

THE WASHINGTON DAFFODIL SOCIETY

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WDS Spring Lunch Meeting, Saturday, March 2, 2024

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**2024 ADS National Show & Convention, Hyatt Regency Dulles,
April 10-13, 2024, Herndon, VA**

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From the President

Greetings Daffodil Friends!

While I sit here in the snow (good for our daffs) we are planning our Spring Lunch Meeting at the home of Donna Clausen on March 2, 2024, and our Summer Social (date and place to be determined). The Spring Lunch will be a casual buffet at Donna's lovely home (Chili, salad, breads, desserts and other treats) and chance to visit and discuss our daffs.

The Mid-Atlantic Region of the American Daffodil Society is hosting the 2024 ADS National Show and Convention at the Dulles Hyatt on April 10-13, 2024. The National Show schedule is found online on the ADS website. You do not have to register for the convention to participate or visit the National Show. Volunteers are still needed to help at the events, including working at the information table while the show is open to the public on Thursday and Friday. Contact Karen Cogar (kcogara@gmail.com) and Kathy Welsh (Kathy.welsh@phmloans.com) if you are interested.

However, you should really register for the Convention. Kathy and Karen have made great plans for programs and tours. Registration for the Convention is also found on the ADS website (daffodilusa.org). You won't want to miss this event!!! Hope to see you in March. (Just a reminder, there will not be a 2024 Bulb Order. Everyone is busy working on the National Convention and Show.)

Mary Anne Barton, President, daffyfun100@gmail.com

WDS Spring Lunch Meeting, March 4, 2023
Details Next page Masks are optional

WDS Spring Lunch Meeting

Saturday March 2, 2024 at the home of Donna Clausen
3525 Trinity Dr. Alexandria, VA 22304
703-751-6042 (h)
Park on the road in front of her house

We are asking everyone who plans to attend to register and send in \$5. WDS will cover the rest of the costs. Registration for the Lunch Meeting on next to last page!

10:30 am -11:30 am Business Meeting (all are invited to attend), we will discuss the 2024 ADS Convention, and ideas for Summer Meeting

11:30 am: Lunch and Conversation

The Spring Lunch will be a casual buffet at Donna's lovely home (Chili, salad, breads, desserts and other treats) Short Program (TBA)

Adjourn 1 pm

Contact Mary Anne Barton with questions: P:703-273-8641/C:571-225-0345/ daffyfun100@gmail.com

2024 ADS National Show and Convention, Hyatt Regency Dulles, Herndon, VA April 10-13, 2024

The ADS Mid-Atlantic Region are hosting the 2024 National Show and Convention. Karen Cogar (kcogara@gmail.com) and Kathy Welsh (Kathy.welsh@phmloans.com) are the co-chairs of the entire Convention. Glenna Graves (glennamgraves@comcast.net) is co-chair of the National Show. Mark your calendars. Complete Show and Convention schedules are on ADS website: www.daffodilusa.org

In addition to Horticulture, you can enter Photography and Floral Design Classes.

For Photo Division entries, contact: Jennifer Kochard (email jkochard@yahoo.com, phone (434) 466-2473)

For Design Division entries (NGC Standard Flower Show) contact: Mary Anne Barton (email: daffyfun100@gmail.com, phone: 703-273-8641 or 571-225-0345)

The Horticulture Division will feature the following two local collection classes

The 70th Anniversary Collection – A collection of 7 different standard cultivars from 7 different RHS divisions. Name, division, and color code to appear on the labeling. The collection is staged 7 blooms across. The winner will receive a \$50 gift card to the boutique.

The International Collection – Five different Standard cultivars from five different countries. Name, division, and country of origin to appear on the labeling. Scotland, Wales, England, Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland are recognized as different countries. "Eligible for the Purple Ribbon." The winner will receive a \$50 gift card to the boutique.



Sweetness, 7 Y-Y, R.V. Favell, England, 1939
Photo #11386, Dec 31, 2007:
Old House Gardens Heirloom Bulbs, USA

‘Sweetness’ Brooke Ager Youth Challenge Bulb 2024

Added Tour: Contact Kathy (Kathy.welsh@phmloans.com) if you would like to tour Suzie Worsham's garden on Sunday, April 14. Tour is open to all with a small charge if you plan to have lunch.

