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NEWSLETTER, WINTER 2007

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The WDS Newsletter

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

NOTE: Spring Lunch Meeting & WDS Board Meeting are on February 24, 2007! See Page 2!

Message from the President

Dear Daffodil Friends,

The warm weather has lots of foliage and many buds in view and it's only January. Several years ago I had "February Gold" blooming on Valentines' Day rather than the middle of March. Shortly after that the temperatures cooled and the season returned to normal. Let's hope this year is the same. For now I am enjoying blooms of "Rijnveld's Early Sensation" as well as several bulbocodiums and species.

This is the first letter I am writing as the President of the WDS and let me say that I am honored and looking forward to the next two years. Thank you to our outgoing President, Paul Botting, for leading us over the past two years. I am happy to say that Paul will continue to help us with our evolving website. Thank you also to Mary Semrad for her many years of service as our Treasurer. The books are in order and WDS remains in good financial condition. Mary is assuming the role of Vice President and Bob Huesmann has agreed to become our new Treasurer. Thank you to Lucy Rhame who will continue to serve as our Secretary.

I have several goals for the next two years. As mentioned earlier, I hope to enhance and expand our website with useful information and pictures. We welcome input from our membership in this area. Secondly, I hope to reach out into the community with daffodil plantings. If you belong to a garden club or volunteer organization that might want to team up with the WDS in this endeavor, please bring a proposal to the Board. Several years ago the WDS joined forces with Five Hills Garden Club to plant daffodils at the Ronald McDonald house in Fairfax, Va. This past year the two groups teamed up again for a planting at Braddock Glen Assisted Living Center, a Fairfax County facility for low income residence. It would be great to fund several more projects like this in the coming years. Finally, I hope to provide educational articles, lectures, and workshops for our membership. The expanded newsletter and upcoming exhibitors' workshop are the beginning of this effort. If you have additional ideas, please contact me.

Our two shows are scheduled for April and May. I look forward to seeing everyone at one or both of these events and at the Spring Lunch Meeting.

Kathy Welsh

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WDS Spring Lunch Meeting

Saturday, February 24, 2007 at *Union Street Public House*, 121 South Union Street, Alexandria, VA 22314, (703)548-1785 / www.USPHalexandria.com

10:00 -11:30 am: WDS Board Meeting - at the home of Lucy Rhame, (703) 836-3532

508 S. Fairfax Street, Alexandria, VA 22314, (near restaurant), Parking on street

12 Noon:- 3:30 pm: General Membership Spring Lunch - Restaurant parking lot across street

Lunch (\$17 per person), Short General Meeting, & Program on miniature daffodils.

Registration Form later in this newsletter.

Since this meeting is a little early, the 2007 Bulb Order Form, the 2007 Daffodil Show Schedule & the 2007 Pie Eaters Show Schedule will not be ready to hand out. They will be mailed or sent by email to all members in March.

Daffodil Advice From Four Successful Exhibitors: Part II

Winter Care, Purchasing Bulbs, and Taking Your Flowers to the Show

by Kathy Welsh

In the fall edition of the WDS newsletter the topics of soil preparation, planting, and labeling were discussed with advice from four successful growers and exhibitors; Bob Huesmann, Clay Higgins, Mary Koonce, and Kathy Welsh. This winter newsletter will focus on winter and spring daffodil chores, while the summer newsletter will discuss digging and dividing your bulbs, hot water treatment, and soil solarization.

Do you feed your bulbs during the winter and/or spring? Clay, Bob, and Mary all answered this question with an emphatic yes! Kathy agrees that a late February feeding is beneficial, but performs the task only about half of the time. She feels the most important time to fertilize your bulbs is when they are planted. Mary waits for a warm sunny day to broadcast a 5-10-10 fertilizer. She hopes that snow and rain will carry it into the soil. Mary has also applied some sulfate of potash to improve color. Clay usually fertilizes in the fall and gets his mulch down before the weather gets too cold. In late February he applies 5-10-5, then supplements it with 0-0-60. More recently Clay has been able to find 5-10-30, a peanut fertilizer. When the tips peak through the soil, Bob applies a Miracle Grow blossom formula of 10-50-10 and a soluble 0-0-50. These are dissolved in buckets in a concentrated form. One cup of each is placed in a watering can, then diluted before being watered into his daffodil beds. Bob has also used bulb tone which he waters in. When Kathy fertilizes she uses 5-10-10, but stays away from bulb tone containing bone meal because it often attracts unwanted critters. Both Kathy and Clay broadcast an insecticide like Diazinon to prevent insect damage. Both have experienced small pin prick size holes in their flowers. Kathy has also used sulfate of potash for color enhancement. Several of these growers will fertilize again after flowering.

