

WASHINGTON DAFFODIL SOCIETY

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Annual Meeting

The annual May meeting of WDS will be on Sunday, May 18, in the Arbor House of the National Arboretum. The Board of Directors will meet at 2 p.m., and the general meeting will be at 2:30. Refreshments will be served. Arbor House, also known as the Activities Center, is the small building just inside the R St. entrance, to the right. The meeting room is downstairs.

After the business meeting Marie Bozievich will present a slide program about daffodils in New Zealand, where she attended the World Daffodil Conference last fall.

Message from the President

Dear WDS members and friends,

The show is over, another success. Thanks to all who helped, as I am sure Adrienne has already said to you. I sat for a while at the Information Desk, and was happy to hear of the interest of tourists in the variety of daffodils; many said they never knew there were "so many different kinds."

Now we can express our individual interests in WDS when we vote and fill out our membership record form.

At the Board meeting on March 8 the treasurer reported our finances in good shape. The president announced that our society still does not have a Tax Identification Number, but she is in constant touch with the Internal Revenue Service to achieve this task. Announcements were made by bulb order and membership chairmen. Delia Bankhead gave a report on hotel selection for the 1988 National Convention. The nominating committee presented the slate of officers and board members for election at the May meeting. At the general membership meeting during the luncheon there were no nominations from the floor. Inadvertently, we nominated a present board member as an officer. I am sure that by May 18 we can find a member who is willing to be interim board member until May 1987.

Best wishes to all for a good summer and a happy bulb planting in October.

— Elinor D.

Proposed Amendment to By-laws

At the March meeting of the Board of Directors it was agreed that the By-laws should be amended by deleting from Article 6 the following language:

He/she shall designate a director to be Membership Chairman; the Membership Chairman shall work with the Treasurer to produce and maintain a membership list and substituting:

The President shall appoint a Membership Chairman; the Membership Chairman shall work with the Treasurer to produce and maintain a membership list. The Membership Chairman shall serve as a member of the Board of Directors but his/her term of service shall not be limited to two consecutive terms. The Membership Chairman may be removed by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.

Membership Report

Dues are due!! Please send your membership form and dues (checks payable to Washington Daffodil Society: \$5.00 individual, \$7.50 household, \$10.00 Club (would receive newsletter and have one vote) to Robert Galano, Box 40790, Washington, D.C. 20016, as soon as possible. If you did not receive this form at the luncheon meeting or through the subsequent mailing please contact Scott Bally 651-5328 (O) or 483-8553 (H) immediately. Regretfully, non-renewed individuals will be removed from the mailing list after this newsletter.

— Scott Bally, Membership Chairman

Spring Luncheon, March 8

Although I knew it had been proposed that this luncheon be designated in my honor, I did not visualize anything more than a birthday cake and some friendly words. Imagine my amazement when I found a table with balloons bearing my name tied to the chairs, and surrounded by numerous members of my family! Then a very weighty "memory book" was presented to me by Marie Bozievich. This turned out to contain letters and photographs from family, old friends not connected with WDS, and many members or past members of WDS and ADS. Included among those present were Laura Lee and Bill Ticknor from North Carolina, Wells Knierim from Ohio, Bill Bender, Johanna and Richard Ezell from Pennsylvania, Polly and Gordon Brooks from Richmond. No wonder I was too dazed to make a speech! My heartfelt thanks to all of you, and especially to Marie, who managed it all.

— Roberta Watrous

1986 Show Chairman's Report

What a glorious weekend we had for our daffodil show at the U.S. Botanic Garden Conservatory! Our two-day show drew more than 10,000 visitors, and while many of them came to see the Botanic Garden, most of them toured our show. Those of us who wandered the halls during the show heard gratifying comments such as "I've never seen such beautiful daffodils," "I didn't know they came in so many different colors," and "I would like to grow daffodils like these." Visitors stopped any of us who looked like show workers to ask questions. Since our main goal was to educate the public, I think we did a great job.

