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2016 MDS Show

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President's Message

The last few days of warm weather have finally melted the accumulation of snow piles on our farm. The snowdrops are in full bloom in the rock garden and the daffs are starting to pop up. One of my most favorite times of year!! As such, also time to connect with our membership and share news.

The Maryland Daffodil Society 2016 Daffodil Show will take place at the Shops at Kenilworth on Tuesday, April 19th. Entries may be placed the benches starting Monday, April 18th at 3pm – 8pm. The Show will remain open to the public until 4pm on Wednesday, April 20. Included in this mailing is your show schedule. I encourage everyone to read it, think about classes you may want to enter, designs you may want to create and photos that would be perfect to enter!

We always need extra hands to help with the Show, set up. Clerks, pages, break down – call me, I'll sign you up!! I am forever grateful to the Garden Clubs and individuals who support the MDS with time, talent and treasures. Without you, we would be nothing!

The USA will be hosting the World Daffodil Convention and Show in St. Louis, MO April 6 - 10, 2016.

This is the 10th such Convention; the International show is held every four years and the USA hosts every twelve years. Mark your calendar now and plan to attend. It will be AMAZING!!! For information and to register go to the Convention website: <http://stldaffodilclub.org/wdc2016/>.

- Hilles Whedbee

Membership - Julie Minch

Thank you to those who have already sent in dues and additional donations to the MDS. Your support is greatly appreciated. It's not too late to send in your dues for the 2015-2016 membership year (*see p. 3 for the Dues Remittance and Volunteer Information Form*). We need everyone's support!

We are so fortunate to have between 25-30 garden clubs support the MDS with dues, sponsorship and show awards each year. Thank you! Individual membership is also paramount to keeping our show successful. Please consider joining the MDS if you haven't done so already. See you at the show!

ADS Wister Award

The American Daffodil Society's John and Gertrude Wister Award was first presented in 1985. The award honors garden performance in a readily available cultivar, with criteria requiring a good grower with a floriferous habit, lasting sunfast blooms, vigorous and frost-resistant foliage, a strong, sturdy stem taller than foliage, with a bulb that is resistant to rot and not prone to splitting up.

2016 Winner:

'Geranium'

Tazetta daffodil (8 W-O)

Mid-to-Late Season - Tall; greater than 26.6"

ADS Historic Daffodil, Registered before 1930

- from *The Daffodil Journal*, December 2015:

" 'Geranium' is a rugged standout in the garden. It has strong tall stems, very white petals and a bright orange corona with multiple blooms on a single stem. This combination makes it a bright beacon on dreary days or a sparking coquette on sunny spring days. It grows and flourishes in a variety of geographic locations and doesn't sulk in the shade. 'Geranium' received very high marks on multi-year records kept by MOBOT (Missouri Botanical Garden) on both bloom and bulb count. It can be shown in Historic classes, but perhaps is better left in the garden or picked and brought inside since the fragrance is heavenly. 'Geranium' blooms late mid-season, and was bred by J.B. van der Schoot of the Netherlands. It is already highly decorated, having received the AGM 1995, *FCC (p) 1977, *AM (p) 1975, *FCC (g) 1952 and AM Haarlem 1931, and we are pleased to add one more award in her honor."



April 6 - 10, 2016, St. Louis, MO

hosted by the Greater St. Louis Daffodil Society

Featured speakers: Dr. Peter Wyse Jackson (Missouri Botanical Garden), Dr. John David (UK; Evolution of the Species), Dr. Harold Koopowitz (Tustin CA; Autumn-flowering Daffodils), Juan Andres Vares (Chile; Wild Narcissus in Spain), Wilfred Hall (NZ; New Zealand Miniatures & Intermediates), Terry Braithwaite (ENG; Miniature Daffs in the UK), Larry Force (New Haven MS; New American Miniatures) and Sara van Beck (Atlanta GA, Historic Daffs in the US). Tour the Missouri Botanical Gardens, Bellefonte Cemetery, Haeffner Farm, Shaw National Reserve and PHS Daffodils. Register at <http://stldaffodilclub.org/wdc2016/education.html>

