



American Daffodil Society

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The American Daffodil Society, and the Northeast Region in particular need lots of help in promoting the daffodil. We need to have more and varied programs reaching out to new and potential members. We need to have more members' gardens open to the public during bloom season; more programs presented to garden clubs and civic organizations.

If you are willing and able to do any of the above, just do it! Send along a "Report" so we can share your "Daffodil Promotion" ideas with others.

Tuscarora Daffodil Group by Pauline Dickinson, Reporter

This lively, active group of daffodil enthusiasts first came together in 1988 in Chambersburg, Pennsylvania. Back then there were no dues, no by-laws, no newsletter, and only a small handful of people enjoying each other's company in

one of their living rooms. It seemed a shame to restrict the enjoyment of daffodils to six brief weeks in spring, so we extended the season by talking about them, viewing slides and learning more about them in winter and fall.

In 1989, we started what we believe to be a very interesting and eclectic twenty page newsletter. This necessitated the collection of modest annual dues, which in turn necessitated a modicum of by-laws and an election of officers. Today, we have grown to a membership of 60 very friendly people, some coming from as far away as Richmond, VA.

What do we do? In the past seven years we have had magnificent bulb exchanges (Dr. Bender is an outstanding contributor!), Mini-shows for daffodils, with prizes, group planting of pots for forcing, talks by experts, slides from New Zealand, tips for grooming and exhibiting, tours of daffodil gardens, demonstrations of pollinating, bulb sales at wholesale prices, and last, but not least, the best food and wine to be found anywhere.

We helped Chambersburg Garden Club on putting in an annual daffodil show and have instituted three separate awards to be given each year. A large bed of daffodils, all Dr. W.A. Bender's own cultivars, has been planted in his honor in front of the fountains at the entrance to Chambersburg Municipal Park.

We welcome new members from any area. The bi-annual newsletter alone is worth the price of membership, but we would like to see you at one of our meetings. This fall would be a good time to start. The bulb exchange is worth a long trip. To join, send \$8.00 to Dr. W.A. Bender, 553 7th Street, Chambersburg, PA 17201.

New Jersey Daffodil Society
by Liz Ellwood, President

My files only go back to 1977. By that point a small but dedicated group had laid the groundwork for the society. I have only been active since about 1983, but prior to that and until 1990, the shows alternated at various churches and halls around the state, ranging from places like Princeton to Summit to Rumson to Short Hills. Each time we changed the location (which was almost yearly) a whole new crew of volunteers had to be recruited.

In 1990 we had our first show at the Frelinghuysen Arboretum in Morristown, NJ, and have continued to be there ever since. This change has made all the difference in the world. We can depend on some of the same people to work each year; we have built up an audience that returns each year to view the show, and as publicity spreads, we get more and more "novices" who make entries. The

Arboretum is incredibly helpful to us with publicity, cordial relations, and providing a wonderful facility to stage a show.

Our funding comes from our dues, a bulb auction held at our annual meeting in September and from the 11 garden clubs in New Jersey who are affiliated with The Garden Club of America. Our volunteers come from everywhere. We obviously welcome anyone who either knows much or little about daffodils. Working on the show is a great learning experience for even the most knowledgeable, and I might add a very enjoyable experience.

Our show encompasses one aspect not seen in any of the other shows I've attended. We have an "Other Horticulture" section. This is for entries such as wild flowers, other bulbs, shrubs and branches. This is meant to educate the public about horticulture that blooms the same time as daffodils. In addition, each of the GCA clubs enters a pedestal flower arrangement. These arrangements are not judged but the favorite is chosen by the public and a trophy awarded. A somewhat recent addition to our schedule is a Novice Class for growers growing less than 50 varieties. The numbers of entries increase each year, and seems to be very well received. A trophy is awarded for the Best Bloom in this category. In addition to the aforementioned trophies, we also have trophies for Best Bloom in Show, Most Blue Ribbons and Best Horticulture Specimen.

For additional information, or to join the New Jersey Daffodil Society, contact:
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Daffodil Journal

Our very own Northeast member, Lee Kitchens, is the editor of the quarterly *Daffodil Journal* that you receive with ADS membership.

Lee is doing an outstanding job bringing us lots of interesting articles. He always is on the look-out for more stories and items of interest, so send along your "Daffodil Story" to:

Lee Kitchens, Editor
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A Sad Commentary

Usually when we hear talks about preparing our flowers for an exhibition, the speaker will stress "Read and understand the show schedule."

At the recent Northeast Regional Show in Chambersburg those words of wisdom brought new meaning to five exhibitors (with a combined record of 90 years exhibiting!) All were denied awards in collection classes because of various errors. I, myself, was guilty of not labeling an entry with Division and Color Code, when clearly required by the rules. Others made the same error; one entry had a mis-named entry, while another did not include blooms from enough divisions.