Many thanks are due the members of WDS who helped make the show a success. Delia Bankhead worked hard to help me learn the job of show chairman, and she gave me a well organized group of records and properties with which to work. She also wrote and produced the schedule that resulted in a beautiful show layout.

Chauncey Maher was responsible for the excellent staging, and he did countless things for the show that were above and beyond the call of his own job. His organization of the dismantling at the end of the show made the job fast and easy.

Pat Crenshaw, our judges chairman, got a great group of judges and organized their work so well that the judging finished a little early this year. Thanks are also due Pat for picking up and storing our Coke bottles for next year.

Diane Jordan did a beautiful job with the judges' coffee and lunch. The table at the lunch was beautiful, with its pink and white daffodils, and the food was memorable. I know our judges appreciated the hospitality. Diane helped with several other important tasks.

Joy Peters wrote the design division schedule. The design section was outstanding, so we know the schedule inspired the arrangers. Joy also helped with other aspects of the show, as usual, making everyone's job easier.

Bonnie Mirmak was responsible for the design entries and pulled in a lot of high powered talent to make the section such a success. Bonnie also staged the design section, for which Chauncey and I will be eternally grateful.

Margaret Oswalt was tireless in her job as pages chairman. The pages were added to our show last year and have become indispensable. Margaret and her pages worked long hours to guarantee the success of the show, and we all thank them.

Julie Evans made the new educational exhibit. I hope you all saw it. It was beautiful, straightforward, and easy to understand. I saw many visitors reading it.

Now for the people who worked during the show to make it happen. Marie Bozievich was our classification chairman. She was assisted by Lettie Hanson. Thanks to them, our daffodils were properly classified for both the judges and the public. Thanks also to Marie for entering so many of her beautiful flowers. She worked hard in every way to make the show a success.

Roberta Watrous did her usual meticulous job as awards chairman, and her report on the show is in this newsletter. Thanks, Roberta.

Scott Bally organized a great team of judges' aides. They worked quickly and efficiently. Scott worked right with them, making sure that their recordkeeping and other duties were completed in time. Our thanks to all of you.

Joy Walker and her group did a fast and efficient job with the records. That's a job that can seem thankless, and we all want them to know we appreciate their hard work.

Anne Henderson and her team produced those beautiful award cards and ribbons, once again adding to the beauty of our show.

Our thanks also go to Jackie Lamond for soliciting so many garden club sponsors.

Thank you all. I thank you, and I know our members thank you.

There are so many other people to thank. Thank you, Bob Galano, for helping with the publicity and the information desk. Thank you, Jim McKenney, Elinor Dunnigan, and Scott Bally for spending hours giving information to our visitors. Thank you, Linda Record, for supplying boxwood for the show. Thank you to everyone who helped clean up, including Birute Vileisis who wasn't even a member at the time, but who has joined us since. Thank you, Alice Battle; Alice arranged to get the Coke bottles donated by the Alexandria Coca-Cola Bottling Plant. Thank you to our judges also. I fear that I have missed someone. If so, please forgive my oversight. Sometimes the job of show chairman gets confusing. Please know that your efforts were important and appreciated.

I must also mention David Scheid and the staff at the Botanic Garden Conservatory. They created a beautiful display at the garden; it was a gorgeous background for the show. They set up all of the tables, tiers, and screens; moved plants, and did a lot of work for our show. They also helped in countless little ways to make us feel at home.

Thanks to all of our exhibitors. Your year-round hard work paid off in a beautiful show. I enjoyed working with all of you.

-- Adrienne Whyte

Report of Awards Committee

Of 15 special ADS and 19 special WDS awards, 11 ADS and 13 WDS were awarded. The ADS awards consisted of ribbons, the WDS ones were pewter julep cups, except in the case of one cash award. In some cases both ADS and WDS special awards went for the same "best."

Winners of these and other special awards were:

ADS Gold Ribbon and WDS cup (best standard daffodil): Mrs. John Bozievich, Golden Joy 2 Y-Y.

