



Washington Daffodil Society

May 1987 • PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members,

What a terrific bulb order! What a worthwhile and enjoyable exhibitor's workshop! What a successful luncheon! What team work!! Applause!!! Applause!!!! Congratulations to everyone involved for a bang-up job on our spring activities. I could not be prouder. I wish I could begin listing the names of the many, many members who made these things happen in a meaningful way, but the new editor tells me my space is limited. A heartfelt "Thank you!"

I hope no one had their feelings hurt by the article in the Post. My comment about the membership, I beg to tell you, was taken out of context. I was asked if the organization was made up of "librarians..." I agreed that there was "a lot of truth in that." The article made it sound so negative...? Further, I did not refer to the club as being adrift, but I did say I felt we had needed (I'm sure you agree) some new blood. This spring's efforts attest to the infusion of new blood tempered with the wisdom and experience of some of our veterans. Our winning combination!

Please take a minute today to renew your dues. A major summer project is to get a new directory to you but we can't get going til you do!

While you're taking care of that "necessity" please also put your check mark in one of the "yes" boxes for the (Son of) Big Dig. "Many hands make light work." Besides, I promised Cole Burrell he would not be digging alone! Cole and Skip March have been doing wonders on the Fern Valley renovation...come see for yourself!

I want to thank Anne Henderson for taking over the interim WDS Treasurer position after Bob Galano's recent resignation. Bob's skill in shaping the WDS books will be appreciated for many administrations to come.

Thanks to both Anne and Bob.

I look forward to sharing some time and "bulb talk" with you all at the Spring Meeting and the Big Dig. I hope your blooms were as good as mine this year!

Happy Spring!!!

Scott

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Board Meeting January 18, 1987

The Meeting was called to order at 1:15 at the home of Scott Bally. Board members present were: Scott Bally, Dr. Chauncey Maher, James McKenney, Bob Galano, Pat Crenshaw, Ms. Delia Bankhead, Ms. Joy Walker, Mrs. Slater Lamond, Mrs. Richard Generally, Mrs. Ralph Jordan, Miss Eileen Riley; Ms. Elinor Dunnigan also attended.

Bob Galano gave the treasurer's report. There is roughly \$4,700 in the treasury, with approximately \$76 profit from the Culture Seminar.

Scott Bally said we still need a Newsletter editor. Mrs. Generally will co-chair. Suggestions were made that Scott contact the Greenbergs. Scott is still Chairman of Membership but needs a co-chair. Elinor Dunnigan chairs club memberships. Dan Holterman will help with directory.

Scott Bally gave an update on the Arboretum & Fern Valley. He and Delia Bankhead have visited and seen much progress (thinning of trees, cleaning out of underbrush, ivy). The Arboretum is willing to re-terrain an area for a display garden. There is a continuing need for our support.

Suggestions:

- 1) commit to another dig
- 2) rogue during the season
- 3) new labeling is required (est. \$6,000)-donations. Suggest we ask them to look for alternative labeling.

Scott suggested a need for a liaison from WDS to the Arboretum to keep track, report, etc. Mrs. Slater Lamond (Jack) agreed to be liaison. Pat Crenshaw moved that the board make an initial donation to labeling fund of Fern Valley for \$250. Mrs. Jordan seconded the motion. 10 years, 1 day. Motion carried. This could become an ongoing project. Mrs. Lamond suggested a memorial to Alice Battle and Mr. Haycock in the form of a glassed in box on a stand at the entrance to Fern Valley with descriptions of daffodil divisions and color coding. Mrs. Jordan suggested adding a map of the area showing divisions, gardens, etc. Scott Bally and Mrs. Lamond will take this up with the Arboretum. A brief note will appear in the Newsletter on how and who to make donations "in memory of" at the Arboretum.

Elections are coming up. Scott will need a nominating committee of the past president, president, board members and a member-at-large. Roger Burgess has resigned so the nominating committee will have to fill his position.