Learn from our mistakes. Read and understand the entry requirements, and do not be distracted when staging your entries. Alan Mead

Fifth World Daffodil Convention

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Here is an opportunity to see some of the great "Down Under" daffodils. The convention will be held September 27-29 in Christ Church, New Zealand. Daffodil Show, visits to New Zealand growers and more. Send SASE for brochure.

1995 Dallas ADS Convention by Richard Ezell, Reporter

The Ides of March held no fears to dampen the spirits of ADS members from all over the world as they gathered in Dallas at the Plaza of the Americas Hotel, greeting friends and grooming flowers for entry in the National Show. Our Northeast Region was represented by 14 members, not bad after our prodigious turnout for Portland last year.

The show was impressive, with most of the major awards going to entries from California and Oregon _ most, but not all. Amazingly, Delaware's Kathy Andersen won the Gold Watrous Award for a collection of 12 miniatures, a difficult feat at any time, all but impossible half a continent away at the dawn of the daffodil season.

Kathy later teamed with Marilynn Howe to present a super, slide-illustrated program growing out of their series of expeditions in search of wild daffodils in and around the mountains of Spain.

Other highlights of the convention were a tour of the Dallas Arboretum and Botanical Garden, a sobering look at daffodil pests and diseases by Dr. Ted Snazelle, a visit to Rodney Armstrong's Virginia-style garden in a Dallas suburb, and two very Texas-style "country places,"

one of them the home of convention chairman, Dottie Sable, whose charm and energy wowed us all.

The 1995 convention concluded with a banquet in the sumptuous surroundings of the Dallas Petroleum Club, whose elegant paneled walls were often used as a set for the TV series *Dallas*.

Next Year - Baltimore

For the first time in many years, the convention comes close to us in 1996, with the uncrabby Maryland Daffodil Society hosting the event on our doorstep in Baltimore, April 18, 19 and 20. Mark your calendars, and plant some new bulbs in hopes of entering what could easily be the best National Show ever.

Wake-up Hudson Valley

A "wake-up" call to all Hudson Valley and Lower New York state Daffodil growers and exhibitors -- Our regional director in White Plains, NY, Eileen Whitney, is exploring the possibility of the formation of a Daffodil Society in the area. If you would like to participate, sharpen your daffodil skills, have some good times talking daffodils, contact Eileen at 7 Myrtle Street, White Plains, NY 10606.

1995 Show Season Reports

Congratulations to the Daffodil and Hosta Society of Western Pennsylvania on a fine third annual show -- 410 blooms!! More on this new society in the September issue.

The **Pittsburgh Daffodil Show** was held on April 22 with 410 blooms.

Gold Ribbon - Dan Bellinger
White Ribbon - Libby Frey
Mini Gold Ribbon - Dianne Mrak
Mini White Ribbon - Dianne Mrak
Rose Ribbon - Dan Bellinger
Mini Rose Ribbon - Barrie Kridler
Junior Award - John Bellinger
Silver Ribbon - Dianne Mrak
Purple Ribbon - Dan Bellinger
Lavender Ribbon - Dianne Mrak
Red-White-Blue Ribbon - Libby Frey
Green Ribbon - Dan Bellinger

The **Longwood Garden Show** was again a nicely staged show, despite having to be held in a tent due to building renovations. Hope to have their show report for the September issue.

New Jersey Show, Morristown, NJ, April 21-22. Number of blooms -- 939.

Gold Ribbon - Alan Mead
White Ribbon - Alan Mead
Mini Gold Ribbon - Mrs. Alan Carrick
Mini White Ribbon - Mrs. Richard Elwood
Rose Ribbon - Henry Hartman
Silver Ribbon - Martha Ann Griner
Purple Ribbon - Nancy Mott
Lavender Ribbon - Mrs. Richard Elwood
Green Ribbon - Dr. W.A. Bender
Watrous Ribbon - Mrs. Richard Elwood
Throckmorton Ribbon - Mrs. John Haskell
Quinn Ribbon - Mrs. Bassett Winmill
Junior Award - Erin M. Griner

Chambersburg Daffodil Show, Northeast Regional, April 29-30. Number of blooms -- 380.

Gold Ribbon - Dr. W.A. Bender
White Ribbon - Marie Hartman

Mini Gold Ribbon - Pauline Dickinson
Mini White Ribbon - Jean Ebersole
Rose Ribbon - Dr. W.A. Bender
Junior Awards, Grade 1, Corpus Christi
School
Silver Ribbon - G.A.L. Bender
Purple Ribbon - G.A.L. Bender
Lavender Ribbon - Pauline Dickinson
Maroon Ribbon - G.A.L. Bender

Show reports in this issue are rather limited. If you would like a detailed report on any or all of the shows, please send an SASE to Alan Mead.

Look for another Northeast Regional Newsletter in September. We hope you include notices of local societies fall meetings, plus other items of interest. If you have something to share through our newsletter, send it along to me. Thanks for your support.
Alan Mead

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