



# Washington Daffodil

## Society

February 1989 • from the PRESIDENT'S DESK

Dear Members:

Now that the days are becoming visibly longer, my thoughts keep turning eagerly toward Spring. I received my first 1989 daffodil catalog a few days ago and immediately fell to dreaming about the new flowers which will bloom in my garden in April. (These will likely be the only show quality blooms I have, as all my older stocks were hot-water treated last summer, and this usually has a bad effect on first-year bloom.)

Much of my miniature foliage is up, and a few tips are showing in the standards, so it's not too soon to begin thinking about your daffodils. If you have wood ashes from the fireplace, give the daffs a light top dressing of these. And now is the time to begin keeping track of rainfall, and to be sure your daffodils get at least one inch of water each week from now until the foliage dies down.

I hope everyone who is interested in exhibiting will consider taking the judging course WDS is sponsoring here this Spring. It is being taught by two of the best teachers there are, and will be really interesting and informative. (See details inside.) Reminder to Accredited Judges - this may be used as a refresher course, should you need one this year.

Everyone come to the Spring Luncheon! This inaugural of our season is a good time to meet other daffodillers, exchange ideas and information AND be the first to get the 1989 Bulb List! Plans for the Show will also be discussed.

See you all there!

Delia

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## Board Meeting - September 11, 1988

The WDS Board Meeting/picnic was held at Delia Bankhead's home in Great Falls on September 11, 1988. Present were Delia Bankhead, Pat Crenshaw, Nancy Generally, Anne Henderson, Harold Winters, Drury Blair, Kori Calvert, Jim McKenney, Marie Bozievich and Brian Lazarus. The meeting was called to order at 4 P.M.

### Old Business

It was agreed to dispense with the reading of the May 1988 meeting minutes.

Anne Henderson gave the treasurer's report. There is \$7,680.37 in the account. This includes \$4,538.75 from the bulb order. Anne also gave Scott Bally's Boutique report: a profit of \$2722.43.

Harold Winters thanked all who helped with the Big Dig and reported that Replant Day will be October 29-30 at the Arboretum. Harold also gave an update on Expo Arboretum and asked for volunteers to help bag bulbs and man the booth. A site was selected for the booth. Nancy Generally moved that we keep monies from the sale except for the 15% we will owe the Arboretum. Marie Bozievich seconded the motion, which carried.

### New Business

There is a dire need of new handout material for Expo Arboretum Daffodil Days and at shows. John Finch will Xerox any literature for Expo. Will need membership forms for the WDS. Delia Bankhead will get forms for joining ADS.

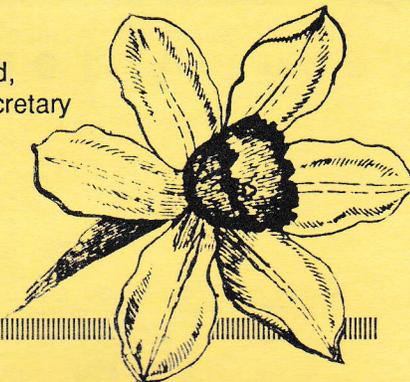
Delia noted the need for two new board members. Harold Winters moved we ask John Finch and Bob Hall to serve. Motion was seconded and passed.

Delia handed out a sheet titled "Where Do We Expend Most Effort?" - a list of priorities. She asked the Board to study the list, make choices and have suggestions ready for the Board meeting in October. She also noted the need for Ways and Means Chairman, Publicity Chairman and Membership Chairman.

It was moved, seconded and passed that the meeting be adjourned.

A delightful social hour followed with good food brought by all. Many thanks to Delia for sharing her lovely home and yard.

Respectfully submitted,  
Patricia Crenshaw, Secretary



*Narcissus incom-  
parabilis.*

## Board Meeting -- October 15, 1988

Present were: Delia Bankhead, Chauncey Maher, Pat Crenshaw, Joy Walker, Marie Bozievich, Gail Brooks, Harold Winters, Drury Blair, John Finch, Bob Hall, Kori Calvert and Nancy Generally.

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 P.M. Plans for the general meeting were discussed

Chauncey Maher gave a brief bulb order report. Full statistics will be sent in near future.

Delia Bankhead introduced two new members to the Board: John Finch and Bob Hall. John will keep membership records on his computer and agreed to be publicity chairman for the society. Janet Skidmore will be the new membership chairman.

The president asked board members to think of ideas for expanding membership. Harold Winters suggested that every member serve on one committee in order to become involved, with a sign-up form in newsletter. This was presented as a motion, seconded and carried. John Finch mentioned that some plant societies have a meeting every month for talks, demonstrations, etc. This idea will require further discussion Board meeting was adjourned at 2:05 P.M.



