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## 2017 MDS Show

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## President's Message

Hearty greetings to my fellow daffodil lovers! Now that the massive excitement, both positive and negative, surrounding the election results has somewhat quieted, I find I am thrilled to be able to turn my attention to something else for a moment. It was 54° out today -- with gusty winds promising the arrival of a cold front. Secretly, I am longing for snow... but am also happy to see the robins back in the orchard.

I am excited to share our upcoming Daffodil Show information. We will be returning to the **Shops at Kenilworth, April 18 – 19, 2017** for the Maryland Daffodil Society Daffodil Show. Set-up will start on Monday, April 17 at 3:00 PM for those who would like to stage their blooms ahead of time. Complete information on Classes, times and particulars for entering may be found in your copy of the Show Schedule, enclosed in this mailing.

The theme of this year's Design and Photography Divisions is "Daffodils on Parade." We look forward to seeing wonderful arrangements and photographs along with a sea of Horticulture entries! We encourage everyone to review the schedule, think of classes to enter, and "Just Do It"!! It's a lot of fun and, there may be a ribbon in it for you!

We are ALWAYS grateful for helping hands at the Show: runners, clerks, greeters... give me a shout if

you would like to join us ([hwshedbee@shawan.org](mailto:hwshedbee@shawan.org)). Additionally, as you read this, perhaps you can think of someone who would like to be a member of the oldest Daffodil Society in the United States. Information for volunteers and membership dues is on p. 3 of this newsletter – sign up to help at the show, have a friend join, or better yet, give the gift of membership!!

Looking forward to a wonderful spring and another beautiful and successful show, 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 October 1, 2016-September 30, 2017 fiscal year! We need everyone's support! Last year, due to the generous support of our members, we were able to cover the entire cost of the show. Historically we have been dipping into our reserves each year to cover the cost of hosting a show.

We are so fortunate to have individuals and garden clubs support the MDS with dues, sponsorship and show awards each year. Thank you! Membership is paramount to keeping our show successful. Please consider joining the Maryland Daffodil Society if you haven't done so already.

## Pictures from Past Shows,

Downloadable MDS Show Schedule,  
Digital version of Yellow Fever Gazette  
... and more at  
[www.marylanddaffodil.org](http://www.marylanddaffodil.org)

## No Bulb Left Behind

- Julie Minch

If you are like most daffodil aficionados, you have collected more and more daffodil bulbs that have now multiplied tenfold, and now you don't know what to do with them all. Am I right? We all share our special ones amongst friends and at the Fall MDS meeting. What do you do with the ones you don't feel are show quality or are just plain tired of? I hope you will think about digging those unwanted bulbs up this June and consider giving them away.

Here's an idea that will help you and others. Take those castoff bulbs to your local library, nursing home, hospital or hospice and see if they would be willing to let you plant them in their gardens. Even better is to involve some youth like the Boy or Girl Scouts who need to do community service. What a wonderful project! And it will achieve so many things. The first is to spread our favorite flower to people and places so that others will admire their beauty and maybe bring some happiness and cheer. And by culling your collection you will have space for MORE bulbs and thus start this whole cycle over again!

*[Modified with permission from an article by Kate Carney]*



## Selected 2017 Show Dates

**Apr 1-2** Richmond, VA. *Middle Atlantic Regional Show*, Virginia Daffodil Society. Louis Ginter Botanical Garden. Skip Form - sford3115@gmail.com; Jennifer Potter - jpotter890@msn.com

**Apr 1-2** Gloucester, VA. Gloucester Daffodil Show, Botetort Elementary School. Peggy Bowditch - peggyb72@gmail.com; Petie Matheson - rabbithill@cox.net

**Apr 5-6** Hampton, VA. Garden Club of Virginia Daffodil Show, Hampton Roads Convention Center. Rebecca Fass - rebeccafass@yahoo.com; BoBo Smith - scotchy51@verizon.net

**Apr 11** Upperville, VA. Upperville Garden Club, Buchanan Hall. Caroline Nash Helmlly - cnashlaw@gmail.com

**Apr 11-12** Severna Park MD, District II FGCM, Our Shepherd Lutheran Church. Liz Williams - mliz\_williams@verizon.net

**Apr 15-16** Fairfax, VA. Washington Daffodil Society, American Legion Fairfax Post #177. Mary Ann Barton - wbill@bellatlantic.net; Glenna Graves - glennamgraves@comcast.net; Karen Cogar - kcogara@gmail.com

**Apr 15-16** Devon, PA. Delaware Valley Daffodil Society, Jenkins Arboretum and Gardens. Don Caton - aldomaca@verizon.net