Other Upcoming Show Dates

- Mar 30-31** GC Virginia, Hampton VA; scotchy51@verizon.net
- Apr 2-3** Gloucester Daffodil Festival Show, Gloucester VA; rabbithill@cox.net
- Apr 2-3** Somerset County GC, Princess Anne MD; dallyone@aol.com
- Apr 12** Upperville VA, Upperville Garden Club; sgrayson5555@gmail.com
- Apr 12-13** District II, FGCM, Severna Park MD; mliz_williams@verizon.net
- Apr 16-17** Delaware Valley Daffodil Society, Devon PA; aldomaca@verizon.net
- Apr 19-20** Maryland Daffodil Society Show, Shops at Kenilworth, Towson MD; hwhedbee@shawan.org
- Apr 21-22** Middle-Atlantic Regional Show sponsored by Washington Daffodil Society, Fairfax VA; wbill@bellatlantic.net
- Apr 23** Pittsburgh PA; Daffodil and Hosta Society of Western Pennsylvania; sjplato46@gmail.com
- Apr 23-24** Chambersburg PA; Chambersburg Garden Club and Tuscarora Daffodil Group; brownezell@earthlink.net
- Apr 23 -24** Washington PA; Western Pennsylvania Growers South; joehamm1@juno.com

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

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:*

- Individual \$ 20.00
- Couple \$ 25.00
- 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:

- Show Sponsor \$ 50.00 Show Angel \$200.00
- Show Patron \$100.00 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 Fall 2015 Meeting of the Maryland Daffodil Society

- Susan Palmer, Secretary

President Hilles Whedbee called the Fall meeting of the membership of the Maryland Daffodil Society to order at 10:55 AM, Saturday October 17, 2015, at the Center for Maryland Agriculture and Farm Park (1114 Shawan Rd.,Cockeysville MD 21030). There were 20 members in attendance.

Ms. Whedbee delivered welcome remarks and introduced the MDS Board. Treasurer Bobbie Hudson reported balances as of 9/21/15 as follows: Checking \$3,121.25, Certificate of Deposit 1 \$5,014.50 and CD 2 \$5,430.55 for an aggregate of \$13,566.30.

Membership Chairman Julie Minch reported that 22 garden clubs and 80 individuals paid dues from October 2014 to present. 21 members are also Award or Show Sponsors, or Angels. Julie also reported that the website now includes color newsletters.

Ms. Whedbee discussed the 2016 MDS Show, to be held Tuesday April 19 - Wednesday April 20 at the Shops at Kenilworth in Towson. The mall will be undergoing renovations between now and then, but improvements are scheduled for completion by Show date. Design Division Chairman Linda Masland had flyers available for "Daffodils Do Vegas"-themed floral designs. Sally Willse will again chair the Photography Division, similarly structured to that of last year. A discussion on the cost of table cloth rentals for the Show was initiated. Last year's cost was an expensive \$2,400; the merits of using plastic was discussed and recommended. Carol Warner is in need of an assistant in procuring Show clerks.

Julie Minch read letters from Glenna Graves, and Mitch and Kate Carney, with accolades for the deserving winner of ADS's Middle-Atlantic Regional Service Award, Brent Heath.

Announcements: the World Daffodil Convention will be held in April 2016 in St. Louis, MO and will not return to the U.S. for 12 years. Federated Garden Clubs of Maryland is sponsoring a Design Day featuring David Powers, AIFD, on November 14 at the Vollmer Center at Cylburn Arboretum; cost is \$25. Meredith McDonagh promoted FGCM's Garden Study Course I, November 12 - 13.

Ms. Whedbee introduced speaker Richard Ezell of Gettysburg, PA, who delivered a lively talk on Myths and Facts of Daffodil Culture. Mr. Ezell concluded his presentation by soliciting volunteers to test his hypothesis: Deeper planting of daffodil bulbs will produce slower bulb multiplication and larger bulbs, thus requiring less frequent lifting and dividing; shallow planting will result in more and smaller blooms and more bulb offsets. Volunteers will plant 3 groups of 4 bulbs of the same cultivar (12 bulbs total) at different depths and record results over 2 years.

Adjournment at noon was followed by the traditional Bulb Sale and Auction.

Maryland Daffodil Society, Inc.

c/o Hilles Whedbee, President

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