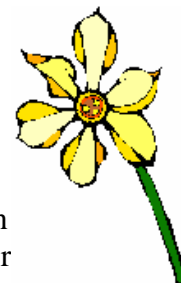
Do you do anything for foliage which has come up prematurely? There really isn't much that can be done about foliage which is up too early. Often it will get hit by very low temperatures which will cause it to brown or turn to mush. In *most* cases additional foliage will grow to give the bulb the energy it needs to produce future blooms. Only on occasion will the bulb be so damaged that it can't recover. (Clay and Kathy have had this problem with Erlicheer.) If buds are way up you can cover them with a pot to protect them. If a late deep freeze hits when foliage is mature, a fungicide can be sprayed to prevent bulbs from rotting.

Do you provide any supplementary water to your bulbs during the winter and/or spring? All of our growers know that the more water their daffodils receive during the growing season the better. (from planting until the foliage begins to yellow) They will be bigger, smoother, and win more ribbons. Each grower has a different set of limitations to deal with based on their time and property. Mary isn't able to water. Bob and Kathy do some hand watering and use sprinklers. Kathy used to have soaker hoses on her beds, but once they sprang leaks she pulled them out. Clay has a rather elaborate system in place which uses timers and waters regularly. After April 1 his daffodils are watered on a daily basis. **Advice: Probably the single most important thing you can do to improve your daffodils is to water them when there is less than an inch of rainfall per week. This applies to both the fall and spring.** Just beware of watering during freezing conditions. I'm sure each of these four has at least one horror story when they left a sprinkler on all night and turned whole areas to ice.

Do you do anything to control bulb fly? Mary doesn't apply any chemicals, but checks and rechecks her bulbs when they are planted. Because she plants late, bulbs are usually very soft if they contain a fly. Over the years Kathy and Bob have both experienced problems with bulb fly. Kathy has found Dylox to be extremely effective. The "80" concentration comes in a powdered form which is mixed with water then used as a drench. This formula requires a pesticide license, but it works. A Dylox 62 granular formula is available which may or may not be as effective. (active ingredient of trichlorfon) Bob has used this, as well as another grub product made by Merrit with the active ingredient imidacloprid. The Merrit product is a systemic and stays active for a longer period of time. Kathy has also used Hot Water Treatment after digging to kill flies that are present in her bulbs. More on HWT in the next issue.

How do you decide what you are going to purchase? All four of our growers go about this process in a similar manor. The September ADS Daffodil Journal is their most valuable source. Scouring the show benches, reviewing show winners both here and abroad (The RHS Yearbook), and spending hours perusing and reviewing numerous catalogs provides the information needed to produce annual wish lists. Most purchase only one bulb of a given cultivar. All four feel that a balanced collection is essential. Possessing multiple flowers from every division and color code provides them with flowers over an extended season. Bob is extremely organized and has his collection on columnar sheets. He has his flowers listed by division and color code by the year he purchased them. As things are lost he crosses them out. Kathy used to have her collection on a spreadsheet. Unfortunately she went several years without updating the information and it became useless. This winter she hopes to get this information back on the computer. **When making daffodil purchases it is much better to buy one bulb of a really good proven cultivar, then many bulbs of something that rarely wins.**

When do you pick your flowers and do you refrigerate? Bob checks on his flowers several times a day and knows exactly what is blooming or ready to open. The others view their flowers every day or two. Flowers are picked at their prime except red and orange cups that burn. They are picked in loose bud and brought into the house or garage where they can open in a cool dark location. If really bad weather is predicted, protection or early picking is advised. The more flowers in your collection, the more selective you can be in terms of what you cut and exhibit. All four exhibitors agree that the best time to clean and groom your blooms is when they are picked. Most allow their blooms to harden (leave them in water until the stem becomes ridged) before refrigerating. This is good advice, but they can be refrigerated right away. Mary doesn't refrigerate very often but places the blooms in a building with a concrete floor. Bob uses an old refrigerator that doesn't work and places large ice blocks in it for cooling. He also places several wet rags inside to keep the moisture level high. Both standards and minis are given the same treatment and last for close to ten days. In the early part of the season when temperatures are cooler Clay places his blooms in glass containers in the garage. When refrigerating he uses an old frost free refrigerator and keeps water in the drawers. Clay suggests cleaning your refrigerator with bleach to make sure it is free of mold and mildew. He changes the water and recuts the stems of his flowers every 2-3 days. Kathy uses a regular refrigerator and tents the shelves with dry cleaner bags to keep the moisture level high and to prevent the circulating air from drying the flowers. Flowers stay fresh for