ADS Miniature Gold and WDS Watrous cup (best miniature): Mrs. R. LaRue Armstrong, Yellow Xit 3 W-Y.

ADS White Ribbon and WDS Wheeler cup (best vase of three standard): Mrs. Mrs. Raynond W. Lewis, Ashmore 2 W-W.

ADS Miniature White and WDS Battle cup (best vase of three miniatures): Mrs. Raymond W. Lewis, Flomay 7 W-WPP.

ADS Rose Ribbon (best standard seedling): Mrs. George D. Watrous, Jr., Mitzy x jonquilla 662-1.

ADS Miniature Rose Ribbon and Ticknor cup (best miniature seedling): Mrs. George D. Watrous, Jr., Seville x watieri #5.

ADS Silver Ribbon (most blue ribbons): Mrs. John Bozievich, 18.

Unless otherwise noted, the following were in classes for standard daffodils.

ADS Carey E. Quinn Award (collection of 24 cultivars): Mrs. John Bozievich.

This award is a silver medal if won for the first time, otherwise a ribbon. As Marie had already won the medal, this time it was a ribbon.

ADS Throckmorton Ribbon (collection of 15 cultivars, from 15 different RHS classifications): Mrs. John Bozievich.

ADS Red-White-Blue Ribbon (collection of five, of American breeding): Mrs. R. LaRue Armstrong. The cultivars and their breeders were:

Silver Sails (Mitsch), Lyles (McNairy), Tuckahoe and High Tea (Pannill), and Yamhill (Evans). The cultivar Lyles was bred by former WDS member Lyles McNairy, and named and registered by his friend Bill Ticknor after Lyles moved to Florida.

ADS Purple Ribbon (best division collection): Mrs. John Bozievich, Div.2.

- ADS Maroon Ribbon (five cultivars with corona paler than perianth):
Mrs. R. LaRue Armstrong.
- ADS Lavender Ribbon (five miniatures): Mrs. Raymond W. Lewis.
- WDS Culpepper cup (best daffodil in Section D, for growers of fewer
than 100 cultivars): Diane Jordan, Shining Light 2 Y-ORR.
- WDS Lawler cup (five pink daffodils): Patricia Crenshaw.
- WDS Weiss cup (five white daffodils): Mrs. R. LaRue Armstrong.
- WDS Bozievich cup (five cultivars from Div. 5-9): Mrs. Raymond W. Lewis.
- WDS Bloomer cup (Daffodil parent and child): Mrs. R. LaRue Armstrong.
- Design awards:
- WDS Gates cup: B. Mirmak, "On a windy hill."
- WDS Cahill cup: M. Reynolds, "On a sunny day."
- WDS Sponsoring Clubs Cash Award: Rock Spring Garden Club, arranger
J. Heldrick, "Among a woodland path."

— Roberta C. Watrous

Bulb Suppliers

The WDS Bulb Order presents a veries assortment of cultivars and species from both domestic and overseas suppliers, at very favorable prices, including air transport of bulbs from overseas. If, however, you are especially interested in ordering other cultivars, the following list of American dealers may be of interest:

The Daffodil Mart, Rt. 3, Box 794, Gloucester, Va. 23061
 Grant E. Mitsch Daffodils, P.O. Box 218, Hubbard, Ore. 97032
 Murray W. Evans, 3500 S.E. Manthey Road, Corbett, Ore. 97019
 Oakwood Daffodils, 2330 W. Bertrand Road, Niles, Mich. 49120
 McClure & Zimmerman, 1422 West Thorndale, Chicago, Ill. 60660
 Russell Graham, 4030 Eagle Crest Road, N.W., Salem, Ore. 97394
 Roese & Roese, P.O. Box 2114, Orcott, Calif. 93455
 Bonnie Brae Gardens, 1105 S.E. Christensen Rd., Corbett, Ore. 97019
 Gerald Knehans, Jr., Route One, Owensville, Mo. 65066