Elinor Dunnigan is still working on our tax status.

Mrs. Ralph Jordan gave a report on the Annual

Luncheon held Sunday March 16, at Potomac Landing in Alexandria, 1PM board meeting, 2PM lunch for \$14.00. Pat Crenshaw gave a 1987 show report. We still need two chairman-properties and pages. Scott Bally, chairman of information, will call on board members to man an information table at the show. We will only hand out information sheets on "how to join WDS" not all the freebees as in past. Delia Bankhead has talked to John Whitman who will be the "official WDS photographer" to photograph the WDS shows.

Discussion followed on a need for single bloom containers. Pat Crenshaw showed a glass vase which received approval. Mrs. Generally moved that the board authorize purchase of 400-500 vases for 1988 Convention show (depending on cost, estimated at 40-45¢ each). Ms. Bankhead seconded. The motion carried.

Ms. Bankhead mentioned a need for new table coverings for artistic design classes. Samples were shown, \$5.49 per yd. in 20 yd. lots. Mrs. Generally moved that the board authorize purchase of 25 yards of material (green) for show tables. Mrs. Lamond seconded. Motion carried.

Mrs. Bankhead gave a brief rundown on the 1988 Convention schedule;

- (1) Thursday: show set-up, commercial exhibit set-up, entries;
- (2) Friday: staging, judging, ADS board meeting, dinner and awards;
- (3) Saturday: Hybrids - breakfast, program, lunch, judges refresher course, bar, dinner & speaker;
- (4) Sunday: Miniatures - breakfast, tours, dinner and entertainment.

Discussion on Boutique. Ms. Bankhead will do the buying. and asked for funding to start purchasing. Pat Crenshaw moved that the board authorize Ms. Bankhead up to \$1,500 on boutique ordering. Seconded by Miss Eileen Riley. Motion carried.

Old Business

Mrs. Generally showed the coffee urn she purchased for WDS. Scott Bally sent a collection of bulbs to the No. Virginia Mental Institute (no acknowledgment to date).

New Business

Ms. Bankhead read letter concerning getting youngsters started in growing daffodils and adding a Junior class to our shows. Left open for further consideration.

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Crenshaw



Regional Show • Botanic Gardens

A show is only as good as its workers and exhibitors and we had a marvelous show! We always worry about the weather and although our show was early this year, we had excellent quality and more specimens than anticipated. We owe our thanks to Dr. Cheeseborough, Francis Armstrong, Sarah Burton, Marie Bozievich, Delia Bankhead and Drury Blair for all their quantities of lovely flowers and to all the other exhibitors, in horticulture and artistic divisions. Without the dedicated exhibitors there would be no show. We had 62 exhibitors, 424 horticulture entries, 919 blooms and 30 arrangements. Not bad for the 11th of April!

The Botanic Garden crew gave us their usual excellent assistance. Our chairmen and their workers were equally dedicated. Chauncey Maher led an efficient staging team and staging was done in a day's less time than usual. Bonnie Mirmak arranged for a lovely artistic area, making the new stands for the miniature arrangements. Nancy Whitlock procured excellent judges and Brian Lazarus' clerks and runners worked with efficiency and speed. Joy Walker's records staff, Anne Henderson's award card writers and Diane Jordan with awards did a fine job. Thanks to Nancy Generelly for providing coffee for judges, to Tom White for arranging a marvelous luncheon and lovely give-away flower arrangements. Julie Evans set up an excellent educational exhibit, Scott Bally organized an able information table group and Delia Bankhead provided us with a superior schedule and hard-working pages. Virginia Guild wrote a challenging artistic schedule and Celeste Cox managed to find the arrangers to fill all the classes. Classification was ably handled by Sarah Burton.

