects of the convention preparation. Thank you all.

We will need many hands- on- deck at the convention itself. There are many areas you can be of assistance. For instance, property section consists of getting vases, tubes, blocks etc on table, fill with water to have ready for the exhibitors. Classification is of great importance, especially early morning before judging. Your help would be greatly appreciated. We look forward to seeing you at the fall general meeting and bulb exchange.

Please volunteer your time even if you just have a few hours to help in many areas. Contact Kathy Welsh, Karen Cogar, Mary Anne Barton, or Glenna Graves. Check front of Newsletter for email addresses or phone numbers for each. We need you!!!

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Tentative Schedule for Convention

Wednesday April 10: Judging School III, registration, show entry
Thursday April 11: Optional tours, show judging, boutique, awards ceremony
Friday April 12: Seminars, tours, outgoing board meeting, bulb auction, show take-down
Saturday April 13: Seminars, tours, incoming board meeting, speakers
Sunday April 14: Possible tours prior to those leaving for Daffodil World Tour

One of the tours offered at the 2024 ADS National Convention will be
Bunny Mellon’s Oak Spring, Middleburg VA *Right: mural at Oak Spring*



Brooke Ager Youth Challenge Bulb 2024

The Brooke Ager Youth Challenge Bulb for 2024 Show season is SWEETNESS 7 Y-Y. This is a good grower, a past Wister winner, and can also be entered in the Historic class. It is also fragrant. All ADS Youth members will be receiving a bulb this fall. There may be some of these bulbs at the WDS bulb exchange in October.

Bulb Auction at Fall Meeting

By Karen Cogar

We’re going to need a lot more bulb bags.....

Daffodils have 2 distinct periods of involvement, and Fall is always busy with receiving ordered bulbs, preparing soil, maps, and labels for planting, and attending The Washington Daffodil Society’s annual super special, amazing, really fun Fall Board Meeting . Once again , we have so many fine bulbs to offer for which we’re looking to find good homes. And to provide winning ribbons in next year’s Convention Show!



We will have a fabulous selection of free bulbs donated by our members, as well as a curated sale of bulbs. The sources of the latter are from Kathy Welsh's fabled Daffodil beds, unique varieties from ADS star exhibitors, and rare bonus bulbs sent to us from our Bulb Order suppliers in the U.S., Holland, and Northern Ireland. One supplier this year is Jason Delaney of PHS Daffodils. Like many of you, I was disappointed when I couldn't order anything from his annual online sale, since 1700 people logged on to order simultaneously. Jason has reserved a number of show flowers specifically chosen for us which will be for sale. Some of these will also be available for the inevitable substitutions list for the Bulb Order, and possibly the Late List. Stay tuned.

The most rare, newest, and, yes, more pricey bulbs are reserved for our Auctions. We will have 10 to 20 varieties for live auction, and more for the Lucky Draw. Your odds are much better than for Mega Millions, and definitely worth the modest risk of a purchase of a ticket or two. We are pretty chuffed to see a thrilled someone nab a bulb that sold for \$200 at an ADS Auction go for a few dollars in our Draw.

Candidates for the Auctions are still arriving as I write. Just this morning I received



Flight Path, 6 Y-W, John A. Hunter, New Zealand, 2007
Photo #10900, Sep 22, 2007: Kirby Fong, USA

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a surprise package from hybridizer Larry Wier. If you don't know his flowers, you really should. As recently as this year, his flowers are winning prizes Down Under, including Best in show. He had already sent a wonderful box for us, and today's mail brought a selection of amazing New Zealand Splits that I have never seen before, including Sunset Skies 11 a W-P. He sent me Guava Gold 11 a Y-YPY for a personal gift, which is unbelievably colored, and I'm going to part with one bulb for auction. He has also sent his own Maker's Mark 1 Y-O, Coral Jungle 2 W-P, and the N. Z. Ballistic 4 Y-O, Flight Path 6 Y-W, and more.

The talented Nial Watson from N. I. is always generous and always amazes us with his newest creations, not yet available elsewhere. Interesting 2 Y/W-P Intermediate, Lotus Blossom 4 W-Y, and Scentsational 7 W-YYP are all available in the Auctions. We have been promised a lot more, but they haven't arrived yet, so you'll have to come on October 28 to learn more. Wait- is that UPS at my door with a really big package from Holland? Can't wait to see what's inside!