10 days to two weeks and she rarely changes the water. Stems are recut when they are staged. When refrigerated, Kathy mists her flowers every few days. **Advice: Watch the temperature of your refrigerator. Flowers can freeze!**

How do you decide what you are going to enter? All four exhibitors go about this process in a similar manor. They pick their best blooms then reevaluate them before they begin making their entries. All confess to leaving many blooms at home. Each exhibitor starts with the largest collection they are going to enter. Bob likes to enter the Throckmorton while Clay always enters the Quinn when he has enough good flowers. Mary enters a large collection occasionally, but prefers collections of five, especially the historics and intermediates. Kathy tries to enter every large collection at least once during a growing season, a Quinn at one show, a Throckmorton at the next, etc, etc. Once the largest collections have been perfected they move to collections of five and single stems. Bob, Clay, and Mary are all well organized. They do most of the work before they leave home since they travel to shows in the morning and know that they have only a few hours to get their flowers on the show bench. They have their flowers sorted and packaged by entry the night before and print out all the tags. This makes placement as easy as possible when they arrive at their destination. Kathy is a bit less organized and often does the majority of the staging when she arrives at a show. (Maybe this technique will change when she doesn't have kids at home.) **Advice: There is no question that the more organized you can be, the better. When entering collections be sure to have a spare bloom that works just in case one of the planned flowers dies on the way to the show.**

When do you start digging? Clay and Kathy wait 6-8 weeks after the bloom season when the foliage is falling down and turning yellow. They usually dig from June 15-30. Bob starts the first week of June and Mary starts at the end of June. More on digging in the next newsletter. If you have questions you'd like to have answered in the next newsletter, please email Kathy at kathywelsh01@aol.com

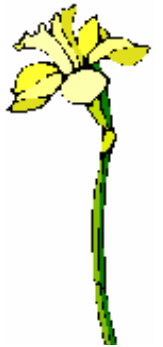
Meet the New Officers and Board Members

Welcome to the new officers and Board Members of the WDS who took office on January 1, 2007:

President (1 year term) Kathy Welsh; Vice President (1 year term) Mary Semrad;
Board members term to expire 2009:

Chriss Rainey, Lina Burton, Dorothy Sensibaugh and Ruth Ann McGrail

The Officers and Board elected Lucy Rhame as Secretary and Bob Huesmann as Treasurer.



WASHINGTON DAFFODIL SOCIETY -- Meeting Minutes

Board Meeting, October 28, 2006

The Fall Board Meeting of the WDS was held at the Fall Church Community Center, Little Falls Street, Falls Church, Va. on Saturday, October 28, 2006. The meeting was convened at 10:15 a.m. In attendance were Paul Botting, Kathy Welsh, Mary Semrad, Robert Darling, Tom Taylor, Dorothy Sensibaugh, Mary Anne Barton, Chriss Rainey, Spencer Rainey, Fran Higgins, Bob Huesmann, Mary Koonce and Lucy Rhame. The minutes from the spring meeting were approved as printed with the exception that the attendance of Tom Taylor at that meeting was noted.

Treasurer's Report: Mary Semrad reported that at 6/3/2006, WDS had a beginning checking balance of \$9,873. Expenditures for the three months through October 27, 2006 totaled \$6,438 leaving a net change in profit of \$9,130 and an ending balance in checking of \$19,004. Receipts of over \$15,569 were collected in the third quarter, the majority of which, \$13,993, can be attributed to bulb sales. At this time the cost of the bulbs is unknown as most supplying growers have not billed WDS and the club will experience a high rate of refunds this year due to problem with large supplier order lost in the mail and crop failure thus the club expects to incur high expenditures over the next quarter. Chriss Rainey reiterated again the need to break out bulb order accounting into separate report so to understand finances of WDS without seasonal aberration reflecting bulb revenues without expenses. The Board thanked Mary for her many years of fine service as the WDS Treasurer. Mary Anne is to complete audit by the end of the year.