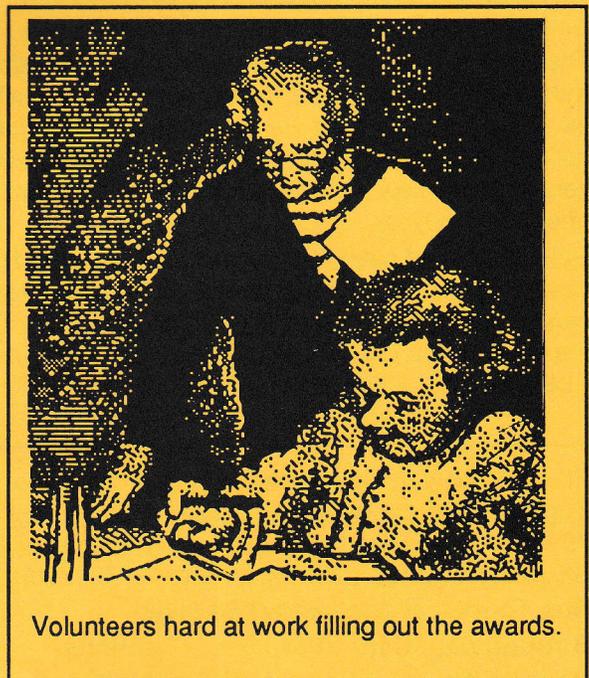
Bob Galano needs to receive special thanks for providing the WDS with the best publicity ever. How many saw that super article in the Post Style section on April 12? My deepest thanks to Jim McKenney for being co-chairman and allowing me the peace of mind in case I was unable to fulfill my responsibilities. The take-down crew was indispensable and we were in & out of the Gardens in less than 2 hours. Last, but far from least, thanks to Adrienne Whyte for adjusting the dates on the large WDS sign.

My apologies if I have left anyone out. Again, many thanks to everyone for a beautiful show. Now - on to bigger and better things - the 1988 Convention and Show. I know we're ready for it!

Pat Crenshaw
1987 Show Chairman

1987 WDS/ADS Awards Summary

- Frances Armstrong** won the *Purple Ribbon* and the *Green Ribbon*.
- Delia Bankhead** garnered the *Miniature Gold Ribbon*, *Bronze Ribbon*, the *Roberta C. Watrous Medal* and the *Lawler and Watrous Cups*.
- Drury Blair** won the *Miniature White Ribbon* and the *Battle Cup*.
- Marie Bozievich** collected the *Quinn Award* and the *Throckmorton Ribbon*.
- Mrs. A. Gordon Brooks** won the *White and Maroon Ribbons* and the *Wheeler Cup*.
- Mrs. George W. Burton** won the *Silver Ribbon* and the *Weiss_the Butterworth* and *The Bozievich Cups*.
- Elise Cheeseborough** won the *Lavendar Ribbon*, the *English Daffodil Society Medal*, and the *King Cup*.
- Pat Crenshaw** won the *Bloomer Cup*.
- William Gould** received the *Rose Ribbon* and the *Powell Cup*.
- Michael Martin** won the *Culpeper Cup*.
- Joy Peters** received the *Cahill Cup*.
- Mary Reynolds** won the *Gates Cup*.
- Adrienne Whyte** collected the *WDS Cup*, the *Gold Ribbon*, and *Red, White and Blue Ribbon*.
- River Farm Garden Club** received the *Sponsoring Club Award*.



Volunteers hard at work filling out the awards.



1987 ADS National Convention

The 1987 ADS National Convention, held in Columbus Ohio, April 23-25, was a memorable one for the First Lady of the WDS, Roberta Watrous. The ADS gives two awards-- a silver medal for outstanding service to the Society, which was presented to Roberta in 1972 in recognition for her work as Editor of the Journal, and a gold medal for pre-eminent service to the genus Narcissus, which was presented to her in Columbus. She joins a handful of international daffodil "greats" in winning this aw, which has been presented only 16 times since its institution in 1959.