IS IT TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP- RENEWAL FORM ON PG 7

Have you considered a 3 year membership?
Please contact Kathy Welsh if you have questions: Kathy.welsh@phmloans.com

Carol Barrett	Daniel Bellinger	Victoria Brademan & Robert Enholm	Suzanne Bresee
Bridget Bryant	Donald K. Caton	Anne Dremluk	Betty Ann Galway
Glenna & Wes Graves		Jon Kawaguchi	HS Leigh Koonce
Joyce Martin	Katherine Mazzocco	George McGowan	Suzan MillerEleanor
Morison	Janet S Noland	Renee Orr	Lucy Rhame
Reiko Royston	Marjorie Schiebel		Mary B Schwegler
Jackie Turbidy	Arlene Stewart		Jocelyn Thayer
	Ginger & Madline Wallach		Linda Whitton
			Mary Ann Thompson
			Suzanne Worsham

Editor's Fantasy 'The International Collection' (What are your picks?)



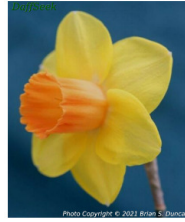
Acapulco, 8 Y-O, William G. Pannill, United States, 1992
Photo #1080, Feb 12, 2005: Kirby Fong, USA

USA



All Round, 11a W-Y, J. Gerritsen and Son, the Netherlands, 1980
Photo #6850, Feb 12, 2007: Brent & Becky Heath, USA

Netherlands



Austin Wyatt, 2 Y-P, Brian S. Duncan, Northern Ireland, 2020
Photo #57330, Jan 20, 2021: Brian S. Duncan, Northern Ireland

N. Ireland



Carbineer, 2 Y-O, Alexander (Alec) M. Wilson, Wales, 1927
Photo #42641, Apr 28, 2009: Drew Mc Farland, USA

Wales



Abtruse, 3 W-R, David Jackson, Australia, 2005
Photo #8970, Mar 12, 2007: Kirby Fong, USA

Australia

Horticulture Hints

This is a repeat of an article we printed in 2023. We used it again because this information is so good!

The website for the American Daffodil Society contains many resources to help you plant, grow and care for your daffodils. One resource is Dafftube.org. Check out the many offerings. Also read the article below by Glenna Graves and Clay Higgins:

Daffodils in the Winter and Spring

The December 2022 ADS Journal featured an article by a long-time daffodil grower, hybridizer and member of our Washington Daffodil Society, Clay Higgins. Be sure to check out the entire article in the Journal. I will briefly point out a few excerpts of his conversation on Daffodils in the Winter and Spring.

If you have bulbs that are unplanted -PLANT THEM NOW! They cannot flourish if not planted and generally will not last until the next planting season. The blooms may not be as good or not bloom this year but generally will recover by next season.

Inspect your daffodil garden in January and February for signs of varieties beginning to poke up foliage. This is good especially if you experience sub- zero temperatures and may need to add protective mulch. If you notice the foliage has been affected by the cold generally the bulbs will not be automatically killed even if the foliage is damaged. A treatment of fungicide to damaged foliage will usually stop any damage that may occur and keep potential for bulb damage down. The bulb will have a good chance of blooming the following year.

January is a good time to mow in areas where you may have naturalized bulbs growing. Winter weeds grow vigorously when the good weather comes and may cover your blooms.

February/ March –When the majority of daffodil foliage gets two or so inches tall it is time to apply spring fertilizer. Spread low nitrogen fertilizer (5-10-5; 5-10-30 best) over area following guidance on the bag. Do not use high nitrogen fertilizer as you may have all foliage and fewer blooms.

March is now SHOW TIME in many areas. Pick your blooms directly from garden to show if possible and especially look for those of show quality.

Check your daffodils for signs of damage (twisted foliage, brown spots, yellow streaks or splotches on the blooms) all through the bloom season. Rouge or destroy immediately – not on the compost pile – as diseases can be spread by insects. This will help control a disease outbreak. Check your labels. Identify during the season to make sure the label and bloom are the same. Also mark clumps of daffodils that need to be divided and be planted later in the season.