Bulb Order: Mary Koonce reiterated the problem with lost bulbs impacting the success of the bulb order this year. Lost bulbs to be substituted by John Reed for free and Mary hopes to contact all members who ordered unavailable bulbs to see if they would be willing to substitute those bulbs which will be available. While Mary does not have exact figures, she reported

that the cost of bulbs usually runs about 75% of revenues collected from orders.

Membership: Paul Botting reported for Maxime Botting that as of October 28, 2006, WDS has 173 members, up from 169 last year and 21 club memberships, up from 19 last year. WDS enlisted 25 new members and 20 failed to renew. New members since August 2006 include Gabrielle Wickens, Donald Hyatt, Ray Rogers and Katherine Beale. It was suggested that the list of all those memberships delinquent and those coming due in January be posted at the door of the Fall Meeting to encourage re-enlistment of those attending. Membership chair needs to work with Bonnie Mirmak about securing appropriate contact in the garden clubs and promoting their membership.

Newsletter: Mary Anne Barton thanked Kathy Welsh for all her hard work on making the electronic email a reality. There has been much positive feedback on the longer newsletter with particular praise of the informative nature of the articles. It was suggested that a copy of the WDS newsletter should be sent to Loyce McKenzie for inclusion in the ADS historical archives. It was also suggested the President of ADS should also get the newsletter. Bulb order to go out via email in the spring. Discussion as to if, and how much of the newsletter should be posted on the WDS website. Kathy suggested that one of the benefits of membership was the information included in the newsletter however Spencer noted that WDS is a 501(c) 3 corporation charged with the promotion of education and the growing of daffodils and thus the dissemination of information including providing such information on the website. Board in concurrence with Spencer's position. Ad hoc committee (Barton, P. Botting, Welsh) formed to consider issue. Bulb order will not be placed on website due to sensitive pricing considerations. Signed authors of articles in newsletters have authority over their reprint.

Daffodil Show: Dorothy Sensibaugh reported that she and Lucy Rhame have the show committee in place and that Tom Taylor has kindly offered to make needed properties for the new Aqua Ribbon. The show will be held at Brookside Gardens, Wheaton, Maryland Friday April 13 for setup and placement, Saturday April 14 for placement and judging and Sunday April 15 for teardown. The following have very kindly offered to chair the named committees: Chriss Rainey, Schedule; Mary Koonce, Judges; Kathy Welsh, Awards; P. Botting and Carney, Properties; M. Botting, Records; Barton, Clerks; Taylor, Education Booth; Huesmann, Classification; Darling, Photography; Felch, Design. Despite tax concerns, it was decided to have a boutique, securing temporary tax number. Having contacted ADS, Tom Taylor hopes to standardize new Aqua Ribbon properties. The tube holes will be 13mm, holes 1 inches apart, five in back, four in front, painted flat black. Tom has agreed to make 12 for WDS.

Youth Trophy: Kathy Welsh presented options for the Youth Trophy. After much discussion, Kathy made a motion, seconded by Tom that one trophy will be awarded to Best Youth Bloom and that Kathy order 8 trophies from supplier in Nashville. Further Mary moved and Spencer seconded that 5 show quality bulbs be sent by Mary in the fall to all 2007 youth entrants to encourage repeat showing. Both motions passed unanimously.

Pie Eater's Show: Chriss told us all that the show would be twice as much fun this year than last! She is working on the schedule. The show will be held May 5 and 6 at St Neumann's Catholic Church in Reston.

Spring Luncheon: The spring luncheon will be held March 17. More information forthcoming.

Bulb Exchange Improvement: After much correspondence this spring on the internet, it was agreed that a bag of show quality bulbs would be given to first time exhibiting members who agree to exhibit them. Bob supplied one, and Kathy 2 bags of quality show bulbs. Recipients included Holly Boyd Ruffin, Faith Bange and Phil Rappa. Bob, Kathy and Lucy agreed to follow up and mentor Faith, Holly and Phil respectively.