She shone in the National Show as well, winning the Larus Trophy for the third consecutive year, and the Miniature Rose Ribbon for the best seedling in show. The Larus Trophy, a silver cup designed and made by Marie Bozievich, is awarded for the best vase of three miniature seedlings exhibited by the originator. Her winning seedling was #648-16, Seville X Juncifolius, 7Y-Y.

Marie Bozievich came home with the Larry Mains Trophy (9 vases of 3 from Division 3) and the Throckmorton Ribbon, and Delia Bankhead won the Olive Lee Memorial Bowl with Ice Wings, 5W-W, which was also runner-up best bloom in show.

Other winners from our region were Bill Pannill, who won the Silver Ribbon for most blue ribbons in show (no mean feat with all the first-rate local competition), the Mitsch Trophy with a vase of a lovely 7W-P seedling and the Red, White and Blue Ribbon with five flowers of his own breeding. Lucy Christian won the Lavender Ribbon with a beautiful collection of five miniatures.

The show was most impressive--the largest in history, with over 3100 blooms and terrific competition in all classes. Our 1988 Chairman, Pat Crenshaw, was hard at work, taking extensive notes on every aspect of this huge and very well run show, as we are anticipating an equally large one here next year.

Delia Bankhead gave the formal invitation to the 1988 Convention to an enthusiastic audience--it appears everyone is eager to come to Washington next year. This means **ALL OF US** will be in the limelight next year, so **LET'S GET READY! WE NEED EVERYONE!**

Plans are now being completed for our convention, and lots of workers are needed. Please call Delia Bankhead, 759-2133 (evenings best) to volunteer for help with:
Show Committee (call Pat Crenshaw 759-5450)
Bus Tours (call Scott Bally 483-8553)
Boutique/auction/raffle ... Publicity
Hospitality ... Commercial exhibit
Registration Desk (call Adrienne Whyte 241-1095)
Art work ... flower arrangementsand more

The Novice Gardener

Since we are writing this for the true beginner we will start right out with planning and soil preparation.

Location

Find a spot in your yard where you wish a bed. If you can be selective, find a well-drained sunny area, southern exposure is best (although partial open shade is preferred for orange, red, and pink cups.) For later flowering try a northern exposure.

Soil Preparation

Remove sod; rototill or spade to a depth of 18-24 inches, deeper if the soil is heavy (clay.) If you have clay soil, add gypsum, following the guidelines on the package and let the soil sit so that the gypsum can work.

To further lighten the soil add sand, peatmoss, and well-rotted compost, if available.

Formula for good soil:

1/3 coarse sand, 1/3 dirt, 1/3 peat moss or peat humus. While you mix this add a balanced fertilizer, such as 5-10-10 following the recommended dosage on package.

Raised Beds:

If building a raised bed because of poor drainage, follow above instructions. Then build a frame made of 7" wide, 1 1/2" thick pressure-treated wood. Make your beds 12' long by 4' wide, or any size that suits. (This size bed is easy to weed and maintain.) Let the bed settle until fall planting; it can be used for summer annuals until then.

If you have no room for raised beds or a special spot just for daffs, incorporate them into your landscaping, as area plantings in front of existing shrubs, etc. However, *good soil* and *good drainage* are necessary wherever you place them. Also, they shouldn't have to compete with large root systems of other plants.

ORDER YOUR BULBS NOW

WDS Welcomes our newest members:

Yahia Ahmed	Mrs. Leonard Hacker
Dorothy Barker	Ruth S. Loevinger
Jack Barker, Jr	Carol B. Lovell
Jill P. Beach	Kathleen F. Mackie
Mary Bemabucci	Mrs. Ethel Miyamoto
M/M Stephen Bodner	Jean A. Paskowitz
Joseph A. Bruner	Leona & Charler Pfeiffer
Mary L. Duck	George Riseling Jr.
Frances J. Evans	Glenda Ross-Smith
John Finch	Ann S. Utterback
William Gould	