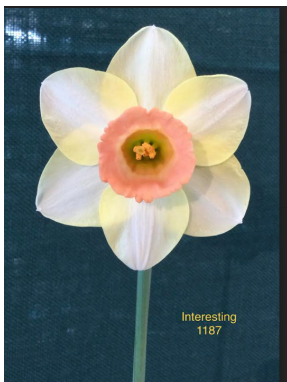


Coral Jungle, 2 W-P, Larry Wier, United States, 2003
Photo #53134, Jun 29, 2007: Larry Wier, USA

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Properties: Original Size 759 x 541

Bulbs from Nial Watson and Esker Farms

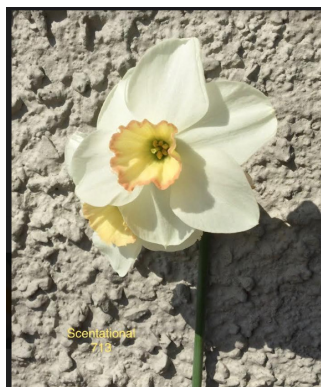


Interesting W1187 2D7222 x Foundling. 2Y/W-P Stress on the 'Inter' of the name as it is intermediate both as a flower and a plant. Early blooming and has already had a first in a Show under number.

Lotus Blossom W928 Postles seedling x Madam Speaker. 4W-Y This is an amazing flower that has such substance the public have asked if it is made of plastic. Strong stems and with a slight scent. It is fertile both ways but pollen being the most frequent. It is early to mid-season blooming and has also had success on the show bench.



Seedling W713 Quickstep x Everpink. 7W-YYP To be named in 2024 'Scentational'. A sibling of 'In the Pink' but with a strong N. jonquilla scent and, like 'In the Pink', should be fertile due to its parentage. Mid-season flower which will add to the variety in Division 7.

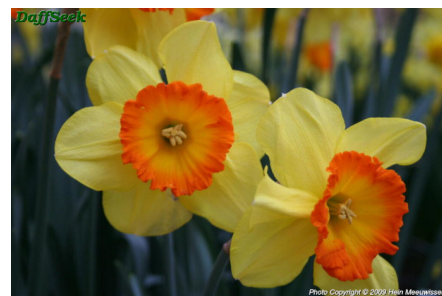


left: *Scentational*

The proceeds from the Live Auction will be donated to the 2024 Convention Fund. Please come to the meeting, bid generously, and often!

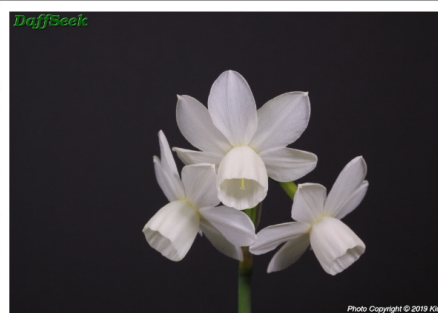
2023 Wister and Pannill Awards

The John and Gertrude Wister Award is given to recognize "Outstanding Garden Flowers". This year's award is ***Delibes 2 Y-YYO***. This is a large-cupped daffodil registered prior to 1950 and hybridized in Holland. It is also recognized as an ADS Classic Daffodil. It is an early to mid-season blooming daffodil and is a stunning bloom in the garden.



Delibes, 2 Y-YYO, F. Rijnveld and Sons, the Netherlands, 1950
Photo #42317, Apr 07, 2009: Hein Meeuwissen, the Netherlands

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Euphonic Bells, 5 W-W, Richard and Elise Havens, United States, 2008
Photo #40107, Apr 06, 2019: Kirby Fong, USA

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The William G. Pannill Award is given to a Standard Daffodil with "Winning Show Qualities". This year's selection is ***Euphonic Bells 5W-W***. Euphonic Bells was bred by Richard and Elise Havens and registered in 2008. It is a late-season, standard size daffodil.

Planting your Bulbs

Some general guidelines for growing beautiful daffodils in your garden from the American Daffodil Society website (<https://daffodilusa.org/>)

Plant the bulbs when grounds have cooled. In the Mid-Atlantic that is around Mid-October.