Bylaw Changes: Kathy made a motion and Mary Anne seconded the proposed changes that the Nominating Committee be appointed in the spring rather than in January, and that no nominations may be made from the floor at the fall meeting. Mary moved and Mary Anne seconded the proposal that officers take office at the time of their election at the fall meeting. Dues year will still remain January 1. Mary further made the motions and Kathy seconded that Bob Huesmann be appointed Treasurer effective January 1, 2007 and that Lucy Rhame remain in the office of Secretary. All motions passed.

Show Date Conflict: It was noted that due to global warming, the date of the Gloucester Daffodil Show was adversely affecting those throughout the Eastern Region. This must be discussed with Gloucester directly as it is not within the purview of the ADS to resolve. In this regard, and in light of the fact that the ADS convention will be held in Richmond April 10-13, 2008, it was determined to try to reserve Brookside Gardens for April 4, 5 and 6, 2008 for the WDS Daffodil Show.

2008 ADS Convention: Chriss Rainey reported that she has made it clear that the 2008 ADS Convention is an ADS sponsored event and not the responsibility of WDS. However in this regard, Mary Semrad agreed to run a boutique again to reduce stock in storage in the event she receives help from the local organization who could share in the proceeds.

Charitable Spending: Tom moved and Mary seconded to allow the appropriation of \$125.00 to Kathy for purchase of bulbs for the Braddock Glen Assisted Living Center for the Underprivileged. Motion approved. Meeting adjourned at 12:30 pm.

General Meeting: The General Meeting was convened at 1 pm. Tom Taylor read the slate for the Board and Officers to be elected as announced in the fall newsletter: Kathy Welsh, President; Mary Semrad, Vice President; Directorships ending in 2009, Chriss Rainey, Dorothy Sensibaugh, Lina Burton, and Ruth Ann McGrail. Membership voted to approve.

Kathy gave a departing gift to Paul Botting for his two good years of leadership as President of WDS, a gift certificate to Benke's Nursery. Kathy gave a show and tell of bulbs affected by bulb fly and basil rot. Boxes were sent around with damaged bulbs so everyone could squeeze bad bulbs and know what they look like. The bulb raffle and exchange followed.

Respectfully submitted, Lucy Rhame, Secretary

Complete Treasurer's Report available upon request to newsletter editor:

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Check Out the WDS Website: www.washingtondaffodilsociety.org

by Paul Botting, WebMaster, pmbotting@comcast.web

About 9 months ago, we developed the WDS website to provide a convenient and timely source of information useful to the WDS membership. It provides information about our club to the general public and new members and also serves as a resource for our current members. Let's take a look at what it provides you. The set of buttons across the top of the home page and other pages links you to the remainder of the site:

ABOUT US - links you to an article by Delia Bankhead on the history of the WDS and is headed by an old photo of several of our founders.

CALENDAR – links to a list of nearby shows, other shows our members often attend, and WDS events. These are in turn linked to additional information on the show or event. **The calendar has recently been updated with this year's shows and events.**

JOIN US – links to a list of the advantages of membership and an Adobe PDF of our membership form.

GALLERY – links to photographs of our members' winning entries in shows.

ADS SITE – takes you directly to the ADS web site.

OTHER SITES – lists other horticulturally useful websites.

During the next few months we will be upgrading the site. Any suggestions you have will be appreciated.



Exhibitor's Workshop

Sunday, April 1, 2007 Time: 1:00pm – 3:30pm

Where: At the home of Kathy Welsh, 10803 Windcloud Ct., Oakton, VA 22124

703-242-9783, kathywelsh01@aol.com

Fee: \$5.00 WDS members/ \$10.00 non-members

This session is intended for those beginning to exhibit, as well as those who want to improve their techniques. We will discuss the show schedule (please bring yours), filling out entry tags, "Show and Grow", and the color coding system for daffodils. There will be an overview of the different divisions of daffodils, staging flowers, cutting and labeling of blooms, selection of show-worthy blooms, conditioning, the basics of grooming, as well as the storage and transportation of blooms. Information will be provided on cleaning flowers, smoothing the petals, clocking, and straightening the stem. We will compare flowers that have been staged and discuss why one is better than the other. What exactly are the judges looking for? We hope to supply you with the knowledge and confidence you need to make your flowers competitive on the show bench. We will talk about the items needed for a good exhibitor's kit. Please bring your kit if you have one. Bring some blooms so you can practice getting them ready for the show. All questions will be answered, time permitting. We hope to have a brief discussion on entering collections. We will need some boxwood, so if you have some to spare, please bring it.