**General meeting -- October 15, 1988**

Members were welcomed by the president as the meeting was called to order at 2:20 P.M.

Harold Winters gave an Arboretum report. WDS participated in Expo Arboretum on September 24 & 25 \$554.00 was taken in from the sale of left over boutique items, bulbs donated by Marie Bozievich, bulbs from the Arboretum Big Dig, *Salome* bulbs from the convention and some new memberships. Net was \$446.40, some of which will go to the Friends of the Arboretum. Harold asked for volunteers for the Replant Day scheduled for October 29.

Delia announced the Judge's School scheduled for April 8, 1989. It will be an all-day class with Marie Bozievich as one of the instructors.

The WDS Show at the Botanic Gardens dates will be April 15 - 16, 1989. A request for volunteer was made and sheets were passed for sign-ups.

Delia noted that the show schedule is completed in February and handed out, with the bulb order, at the Spring Luncheon. Those not picked up will be mailed out to every member in good standing (dues paid.) She asked for a show of hands - "how many who have ordered bulbs have exhibited? Many more received bulbs at the exchange than were showing. The membership was encouraged to come to the show and to enter. It is good educational fun, fine camaraderie and you can do your powder room in ribbons!

**Bulb Exchange and Pick-up**

After the business meeting, the event most eagerly awaited in our daffodil year took place - the Bulb Exchange. There were hundreds of good bulbs, including many brand-new cultivars donated by 12 WDS members and some of our bulb order suppliers. The bulbs generously sent by Hatfield, Mitsch and Carnairn Daffodils provided a surprise pick for the donors, and the new members attending had first choice of the exchange bulbs.

There were enough for all 60 members who attended

to get 3 or 4 bulbs each in the random drawing of names. In addition, Marie Bozievich had wonderful gift packages of bulbs from her collection for everyone who worked at the convention and/or the Arboretum "digs."

A great time was had by all, and everyone enjoyed seeing daffodil friends and the refreshments. Don't miss this exciting event next year!

Respectfully submitted,  
Patricia Crenshaw, Secretary



**ARBORETUM NEWS**

DAFFODIL PLANT-BACK DAY at the National Arboretum was a huge success.

Select bulbs from those dug in June were planted back as well as new donations from Delia Bankhead and Marie Bozievich. Over twenty member and guests showed up with trowels, spades, bulb planters and well-behaved children. With such excellent participation the job was finished by early afternoon. Everyone enjoyed the outing, the light work, getting to know each other, the lovely Autumn day, and the refreshments.

We estimate that this naturalized collection of daffodils will be at peak bloom in early April. The Arboretum will hold Daffodil Open House on Saturday and Sunday, April 8th and 9th. Please plan to attend and bring your neighbors along. It should be special.

Harold Winters



**CALL FOR HELP**

If anyone has a spare copy of the WDS 1964 or 1977 show schedule, please mail it/them to Delia Bankhead.

If you have a copy you can't part with, Delia will be glad to Xerox and return your original.



## Bulbs as Companion Plants

Something of more than passing interest to many of us will be a lecture at Green Spring Farm Park on Thursday, April 6, 7-9 P.M. Publicity notice reads as follows:

" Bulbs As Companion Plants"

"Explore the landscape uses of bulbs with Brent Heath, owner of the Daffodil Mart in Gloucester, Virginia, and an international authority on bulbs. Brent will discuss the culture and landscape uses of various bulbs, helpful tools for planting and care, cultivar selection, and companion planting"

Register by mail. Green Spring Farm Park, 4503 Green Spring Road, Alexandria, VA 22312. Cost: \$5.00

## The Novice Gardener

It is not too early to think of fertilizer. Your daffodils love wood ashes so save those ashes from your stoves or fireplaces and sprinkle them over where your bulbs are planted. It is ideal to do this on a snow for as the snow melts it helps to carry the ashes down into the soil. It is also a good time to fertilize lightly with 5-10-5 or 5-10-10 or, IF you can find it, 3-10-10 (potato fertilizer.) Do this in a snow in late January or February and it will get your bulbs off to a good start.

By the way, if anyone knows where to get 3-10-10 nowadays (Southern States no longer carries it) please let us know, You can make it from scratch but it is more expensive and more work.

## Spring Luncheon

The WDS Spring Luncheon will be held at the Holiday Inn at 5520 Wisconsin Avenue, Chevy Chase, Maryland. Time is 1:00 PM. Saturday, March 4 (Board will meet at 11:30 AM: ask at desk for exact location.)