Summary – Plant your bulbs fall or winter. Inspect the daffodils during the winter and apply fertilizer if needed. Watch for early blooms and ENJOY!! Make sure your daffodil locations are properly marked with variety names and attend a few shows and MOST OF ALL HAVE FUN!!! Glenna Graves

Wister Award:



Bantam, 2 Y-YOO, Barr and Sons, England, 1950 CL
Photo #1221, Feb 12, 2006:
Kirby Fong, USA

'Bantam', 2 Y-YOO, this intermediate sized daffodil is a standout in the garden. It has roundish, blunt, brilliant greenish yellow perianth segments with a bowl-shaped corona that is smooth or lightly ribbed orange, has a broad yellow zone at the base and sometimes has a darker orange at the rim. This late blooming daffodil was registered prior to 1950 and hybridized by Barr and Sons from England, UK. **2024.**

[See Photos and Information about 'Bantam' in DaffSeek.](#)

2023 Fall Annual Meeting WDS October 28, 2023

The October 28, 2023 meeting of the Washington Daffodil Society was held at the Trinity United Methodist Church, 1205 Dolley Madison Blvd, McLean, VA 22101

The meeting was called to order by President Mary Anne Barton at 10:25 AM. Board members present were Bob Huesmann, Leigh Koonce, Lea Shuba, Donna Clausen, Janet Hickman, Karen Cogar, Kathy Welsh, Glenna

Graves, Connie Richards, Mary Anne Barton

The minutes were approved as appeared in the October 2023 Newsletter. Mary Anne gave the Treasurer report in the absence of Treasurer, Tricia Goins. Current total balance is \$75,528.68. Some payments for growers of bulbs for bulb order remains to be paid.

The WDS Incorporation - Robert Darling had been the registered agent for the incorporation of WDS in Washington DC. Robert and Mary are selling their residence in DC. Tricia Goins has moved the incorporation to her state of VA.

Mary Anne thanked Kathy Welsh for her arranging for and completed repairs to our storage building for properties at the Merrifield Garden Center at Fair Oakes. Our building has been repaired, show properties, blocks, risers etc have been painted and are ready for the convention to be held in 2024. Additional tubes were also purchased.

The Society had previously voted to donate \$10,000.00 toward the ADS Convention to be held April 10-13, 2024. This amount will soon be sent to the ADS.

Leigh Koonce had suggested the WDS make a donation to one of the Relay for Life events through Daffodil Days in WVA...Shepherdstown area. A motion was made by Kathy Welsh that \$250.00 be donated. It was seconded by Karen Cogar. Vicky Eicher had also requested that anyone with "mystery" bulbs or any extra bulbs be donated to her. She participates in the Charlottesville Women's 4-miler walk for Breast Cancer each year and as a thank you for her sponsors she gives them daffodil bulbs.

Bulb Order – there were 61 bulb orders this year. Karen Cogar and Kathy Welsh did all the bagging of the bulbs and Donna Clausen and Lea Shuba handled the mailing process for those that were to be mailed. It was also noted the bulbs from the growers arrived a little earlier this year which was good alleviating last minute bagging and mailing. There will NOT be a bulb order for 2024 as everyone will be busy with the ADS convention.

The ADS Convention will be held at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Herndon, VA . The hotel has been very good to work with. The room rates will be \$149.00 per room and registration for convention will be under \$400.00 per registrant.

Glenna Graves gave an update and request for workers for the Daffodil Show especially for the Set -Up of show room and properties as well as Classification. Janet Hickman discussed a new ADS class for this show. It is called the Joe Hamm Class composed of 12 individual standard Historic daffodils. This class may be available for regular shows in 2025. Kathy Welsh discussed 2 special classes offered for the convention. As the ADS is celebrating its 70th anniversary one class consists of 7 different standard daffodils from 7 different RHS Divisions. The second will be for 5 different standard daffodils from five different countries as this will also be the International, World Daffodil Show in Netherlands and Northern Ireland in 2024.

Glenna Graves presented the slate of nominees as officers for the year 2024.

For President: Mary Anne Barton; For Vice President, Donna Clausen;

Four Directors: Three- year terms to end Dec.31, 2026

Suzanne Worsham, Lea Shuba. Cynthia Sturke, Babs McClendon

The board meeting adjourned at 10:50 AM.

Following a delicious lunch organized by Donna Clausen the Regular membership meeting was called to order.

Mary Anne Barton gave a report of the previous board meeting.

\$250.00 was donated to Leigh Koonce for the Relay for Life program in Shepherdstown area of WV. The WDS

will be listed as a sponsor of an event with the donation given as well. Vicky Eicher requested anyone with extra bulbs or mystery bulbs she would be delighted to have them. She gives bulbs as a thank you to her sponsors for the Charlottesville Women's 4-miler walk for breast cancer. This is her 21st year for walking!