WDS Spring Lunch Information

Saturday, February 24, 2007

WDS Board Meeting 10:00 am -11:30 am at the home of Lucy Rhame, followed by General Membership Lunch at Union Street Public House, 121 South Union Street, Alexandria, VA 22314; 12 Noon - 3:30 pm; Parking lot across street/ email: generalmanager@UnionStPub.com / Website: USPHalexandria.com / phone: (703)548-1785.

For more information and to register: Lucy Rhame, (703) 836-3532, 508 S. Fairfax Street, Alexandria, VA 22314

Registration Deadline: February 20, 2007

Lunch: \$17 per person includes coffee, tea or soda; cash bar available, Lunch will be followed by Short General Meeting & Program on miniature daffodils.

WDS Spring Lunch Reservation Form

Mail to: Lucy Rhame, 508 S. Fairfax Street, Alexandria, VA 22314

Make check payable to: "WDS" **Registration Deadline: February 20, 2007**

Name(s) _____

Phone contact: _____ email: _____

Check: \$17.00 x _____ = \$ _____

Put "**X**" by meal name choice.

If **MORE** than one reservation per meal choice, write number & name(s) under meal name.

Grilled Chicken Sandwich _____
Topped with Smithfield Ham, Melted Provolone Cheese, French Fried Potatoes

Islamorada Florida Fish Sandwich _____
Battered and Deep Fried on a Kaiser Roll with Tartar Sauce, French Fried Potatoes & Coleslaw

Chef's Vegetarian Pasta Bowl _____
Asparagus, Spinach, Peppers, Garlic, and Feta Cheese with Bowtie Pasta and Olive Oil

Union Street Salad Plate _____
BBQ Chicken Breast, Spiced Shrimp, and Chopped Bacon on House Greens with Citrus Mustard Dressing

Soup and Sandwich Platter _____
Cup of our Daily Soup with a Tomato Vinaigrette Salad And Half of a Smoked Chicken Salad Sandwich

Steak Caesar Platter _____
Five Ounce Sirloin, Prepared Medium. Served on a Large Bed of Romaine, Tossed with Homemade Caesar Dressing and Parmesan Cheese

Membership Dues by Maxine Botting

Please look at the mailing label on your newsletter. If you see **“Paid thru 2006”**, **or if your name is below, IT IS TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP!** Our membership year is from January 1st through December 31st of each year.

Do we have your phone number? Have you changed your email? Do you have a NEW zipcode? Please send updated information so we can have an accurate roster. To update membership information, email to: **mmbotting@comcast.net** or mail in the form below and **circle UPDATE. THANK YOU.**

TIME TO RENEW:

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| Addamiano, Betty | Greenwood, Nancy H. | Scott, Tom & Cathy |
| Albertson, Patricia | Grindstaff, Alice | Sensibaugh, Dorothy |
| Aldrich, Elizabeth | Griner, Martha Ann | Sharp, Patricia |
| Altman, Joan & Herbie | Havens, Richard & Elise | Smith, Jim & Euchler, John |
| Ancell, Kay | Higgins, Fran | Spence, Dianne |
| Bally, Scott J. | Hirschy, Roger | Spotts, Robert |
| Barton, Meta P. | Holder, Pam | Stanley, Rick & Carla |
| Beck, Jr., John | Hotchkiss, Betty & Ross | Stout, Mary & Stuart |
| Benjamin, Charlotte | Howatt, Dottie | Suwalsky, Al & Joan |
| Bezek, Jill | Jensen, Beate | Thompson, Jr., Harry F. |
| Blake, Lynn | Karstadt, Myra | Tonti, Judi |
| Bostick, Becky | Kennedy, Carol E. | Turbidy, Jackie |
| Carney, Mitch & Kate | Kenney, Joseph | Vance, Colonel & Mrs William |
| Chiabotta, Ron | Knerr, Linda | Wallach, Virginia W. |
| Darling, Robert & Semrad, Mary | Koonce, Mary E. | Welbourn, Olivia |
| DeRamus, Jim & Lisa | Kramarck, Elizabeth | Wingate, Ruby |
| Dewey, Harry | Kruszyna, Nancy | Wright, Robin |
| Dick, Sharon & Ken | Law, Leticia | Yeats, Sarah Z. |
| Dickson, Lisa | McKenzie, Loyce | |
| Dill, Susan | Minch, Julie | |
| Dolge, Kath | Murphy, Janet | |
| Drexel, George | Nichols, Margaret | |
| Edison, Margaret | Pamplin, Mary D. | |
| Eggleston, Elisabeth | Pilipuf, Nancy | |
| Ezell, Richard & Brown, Rebecca | Pivarnik, Fred & Bernice | |
| Field, Rosemarie | Schloeder, Kathleen | |
| Fleming, Barbara & Jim | Schorn, John | |