Choose a well-drained, sunny place. Hillsides and raised beds are best. DRAINAGE is the key. Spade at least twelve inches deep. Improve your clay with well-rotted compost, soil amendment, or planting mix and raise the bed. Slightly acidic soil is best, so you might add soil sulfur if you have alkaline soil....

During the soil preparation, a complete fertilizer, low in nitrogen, (3 -6-6 or 5-10-10) should be worked in (about 1/4 cup per square foot). Be sure the fertilizer does not come in direct contact with the bulbs. Plant your daffodils so that their top (pointed end) is at least two times as deep as the bulb is high (top of a 2" bulb is 4" deep). Exactness isn't crucial; they'll adjust. Plant bulbs deeper in sandy soil than in clay.... Daffodils need lots of water while they are growing. Water immediately after planting and keep them moist until the rains come. Continue watering for three weeks or so after blooming time; then stop watering..."

Washington Daffodil Society General Meeting Minutes

June 17, 2023

The June 17, 2023, meeting of the Washington Daffodil Society was held at the Merrifield Community Center, Falls Church.

Board Members Present: Mary Anne Barton, Karen Cogar, Kathy Welsh, Glenna Graves, Lea Shuba, Connie Richards, Janet Hickman, Anita Brown, Kaki Power. Others present: Bob and Lina Huesmann, Robert and Mary Darling, Mary Schwegler, Wes Graves, and Genie Applegate.

President Mary Anne Barton called the meeting to order at 11:10 AM. The minutes were approved as stated in the Spring 2023 Newsletter. Mary Anne recognized Bob Huesmann for his continued contributions to the WDS for many years. She also thanked Clay Higgins for the many photos of our Daffodil Show as posted in the Newsletter.

Treasurer's report – Mary Anne distributed the report as treasurer Tricia Goins was not present.

Discussion of the bulb order and remaining expenses to some of the bulb growers as their bills have not yet been received. There were 61 orders placed this year and 105 different cultivars were offered. It was noted the WDS had voted last meeting to donate \$1000.00 to the ADS technology fund which supports daffnet, daffseek etc. Membership income from dues was \$1,505.00 It was noted, post meeting, that Karen Cogar notified she has paid \$414.00 Insurance renewal to the Hartford Insurance Co. She has been reimbursed by Treasurer. Concerning our show expense, it runs approximately \$5000 per year. This is usually covered by our bulb sales and auction. Undetermined- as of yet- but it is estimated that the net proceeds from the 2022 bulb sales were approximately \$8000.

Mary Anne Barton agreed to research the cost of a "Banana Flag" for use at our Daffodil meetings to show location and allow more visible entrance to meeting locations.

Glenna Graves, Nominating Chair, will be soliciting members to serve as Directors for the WDS 2024-2026. Please give this your consideration when asked. If you would like to volunteer, please call Glenna, 540-434-8587.

The Fall meeting and bulb exchange will be held at the same location of Trinity United Methodist Church in McLean---Saturday, October 28th, 2023. Bring your bulbs to exchange as well as participate in the live auction. Live Auction proceeds will be donated to the 2024 Convention.

Mary Anne handed out numbers for the plant exchange at the end of the meeting.

There was much discussion concerning the maintenance of the WDS shed at Merrifield Garden Center in Fair Oaks. Mary Anne and Kathy visited the site and said the shed is in very bad shape. Partial siding needs to be replaced as well as painting and a new roof. Kathy will meet with a repair man to get an estimate for all needed repairs as well as painting of the WDS properties.

The remainder of the meeting was a discussion of the ADS Convention to be hosted by the Mid- Atlantic Region on April 10-13, 2024, at the Hyatt Regency Dulles Hotel.

WDS Properties:

A decision was made to cut off the tops of the tall risers to be the same height as the “minis’ risers”. Reason: They are too heavy for members to handle, some are warped, storage is difficult. Kathy will check with the repairman for the feasibility of cutting and as well as the cost of having the risers painted. They have not been repaired or painted in over 20 years.

The wooden blocks – many need to be painted –possibly have a paint day. They also need to be cleaned.

Tubes for stems – need cleaning and we also need proper tube size for the miniatures.

Kathy will talk to Mitch Carney about possible borrowing of saltshakers or small tubes from the Chambersburg Club as well as single stem blocks.