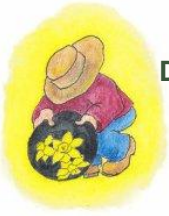
**Apr 18-19** Towson, MD. Maryland Daffodil Society, Shops at Kenilworth. Hilles Whedbee - hwhedbee@shawan.org

**TENTATIVE Apr 22-23** Chambersburg PA. Chambersburg Garden Club and Tuscarora Daffodil Group, First Lutheran Church. Richard Ezell - brownezell@earthlink.net

**Apr 29** Pittsburgh PA. Daffodil and Hosta Society of Western Pennsylvania, with the Allegheny County Penn State Master Gardeners. Stephen Plato - sjplato46@gmail.com

**Apr 29-30** Washington PA. *Northeast Regional Show*, Western Pennsylvania Growers South, Joe Hamm's Barn. Joe Hamm - joehamm1@juno.com

## ADS National Convention and Show



Doubletree by Hilton Hotel  
Sacramento, CA  
March 10 - 12, 2017

Complete information at  
[http://daffodilusa.org/events-show-calendar/  
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# Re-Lo of Daffodil Garden at Ag Center

-Meredith McDonough

Following the October 22, 2016 MDS Fall meeting, MDS members replanted dozens of bulbs in a new location at the Agricultural Center.

Maintaining the original Daffodil bed at the Ag Center had become difficult as the garden site was overrun with deep-rooted thistle and other aggressive weeds. The bulbs' new home is in the mixed perennial beds located on the north side of the building, adjacent to the parking area and defining the quadrant of lawn off the large meeting room.



Representing all divisions of daffodils, the bulbs had been lifted and cleaned prior, and were replanted with their identification tags.

This will ensure that visitors will be able to see the differences among divisions -- education being the main purpose of such a demonstration garden. And, of course, a map was drawn to mark the specific locations as we know how daffodils tend to "walk!"

In their new home, the daffodils will "announce" the spring season with their charm, then blend in to later-blooming perennials, shrubs and trees as they fade; a very naturalistic setting!

Many thanks to MDS volunteers who created this new planting: Barbara Gould, Meredith McDonough, Julie Minch. Pat Parker and Hilles Whedbee.

----- *Detach and Return!* -----

## 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 2016 Fall Meeting of the MDS**

The 2016 Fall Meeting of the Maryland Daffodil Society was held on Saturday, October 22 at the Center for Maryland Agriculture and Farm Park, 1114 Shawan Rd., Cockeysville MD 21030, and was called to order by President Hilles Whedbee at 11:00 AM. 22 persons were in attendance. Ms. Whedbee welcomed attendees and introduced the Board.

Treasurer's Report, Bobbie Hudson: As of 9/28/16, checking account balance was \$9,399.20; certificate of deposit balance (maturing 11/18/2016) was \$5,029.57. 2016 expenses reflected in the checking account balance: Federal Income Tax \$160.83 (March); MDS Show Expenses \$4,126.96 (April); Insurance \$325, Website 3-year protection \$287.61, Newsletter printing and mailing \$302.71, and Badges \$37.92 (October).

Membership Report, Julie Minch: Since the newsletter was mailed in September, 21 individuals and 4 garden clubs have paid dues for 2016 - 2017. A total of 68 individuals and 22 garden clubs paid dues for the 2015 - 2016 year. Support for the MDS show is good, but additional support is always welcome. Bring a friend to the Fall meeting; give a neighbor a bulb!

President's Report, Hilles Whedbee: 2017 MDS Show will be held at the Shops at Kenilworth in Towson; renovations are underway and ongoing, but show space has been confirmed. Entries accepted Mon 4/17 at 3PM and on Tuesday morning; the show will be open to the public Tuesday 4/18 and Wednesday 4/19. Photography Chairman, Design Chairman and Awards Chairman are needed.

Report of Regional Vice-President of the American Daffodil Society, Julie Minch: Donna Clausen has been voted in as the next director for the Mid-Atlantic region. This is a 3 year term. Bob and Lena Huesmann have been awarded the Mid-Atlantic Regional Leadership Service Award for 2017, which will be presented to them at the Washington Daffodil Society meeting on 10/29/16. Letters on their behalf were read aloud.

A discussion and Power Point presentation followed, serving as a refresher for Daffodil Judges present and as general education for others in attendance. The program was led by Anne Donnell Smith. Discussion consisted of Q & A on Examining Exhibition Daffodils (including issues judges encounter at shows and suggestions for improving the final judging process). The Power Point focused on criteria for Form (25 points) and Condition (20 points), with examples of various faults presented and discussed.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:25 PM, and was followed by a fun silent auction of daffodil-related items and the traditional bulb raffle and sale.

- Susan Palmer, Secretary

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