WDS MEMBERSHIP - Membership Year January 1 - December 31

Please Circle: NEW RENEWAL UPDATE ONLY

Name (s) _____

Address: _____

Phone No. (home) _____ **(work)** _____ **email:** _____

1 yr individual (\$10.00) _____ **3 yr individual (\$25.00)** _____

1 yr household (\$12.00) _____ **3 yr household (\$30.00)** _____

1 yr club (\$10.00) _____ **3 yr club (\$25.00)** _____

Make check payable to "WDS"

Please mail to: Maxine Botting, Membership Chairman, 12901 Riffleford Ct, Gaithersburg, MD 20878.



2007 WDS Daffodil Show

Dorothy Sensibaugh 2007 Show Chairman (410-799-9193)

Lucy Rhame 2007 Show Vice Chairman (703)836-3532 , lrhame@aol.com)

The Fifty-Eighth Annual Show of the Washington Daffodil Society will be held once again at Brookside Gardens in Wheaton, Maryland. The dates for the show will be April 14th and 15th, 2007. WDS members will receive their copies of the show schedule by mail in March. New this year, will be a photo competition. Entries can be placed from 3pm until 9pm on April 13th and 7am until 9:30am April 14th. The show will open at 2pm and run until 5pm on Saturday the 14th. Sunday April 15th hours will be from 9am until 5pm. To make a reservation to enter Artistic Design, please contact Dolores Felch:(703-780-0766). Think about taking the exhibitor's workshop listed in this newsletter to help you get ready to enter horticulture.

Brookside, as always, is an excellent venue for our show bringing in large crowds, giving the society good exposure to the public. **Seeing the show is fun, but it is even more fun to work as a volunteer.** Please contact Mary Anne Barton if you would like to clerk (703-273-8641, wbill@bellatlantic.net). Contact Dorothy or Lucy or Kathy Welsh (703-242-9783, kathywelsh01@aol.com) if you can help with something else. We will set up on Friday, April 13 in the morning at 9am. Pages will be needed on Friday afternoon and evening. Take down is Sunday, April 15th at 5pm.

2007 WDS Pie Eater's Show

Want a chance for some fun and a place to bring your late blooming daffodils? Enter and/or attend the 2nd Annual WDS Pie Eaters Show May 5-6 at St John Neumann Catholic Church, 11900 Lawyer's Road, Reston, VA 20191. Maybe there will be a pie to eat and some wine to share.

Information will be mailed to all members with the bulb order in March. Contact Chriss Rainey for details: 703-391-2073 (triller7@verizon.net).

"Did You Know . . . ?"

Long time WDS member, Glenna Graves, passed along the following information that she read in the most recent AARP Bulletin. Researchers have found that an extract from daffodils and other plants called galantamine is used in prescriptions to slow down the development of dementia. They also discovered that the daffodils which bloom in the Welsh Black Mountains are especially good producers of the compound. So, Daffodils are more than just pretty faces! (We knew that.)



Planting Daffodils in the Community

The Washington Daffodil Society recently teamed up with members of Five Hills Garden Club in Vienna. Seven ladies planted over 300 daffodils and 175 pansies at the Braddock Glen Assisted Living Facility in Annandale, VA. This new facility owed by Fairfax County caters to low-income residence. Next spring they will enjoy the likes of "Quail", "Monal" and "Baby Moon" in their beautiful garden courtyard. If you have a project like this that you would like to organize, bring your proposal to the WDS Board.