Menu will feature a choice of entrees:

1. Filet of Sole Amantine.
2. Breast of Chicken Nancy.

Either entree will be served with salad, rolls and butter, dessert, a glass of wine, and a choice of coffee or tea.

The Holiday Inn is located one and a half blocks from the Friendship Heights Metro, across from Saks Fifth Avenue. Parking is either indoors by the entrance on Wisconsin Avenue or outdoors on the Holiday Inn lot reached by turning off Wisconsin Avenue at S. Park Street (Brooks Brothers) then left at Hill's Plaza and right to lot.

Either entree is \$14.00 per person. Please send in a check and clearly indicate your choice of entree. Checks should be made out to WDS and mailed by February 25th to:

**Drury Blair**  
812 Clovercrest Drive  
Alexandria, Va 22314

### Special Slide Presentation

Following lunch John Whitman, WDS member and professional photographer, will present slides of our National ADS Show and the new WDS program. Don't miss this preview of Springs past!



Narcissus  
Pseudo-Narcissus.

### WDS Welcomes Our Newest members

Susan Brook	Susan Noon
Harriett Codon	Ellen Rasmussen
Kathleen Mc Allister	Jean Royston
Ann Messenger	



### ADS Judging School

The WDS will hold the first of 3 annual judging schools at 9 AM, Sunday April 9, 1989 in the classroom of the U.S. National Arboretum. In this first school, students learn the anatomy of a daffodil, classification, point scoring and judging daffodil blooms. There will be a demonstration of point scoring, followed by a "Little Show," which will be judged by students and master judges. The course will be taught by Marie Bozievich and Ruth Pardue, of Columbus, Ohio.

The school is open to all members, but only those who are also ADS members may take it for credit. (ADS membership applications will be available.) Requirements for becoming and ADS accredited Judge are:

1. membership in ADS for at least 3 years.
2. passing all 3 judging schools, at the rate of one a year. (After the first school is passed, one becomes a Student Judge, and may judge ADS shows with teams of experienced judges.)
3. growing at least 100 cultivars / species from at least 8 RHS divisions at the time application is made for a Judges Certificate.
4. having exhibited for at least 3 years in ADS shows, and having won 3 blue ribbons.
5. having student judged 3 ADS shows with panels of accredited judges.
6. having sent the ADS Judges Chairman the appropriate application with \$2.00 fee.

The school may be taken for credit or audited. In either case the price of the course is \$4.00 to cover costs. Even if you're not sure you want to become a judge, the course is really beneficial to everyone who wants to learn more about exhibiting - it teaches you how to judge your own flowers and to become a better exhibitor.

**IMPORTANT NOTE-** this is the only announcement of this course. Attendance is limited to 20 people, so send in your applications early! Course study materials will be sent in advance to all successful applicants.



Narcissus Bulbocodium var. monophyllus.

## AMERICAN DAFFODIL SOCIETY

### Judging School - Course I

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

I wish to take the course or credit \_\_\_\_\_, or audit only \_\_\_\_\_  
Enclosed is: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (\$4.00 per person) entry fee (s)

Mail with check to: Miss Delia Bankhead  
489 Arnon Meadow Road  
Great Falls, VA 22066

# 1989 Spring Calendar

(WDS year is from May 1 to April 30)

## Dates to Remember

### March 4 (Sat) 1:00 pm Spring Luncheon

(Board Meeting at 11:30)

#### Holiday Inn

5520 Wisconsin Avenue  
Chevy Chase, Maryland.

- Water your bulbs if there is not at least 1" of rain.
- Protect and prepare your early blooms for the National Show (if you are going - SF is great in March)

### March 16-18 (Thurs - Sat ) ADS National Show San Francisco, California

### April 6, (Thurs) 7 - 9:00 pm Lecture

"*Bulbs as Companion Plants*"

Green Spring Farm Park  
Alexandria, VA 22312

### April 8, (Sat) 8:00am Judging School I

Activities Building, National Arboretum

- See your flowers as the Judges see them.

### April 8 & 9, (Sat-Sun) Daffodil Days,

National Arboretum, Fern Valley +  
3501 New York Avenue, N.E.  
R St. and Bladensburg Rd.

- Protect and prepare blooms for the Spring Show.
- Hold blooms for show under mild refrigeration.

### April 15 & 16, (Sat -Sun) WDS Daffodil Show,

US Botanic Garden  
Maryland Avenue  
(at the Foot of Capitol Hill)

- This is the *big* event - come, volunteer (its fun work) and enter

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"A house with daffodils in it is a house lit up, whether or no the sun be shining outside.  
Daffodils in a green bowl - and let it snow if it will."