Spring Luncheon

WDS held its Annual Spring Luncheon this year at the Potowmack Landing Restaurant. Located at the Washington Sailing Marina in Alexandria, Virginia. It was centrally located for most of our members and easily accessible. Following a short Board Meeting, the lunch began at 2pm on Sunday, March 15. Thirty-seven people attended, including two guests; all enjoying a social gathering that was lots of fun. Carafes of wine preceded the delicious entrees as we renewed established friendships and started new ones. Joy Peters made another of her fabulous arrangements for the head table, and Delia Bankhead brought in three darling "mini's"...needless to say, daffodils were the topic of the day. Outdoors was dreary, but we of the WDS who attended this luncheon started our favorite season off on a cheery note!! (We missed the rest of you!)

Diane Jordan, chmn.

• Interested in swapping bulbs?

Write your needs to:

WDS P.O. 40790, Washington D.C. 20016

In our next newsletter we will start this feature.

Exhibitor's School

On March, Marie Bozievich, with Delia Bankhead and Pat Crenshaw as able assistants shared her experience in handling daffodils from the garden to the show table. Nancy Ratcliffe gave us a fabulous gourmet lunch. After that was enjoyed, all students tried their hands at displaying blooms that had been flown in from California and Oregon. The displays were then critiqued aloud so that we learned what judges look for and how to achieve it. Most instructive and lots of fun. Plan to come next year.

• Interested in trying bulbs from Down Under?

Here are some growers you can order from:

Jackson's Daffodils

P.O. Box 77
Geeveston, 7116
Tasmania, Australia

Koanga Daffodils

Peter Ramsay, prop.
21 Cranwell Place
Hamilton, New Zealand

In a forthcoming issue we will discuss how to adapt these bulbs to our hemisphere.



• The WDS extends its sympathy to Mrs. A Slater Lamond in the loss of her husband.

Mr. Stephen Haycock, a retired associate general counsel at the General Accounting Office and a specialist in government contracts, died of respiratory ailments September 21, 1986, at his home in Annandale, Virginia. He had retired in 1972.

Mr. Haycock was a valuable member of the Washington Daffodil Society and a good horticulturalist. He was properties' chairman and helped set up and dismantle the daffodil shows for a number of years. He was a fine gentleman and did what he could to help everyone.

After Mr. Haycock's health started to deteriorate he was less active but came to the shows and entered his daffodils, especially his seedlings. The growing and hybridizing of daffodils meant a great deal to Mr. Haycock. He had several of his seedlings registered. They are *Amanda Jane*, 2W-P; *Lady Jane*, 2W-WWO; *Narcissus Versa*, 6 Y-W; *Anne Weston* 6 YOOR and *Just Ruth*, 2 W-WP.

When Mr. Haycock was so very ill he thought of his daffodils and how they should be preserved. He sent Mr. William Ticknor and Mrs. Charles M. Cox several bulbs to cherish and cares for. His family is hopeful of being able to preserve his seedlings.

1987-1988 Calendar

(WDS year is from May 1 to April)

May 30 (Sun) 2:15 PM Annual Meeting

(Board meets at 1:00 PM)

Activities Building, National Arboretum

3501 New York Avenue, N.E.

R St. and Bladensburg Rd. gate will be open, the Activities Building is an immediate right turn.

Program:

Bill Gould will speak on his experience hybridizing daffodils. Bill won Best Seedling award in the '87 WDS SHOW.

- Deadhead your daffodils
- Update your blooming records
- Mark what you want to move

June 6 & 7 (Sat & Sun)

Son of Big Dig. or BIG DIG II

Time, place, what to bring, and other details: *see insert*

~~Call Scott Bally (483-8553)~~

- Dig bulbs and dip, if you are going to.

July, Aug, and Sept.

- Plan where you will plant the new bulbs you have ordered for the fall.