The cost of the repairs to our properties would come from our WDS treasury. It would not be considered a Convention expense.

Kathy and Karen then presented an estimated Budget for the ADS Convention. Considering everything from food, buses, tours, printing, renting tables, truck rental for transporting properties to show, and many other things a basic estimate could be in the \$50,000.00 range or more.

Also, a list of Convention Chairs for all committees was given out:

Kathy Welsh and Karen Cogar are Convention Chairmen, Kirby Fong is the Show Chairman,

Some of the other chairs are Publicity, Publications, Photography, Boutique, Website, Newcomers Reception, Judges, Clerks, Tabulation, Tours, Design, Speakers, Awards and others.

Also distributed was a Schedule of Events starting on Wednesday April 9th – room available for student judges flower identification study. April 10- ADS Judges School III; Registration, Horticulture and Design entries, Newcomers Reception and Executive and Finance Committee meeting. April 11- 12:00am to 9:30AM - Daffodil staging, Judging, Optional tour, Boutique, Live Bulb Auction, Dinner- General Membership meeting and Awards presentation.

Friday there will be educational meetings/speakers, Judges refresher, tour.

Saturday – Garden tour and educational meetings

Sunday – those attending the World Daffodil Convention in Netherlands and Northern Ireland will leave. This is a very abbreviated list of activities.

Robert Darling was very pleased to announce committee members for the Photography Show. Consideration for possible class for recognition of Daffodil Growers in the Mid- Atlantic Region, as well as a class recognizing prominent daffodil people in the Region for the past 70 years.

Photography Stand Properties-

It was voted that the WDS will have new photography stands made with approximate cost in \$600 range.

Possibly we could also borrow the stands used at the Gettysburg Convention 2022. Karen Cogar made the motion for Robert Darling to check with the group that made the Gettysburg stands to see if they would make some for WDS. Janet Hickman seconded the motion.

Fund Raising –

We will need the full participation of all the Mid Atlantic Societies to support the cost of the convention.

Discussion followed as to possible means of fund raising.

Our meeting adjourned at 1:30 pm., A wonderful box lunch was enjoyed, plants were exchanged, and each person received a 15% discount coupon from Merrifield Garden Center to apply to any purchases made in the Garden Center.

Glenna Graves, Secretary

WDS Calendar -- check these websites for more information!

Washington Daffodil Society: [www. thewashingtondaffodilsociety.org](http://www.thewashingtondaffodilsociety.org)

American Daffodil Society website: www.daffodilusa.org

[www. Daffseek.org](http://www.Daffseek.org)

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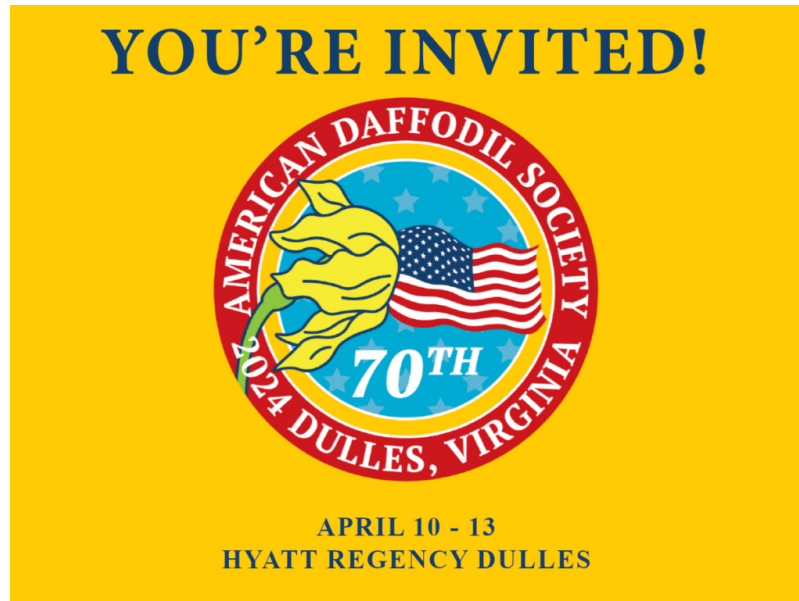
WDS Spring Meeting

April 10-13

ADS Convention and National Show, Dulles, VA

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WDS Summer Social



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