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### 2019 MDS Show

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## President's Message

All of the winter rain has me wondering how our bulbs are faring underground ... has it been cold enough to allow the bulbs to spark the biochemical process that causes them to flower in the spring? We have not had an extended period of freeze to date and I can honestly say, it was only last week that the ground became too hard to dig. Well, we will know come April!

Speaking of April – big news is afoot. The Maryland Daffodil Society Show will be moving to a new venue for our daffodil show. The dates this year are April 23 – April 25, 2019. Note that the show opens on TUESDAY, judging is on Wednesday, and take down on Thursday. Additionally, we are experimenting with a NEW VENUE. The Daffodil Show will be held at the Vollmer Center at Cylburn Arboretum, at 4915 Greenspring Ave., Baltimore, MD 21209. There is ample parking and we are playing around with the set up to accommodate all the Horticulture classes and Design entries. We will not be staging a Photography Show this year due to spatial limitations. We are disappointed that Kenilworth ended our long-term Show relationship, but are very excited to be staging the show at the 207-acre city park and Arboretum. The Arboretum contains an extensive collection of trees and woody shrubs and has over 5,000 daffodils on the property.

Change is never easy, but we are happily embracing the new venue and are looking forward to seeing all of you there – either putting daffs on the bench or in an arrangement, or just enjoying the amazing display. Below are some important points for you:

- All single stem classes are allowed two (2) entries per exhibitor. They must be different cultivars.

- There is a new challenge class (Class 167) in horticulture with the 3 cultivars given to area garden clubs last fall.
- Garden Clubs are encouraged to enter a design as a club, with several members working together. There is room for only 8 designs, to be displayed on pedestals at the show, so it will be on a first come, first served basis. Pre-registration required.

The theme of the Design division is *Cylburn Blooms with Daffodils*. We are encouraging Garden Club entries in the classes, with information presented in this newsletter. As is always the case, if you are interested in volunteering at the Show, we would LOVE your help; contact Meredith McDonagh at [meredy@comcast.net](mailto:meredy@comcast.net) and she'll put you to work!! Cheers to all, bring on Spring!! - Hilles Whedbee



**ADS National Convention**  
**Bloomington, MN**  
**May 2 - 5, 2019**

See [www.daffodilusa.org](http://www.daffodilusa.org)  
and go to the  
2019 National Daffodil Convention page  
for details!

**Minutes of the 2018 Fall Meeting of the Maryland Daffodil Society:**

- Susan Palmer, Secretary

The 2018 Fall Meeting of the Maryland Daffodil Society was held on Saturday, November 17, 2018 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 10:50 AM with 29 persons in attendance. Minutes of the 2017 Fall Meeting were approved as printed in the December, 2017 and October, 2018 MDS newsletters.

*Report of Treasurer Bobbie Hudson:* The checking account balance on 9/27/17 was \$9,051.31; 2018 expenses were \$3,649.73 for the MDS show in April, and \$325 for insurance. The ending bank balance on 9/26/18 was \$8,928.78. A certificate of deposit maturing 11/18/18 has a maturity value of \$5,053.

*Report of Membership Chairman Julie Minch:* Last Fall's experiment with having the newsletter and dues notice sent exclusively by email resulted in a sharp reduction in dues payments, so we are going back to snail mail notices. Please consider becoming a show patron, sponsor or angel when remitting dues.

*Report of 2019 Show Chairman Meredith McDonagh:* After 12 years at The Shops at Kenilworth, there will be a new venue for the 2019 show at the Vollmer Center, Cylburn Arboretum, 4915 Greenspring Ave., Baltimore MD 21209. Federated Garden Clubs of Maryland and Baltimore City Parks and Recreation will help sponsor the show; MDS costs are not expected to increase. Set-up will be Tuesday April 23, 2019, with the show open Wednesday and Thursday, April 24 and 25. Times for entering and visiting will be in accord with Arboretum hours. A planning meeting of the Show Committee will be held in January.