American Daffodil Society News

The American Daffodil Society will be hosting its **Convention and National Daffodil Show** in Tacoma, Washington April 20-23, 2007. For more information, go to the website www.daffodilusa.org or contact Second Vice President, Kathy Welsh. If you haven't visited the ADS website lately you'll want to check it out. They now have a new tool, **daffseek**, which is a daffodil database. More than 6000 pictures are a part of this useful query system which can help with identification.

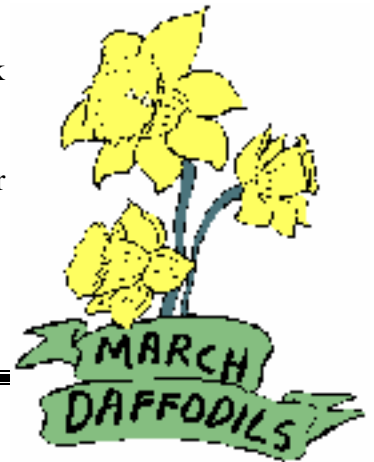
At the ADS Board meeting last fall a proposal was passed which changes the definition of "**small growers**". The maximum number of cultivars grown has been reduced to 50 from the previous 100. Please keep this in mind when entering the show this year.

The new "**Judges' Handbook**" is now available from the ADS office. The price for the refill is \$8.50 or \$20.50 if you need the notebook. Copies will be available at the WDS luncheon as well as the show. To purchase the material directly from the ADS contact the Executive Director, Jaydee Ager, at jager@cstel.net or 478-783-2173. This manual is an excellent source of information for anyone growing daffodils.

Don't belong to the ADS, but you want to? Send \$20 for one year, or \$50 for three years to ADS Executive Director Jaydee Ager, P.O. Box 522, Hawkinsville, GA 31036. Remember to include your name, address, phone number and email address.

Looking Forward to the 2008 ADS Convention and National Show

The 2008 ADS convention is scheduled to be held in Richmond, Virginia on April 9-13, 2008. And what an exciting convention it promises to be! So mark your calendars, start planning which bulbs you want to plant this fall for the show next year and should you wish to be involved, please contact Chriss Rainey at 703-391-2073 or email : triller7@verizon.net, or Lucy Rhame at 703-836-3532 or email: lrhame@aol.com. We look forward to seeing you all in Virginia's capital next year.



WDS Summer Social & Meeting June - Date to be announced

The WDS Summer Social & Meeting will be at the vacation home of Robert Darling and Mary Semrad in scenic Gettysburg, PA, just 1 1/2 hours from Washington DC. More information will come to members either in the bulb order mailing or in the next newsletter. Thanks Robert and Mary for inviting us.

WDS Calendar

For more shows and information check out the following websites:

American Daffodil Society

www.daffodilusa.org

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www.washingtondaffodilsociety.org

WebMaster, Paul Botting, email: pmbotting@comcast.net

2007- WDS Events

- February 24 WDS Spring Lunch Meeting, Alexandria VA
April 14&15 WDS Daffodil Show, Brookside Gardens, Wheaton, MD
May 5-6 WDS 2nd Annual Pie Eaters Show (an ADS approved Daffodil Show),
Reston, VA
June TBA WDS Summer Social & Meeting, Gettysburg, PA

2007- Other Daffodil Events

- March 17-18 Southeast ADS Regional Daffodil Show
Georgia Daf Society & N. Georgia Council of Flower Show Judges, Atlanta, GA
March 31-April 1 Somerset Garden Club of the Peninsula Daffodil Show, Princess Anne, MD
April 4-5 Garden Club of Virginia & Rappahannock Valley Garden Club Daffodil Show
Fredericksburg, VA
April 5-6 District II, Federated Garden Clubs of Maryland, Daffodil Show, at historic
London Town, Edgewater, MD
April 7 Middle Atlantic ADS Regional Daffodil Show, Garden Club of Gloucester,
Gloucester, VA
April 10 Upperville Garden Club Daffodil Show, Upperville, VA
April 14-15 Delaware Valley Daffodil Society Daffodil Show, Longwood Gardens, Kennett
Square PA
April 14-15 Virginia Daffodil Society Daffodil Show, Richmond, VA
April 17-18 Maryland Daffodil Society Daffodil Show, Towson, MD
April 20-23 ADS Convention & National Daffodil Show, Tacoma Washington
April 28-29 Tuscarora Daffodil Group & Chambersburg Garden Club Daffodil Show,
Chambersburg, PA