Robert Darling discussed classes for the Photography Section for the ADS convention. A noted class will be for daffodils introduced by Mid Atlantic growers/ hybridizers. Another is a photo of a person very important to you in your daffodil growth and enjoyment.

Robert also brought some ADS/WDS archives materials and garden books from his library. He felt they may be purchased with proceeds going toward convention expenses.

Glenna Graves presented the slate of nominees for the year beginning January 1, 2024. Vicky Eicher moved to accept the slate and Robert Darling seconded the motion.

It was announced that Sweetness 7 Y-Y is the Brooke Ager Youth Challenge bulb for 2024. Youth, parents and grandparents were encouraged to get some of the bulbs available at the bulb swap and have your youth entry present at the convention 2024.

The 2024 John and Gertrude Wister Award bloom was announced for this year. It is Bantam 2Y-YOO an outstanding garden flower and also for the show bench. It is an intermediate as well as listed as an ADS classic bloom.

Following the meeting a live bulb auction was held, also a bulb raffle, many bulbs available for purchase and of course many free bulbs from the bulb exchange table. Many bags of bulbs were collected by all. The meeting was closed by 1:30PM . 44 members were present.

Glenna Graves, Secretary



Lina Huesmann with raffle tickets for bulbs at 2023 Fall Meeting

Membership Renewal/Application

Individual and Garden Clubs: - 1 year \$15, 3 years \$40
Households: 1 year \$20, 3 years \$50

Please make the check payable to WDS.

Mail check to: Kathy Welsh 10803 Windcloud Ct. Oakton, VA 22124

Please send the following if your information has changed:

Name _____

Address: _____

Phone _____

Email: _____

Yes, send my Newsletter by email _____ No, please snail mail my newsletter _____

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At the home of Donna Clausen

3525 Trinity Dr

Alexandria, VA 22304

703-751-6042 (h)

We are asking that everyone who attends send in a registration and \$5.

Order Deadline: February 28, 2024

Please make check payable to WDS \$5.00

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P:703-273-8641/ C:571-225-0345/ daffyun100@gmail.com

10:30 – 11:30am Business Meeting (all can attend); 11:30 am Lunch and conversation
short program TBA; Adjourn 1 pm

Registration

Name(s) _____

Best Contact Info: Phone: _____

Email: _____

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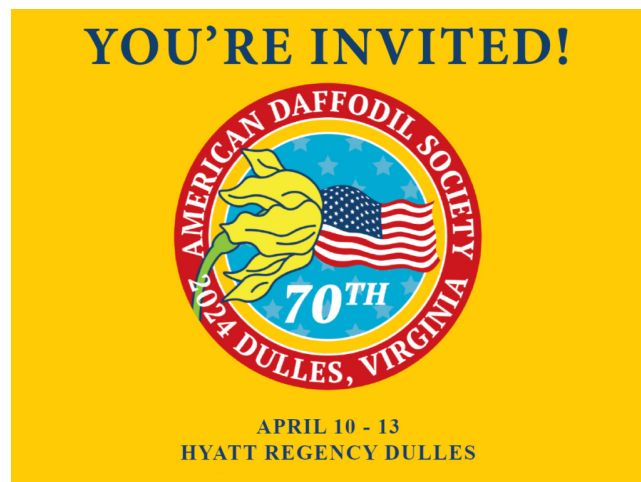
2024

March 2 WDS Spring Luncheon
April 10-14 ADS National Show and Convention, Herndon, VA

Short list of other shows - see ADS website above for more

March 8-9 GA Daffodil Society Regional Show Alpharetta GA
March 23-24 VA Daffodil Society Show, Richmond VA
March 26-27 Garden Club of VA Daffodil Show, Virginia Beach VA
April 2 Upperville Garden Club Daffodil Show, Upperville VA
April 2-4 Dist II MD Federated Garden Clubs Daffodil Show, Severna Park MD
April 6-7 Delaware Valley Daffodil Society, Regional Show, Devon PA
Gloucester Co Parks & Rec Daffodil Show, Gloucester VA
April 17-18 MD Daffodil Society Show, Baltimore MD
April 20-21 Tuscarora Daffodil Society Show, Chambersburg, PA

ADS 2024 Convention and National Show April 10-13, 2024



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