*Report of Regional Vice-President of the American Daffodil Society (ADS) Nicki Schwab:* Washington Daffodil Society (WDS) members Glenna Graves and Janet Hickman were recognized at the April ADS Convention in TN. The 2019 Convention will be in Minnesota. There will be a Daffodil Judge School on April 5, 2019 at Brent and Becky's Bulbs in Gloucester, VA; the following day is Gloucester's Daffodil Festival. The Mid-Atlantic Regional Leadership and Service Award was given to Mary Anne Barton of WDS. ADS kicked off a Capital Campaign led by Kathy Walsh, to raise \$25,000 to upgrade technology, including the ADS website and DaffSeek. Donations may be made at [www.daffodilusa.org](http://www.daffodilusa.org), or by check mailed to Executive Director Frank Nyikos.

Don Caton introduced the idea of selling divided bulbs at local farmers' markets to raise funds for local daffodil societies, and recommended displaying a trifold board with photos and data on bulbs being sold.

*Report of President Hilles Whedbee:* The 2018 Show was impacted by weather, but nonetheless had a good showing of 1,400+ blooms from more than 80 exhibitors. Cylburn Arboretum is the new site for the 2019 show and recent plantings of 10,000 daffodil bulbs along the driveway will complement the event. Soliciting corporate sponsors for the show is being considered, as is developing increased participation from local garden clubs. Dues-paying clubs will be given a bag of 9 bulbs at today's meeting to help generate interest.

In discussion about reducing show costs, Meredith McDonagh suggested recycling ribbons and informing exhibitors that ribbons won't be mailed unless a self-addressed stamped envelope is provided.

*Report of the Nominating Committee:* Bobbie Hudson reported the nominees for office for the 2018 – 2020 term: Hilles Whedbee, President; Pat Parker, Vice-President; Julie Minch, Treasurer; Susan Palmer, Secretary; and Immediate Past President, Meredith McDonagh. Membership Chairman Julie Minch, and Members-at-Large Joan Bender, Joan Moore, Nicki Schwab, Mary Ann Thompson and Sally Waller also will serve on the Board. Motion to accept the slate of officer nominees as presented was made by Bobbie Hudson, was seconded and passed.

The meeting concluded at 11:35 AM. Anne Donnell Smith's PowerPoint refresher for Daffodil Show Judges began immediately thereafter and ended at 12:40 PM. The day finished with the traditional bulb sale.

**Subsequent business:**

On November 20, 2019, by e-mail to officers and members of the Board, President Hilles Whedbee moved that MDS donate \$1,000 to the ADS Capital Campaign for technology upgrades. The motion was seconded, discussed and passed.

**Mid-Atlantic Region 2019 Calendar of Events – for more information and events, see [www.daffodilusa.org](http://www.daffodilusa.org)**

- March 25 – 27 Garden Club of Virginia Show, Lewis Ginter Botanical Gardens, Richmond, VA 23228
- Mar 31 – Apr 1 Virginia Daffodil Society Show, Lewis Ginter Botanical Gardens, Richmond, VA 23228
- April 5 ADS Judging School, Brent and Becky's Bulbs, 7900 Daffodil La., Gloucester, VA
- April 6 – 7 Gloucester Daffodil Festival, Botetourt Elementary School, Gloucester, VA
- April 8 – 11 District II Daffodil Show, Our Shepherd Church, 400 Benfield Blvd., Severna Park MD 21146
- April 9 Upperville Show, Buchanan Hall, Upperville, VA 20184
- April 13 Washington Daffodil Society and Mid-Atlantic Regional Show, Scottish Rite Temple, 1430 W. Braddock Rd., Alexandria, VA 22302
- April 20 – 21 Delaware Valley Society Show, Jenkins Arboretum and Gardens, Devon, PA 19333
- April 23 – 25 Maryland Daffodil Society Show, Cylburn Arboretum, Baltimore, MD 21209
- April 27 – 28 Tuscarora Daffodil Group, Chambersburg GC and North East Regional Daffodil Show, First Lutheran Church, Chambersburg, PA

## **Membership**

- Julie Minch

The Maryland Daffodil Society couldn't survive without loyal members like you! MDS society runs a large show in the spring, and one meeting and bulb sale in the fall. This is possible because of membership dues and donations. Did you know that the MDS is the oldest daffodil society in the United States? Be sure to check out our updated website to learn our history and more. Thanks to everyone who has paid their dues for this fiscal year (October 2018 - September 2019). Below is a list of those members. Please note that members who gave extra or who will sponsor an award will be recognized in the show schedule. Don't see your name or that of your club? It's not too late to pay your dues; see form on the back page.