- Start preparing planting areas where and whenever possible

September 19 (Sat)

Seminar (Topics to be announced)

October 18 (Sun)

Bulb pick-up

Guest speaker to be announced

Jan or Feb

Full Board and Convention Committee meetings

March 6 (Sun)

Luncheon,

preceded by Board Meeting



APRIL 22-24

National Show and Convention

Washington Daffodil Society
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*When daffodils begin to peer,
With heigh! the doxy over the dale,
Why then comes in the sweet o' the year,
For the red blood reigns in the winter's pale.*

Wm. Shakespeare, *The Winter's Tale*, Act IV, Scene III

MEMBER SURVEY MEMBER SURVEY

Your society wants to know how it can better meet your needs. We thank you for completing the following survey:

1. How long have you grown daffodils?..... yrs.

2 How many varieties (cultivars) do you grow?.....

3. Your reason for growing daffodils (please check all that apply):

garden display show hybridizing other (please explain):

4. Do you prefer meetings with programs? yes no

If yes, which topics might interest you: culture history types and newer varieties (slides) exhibiting hybridizing other (explain):

5. If meetings had interesting programs, how many would you attend in a year? 1-2 3-4 5-6

6. Are you interested in touring members' and others gardens? Would you open your garden for such a tour?

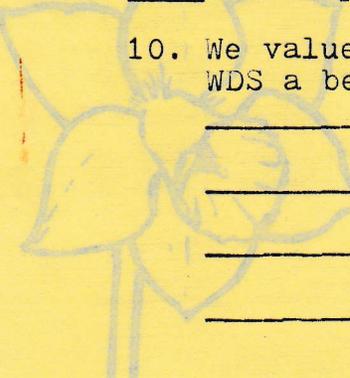
7. Would you be willing to donate excess bulbs from your garden for auction for members? yes no If so, how many do you anticipate being able to donate in a year?

8. Would you be interested in a "Guest Daffodil" program? (WDS would supply you with newer varieties for you to grow for our bulb sale. You would keep one bulb when each cultivar is dug) yes no

9. Would you be willing to volunteer some time for WDS? If so, in what capacity? show program planning program presentation newsletter staff schools membership committee bulb order ways & means publicity meetings & hospitality other (please explain):

10. We value you ideas and opinions. What do you think would make WDS a better society for you?

COMMENTS:



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TIME TO RENEW !!!

PLEASE DO THE FOLLOWING (Checked Items):

- 1. Pay dues (\$5.00 individual, \$7.50 Household, Check payable to Washington Daffodil Society.)
- 2. DO NOT Pay Dues (Dues already payed for '87-88!).
- 3. Review computer printout for accuracy. Information will appear in Directory this Fall. Return only if corrected. Years at bottom are member years and Dues status respectively.
- 4. Fill out survey at bottom of page and on back. This information will help us serve you better.
- 5. Fill out the BIG DIG form, attached to indicate the day you wish to help or provide refreshments. Return!

The Washington Daffodil Society
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MEMBER SURVEY (Complete only if indicated above):

Name of Member(s) or club: _____

Name & Mailing Address (as you would prefer it on your mail):

First name(s) for telephoning purposes: _____

Home phone: AC: () _____

phone: AC: () _____

Current Office(s) in WDS:

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____

Are you: an Accredited Judge? _____ Student judge? _____



BIG DIG BIG DIG

The National Arboretum is working hard to put Fern Valley at the top of the American Daffodil Society 1988 Convention Tour...but we need your help! Please donate at least a few hours to the BIG DIG! If you Are unable to dig, please come and do what you can...write labels, bag bulbs, give moral support (or refreshments!) Let's talk "daffodils" and get to know one another. Check one:

- _____ YES, I'll be at the BIG DIG on
 - _____ Saturday, June 6th (8 A.M. - 1 P.M.)
 - _____ Sunday, June 7th (8 A.M. - 1 P.M.)
- _____ Sorry, I havn't a moment to spare that weekend!
- _____ I'll nourish the workers and bring:
 - _____ on Saturday/Sunday.