### **Individual Members**

Joan Bender	Linda Masland
Martha Best	Meredith McDonagh
Perry Bolton	Julie Minch
Diana Boyce	Joan Moore
Joe Brady	Janet Noland
Janet Brown	Maria O'Rourke
Mitch & Kate Carney	Susan Palmer
Don Caton	Pat Parker
Sylvia Deck	Sue Perry
Marion DeGross	Donna Reid
Joan George	Trish Reynolds
Barbara Gould	Lucy Rhame
Lucy Goelet	Marjorie Schiebel
Jackie Handley	Barbara Shea
Frances Horich	Carolyn Taylor
Bobbie Hudson	Mary Ann Thompson
Robert & Lina Huesmann	Frances & Frank Turner
Anne Jamison	Pauline Vollmer
Nancy Johnston	Ginger Wallach
Katherine Kingsley	Sally Waller
Kay Kness	Carol Warner
Debbie Kurz	Kitty Washburn
Lois Lissauer	Edward & Olivia Welbourn
Jane Lynn	Hilles Whedbee
Amanda Mahoney	Bunny Worthington
	Maeli Zchetti

### **Garden Club Members**

Chartwell Garden Club  
Crofton Village Garden Club  
Friendship Garden Club  
Garden Club of Twenty  
Gibson Island Garden Club  
Green Spring Valley Garden Club  
Halten Garden Club  
Hardy Garden Club  
Queen Anne's County Garden Club  
Woodbrook-Murray Hill Garden Club

## **2019 MDS Show News**

Now only 3 months away, the 2019 Maryland Daffodil Show committees have met twice so far, pondering our new location and what the show will look like this year at the Vollmer Center at Cylburn Arboretum. It is agreed that having the show at a venue that is dedicated to horticulture is logical. And, I am grateful to all of you for publicizing the daffodil show wherever and whenever you can, including on social media and with friends!

"Cylburn Blooms with Daffodils" is this year's theme and will be experienced not only as we look out the Vollmer Center windows at what should be fabulous sweeps of blooming daffodils, woods and emerging gardens, but also as part of the Floral Design component of the show. Garden clubs will compete to create designs on pedestals with the catchy class titles of "Prim and Proper" and "Daffodils Gone Wild." Maybe your club would like to sign up! Please see the Show Schedule enclosed with this mailing, and hurry to contact the Design consultant to secure your spot.

As Show Chairman, the item most on my mind has been space at the Vollmer Center -- how much space we have and how it will be used. We'll have a slightly smaller footprint and have decided to forego, for this year, the Photography component of the show, and the floral design section will be scaled back in size. And, when entering on Wednesday morning, space may be tight, so feel free to stage outside among the daffodils in the landscape if weather permits!

In closing, I would like to sincerely thank FGCM and Baltimore City Recreation and Parks for their tremendous support, which allows us to show at Cylburn this year. It really is exciting to join the ranks of other plant societies that show at Cylburn! And many thanks to all of you who help to make this show a success and to those of you I may call upon for additional help!

Meredith McDonagh

2019 Show Chairman - [meredy@comcast.net](mailto:meredy@comcast.net)

**Maryland Daffodil Society, Inc. Dues Remittance and Volunteer Information Form** – rev 1/19

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 when possible; submitting your email address would be 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 annual Daffodil Show in April is the major undertaking of MDS! Please indicate your willingness to help with: Set-up the day before, 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: *Julie Minch – 8602 Countrybrooke Way, Lutherville, MD 21093*

----- Detach and return with Dues Remittance -----

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