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HEADS UP! ANNUAL MEETING

May 19, 2007 in the Old Kitchen
Goodwood Museum & Gardens
9:00 AM

Marge Orrick will present the following slate of officers for the 2007-08 year:

President:	Emily Millett
1 st Vice President:	Lori Johnson
2 nd Vice President:	Tiffanie Bourassa
Secretary:	Carol Allen
Treasurer:	Pete Millett
Past President:	Clara Jane Smith

FDS BYLAWS REVISION

The proposed amendments to the bylaws will be voted on at the annual membership meeting. FDS owes a big "Thanks" to Mary Maude Sharpe for all her work on the bylaws.

Article V. Section 2. The Officers shall be elected and installed at the annual May meeting. Officers serve for a one (1) year term and may be elected for additional terms.

Article VII. The Society shall hold a minimum of ~~three~~ two board meetings per year with the annual general membership meeting being held in May. Meeting times and places will be at the discretion of the Executive Board.

Article VIII. Section 3. Annual dues shall be payable June 1 and if not paid by August 31, membership will be automatically terminated. Dues paid after March 1 shall be considered for the next fiscal year.

Article X. Section 1. a. Daffodil Bulb Sale Committee.

Article X. Section 2. Other Committees deemed necessary by the President may be appointed including, but not limited to, Audit, Membership, Publicity, By-Laws, Project, Fund Raising, and Library. These committees will be composed of a Chair, and as many members as the President shall deem necessary.

Article XII. Section 3. These By-Laws may be amended at ~~any regular~~ the membership meeting by a two-thirds majority vote of the members present provided the proposed amendments have been published in the most recent Society newsletter.

Article XIII. These By-Laws will become effective upon approval by the voting members of the Society present at a scheduled ~~Society~~ membership meeting. A two-thirds (2/3) majority vote by those present is necessary for approval.

ANNUAL DAFFODIL SHOW

The combined flower shows looked great! Flowers were displayed so that the viewers could easily walk around and see both shows. The new boards that Lori Johnson (chair of the Annual Flower Show) asked for made a big difference. Flowers were placed on the boards under the outside windows, then small clumps of low-growing plants were spaced in between the vases of flowers. Identification cards were easier to read in the black stands and the flowers were more at eye level than in years past. Many people commented on the flowers, which were grouped by type – modern, historic and species. We even had questions concerning the daffodil code.

On the other side of a round table, piled high with greenery and orchids, were the exhibitions. A small display of miniature daffodils brought by Becky Fox Matthews was the highlight of the show – so pristine – most people had no clue that dafs could be so small. The Georgia Daffodil Society brought extra flowers so visitors got to see “what we can’t grow” – lots of bright orange with red trim. All of this was displayed on dark green cloth along with the grouped displays of winners and entries in the three main sections. The ribbons made for an exciting “bouquet”. Our ADS boss, Eileen Whitney, praised Phyllis Graham’s show schedule booklet.

AND THE WINNERS WERE:

Ribbons

Gold	Eileen Prince	Grand Soleil d’Or 8Y-O
White	Tiffanie Bourassa	Erlicheer 4W-Y

Miniature Ribbons

Gold	Becky Fox Matthews	Candlepower 1W-W
White	Becky Fox Matthews	Tête-à-Tête 12Y-Y

Youth Best Bloom

Andrew Green	Grand Primo 8W-Y
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Historic Daffodil Award

Bill Reed	Grand Primo 8W-Y
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We thank the participants – 6 adults and 5 youth from the Magnolia School and Buck Lake Elementary. A lot was learned about youth exhibitions from Becky Fox Matthews and it was great to have Bonnie Campbell back, and to chat with John Lipscomb, our third judge.

A daffodil show never seems complete without a few flower arrangements. Mary Maude Sharp presented two arrangements that were so lovely a viewer wanted to buy one! The most important element of the show was the FDS greeters: Robert and Jean Denk, Lea Ellen Thornton, Bernice Ford, Mary Ann Tonnacliff, Emily Millett, Lenny Kennedy, Betty Joe Cutchen, Marge Orrick, Ginny Hardcastle and Martin and Tricia Young and their delightful daughter, Alex. Thanks to everyone’s efforts, we have lots of new members and many future daffodilians.

Last, but not least, were the hardworking chairmen, Lori Johnson and Carol Allen, with daughters Tracey Allen and Diana Norwood. President Clara Jane Smith hosted the luncheon for the judges and clerks Diana Culver, Mary Rhodes and Evelyn Gentry. The Georgia contingent provided Sara Van Beck as registrar, and we provided Mary Ann Tonnacliff as Awards Recorder. Hope you all got to see the full page spread of daffodils in *Tallahassee Magazine* (courtesy of Diana Norwood) and the small dafs in the *Tallahassee Democrat* (courtesy of Zilpha Underwood).

There were lots of the usual flowers in the Garden Show, but one was missing: Trevithian. On Sunday the 5th, Linda noticed one clump that received early morning sun had a stem, but too late for the show! Some other jonquils also missed the party, including Waterperry. All the early tazettas, being so very early this year, desiccated in the flower refrigerator. However, the cold spell we’d had made all the remaining daf colors “catalogue intense”, which made up for the few missing varieties. As usual in uneven temperature years, some Carltons bloomed well and many not at all.

A SPRING ODYSSEY

Linda Van Beck's adventure started Friday, March 10 with a stop in Madison at Yvonne Smith's garden. Next stop was almost directly below the garden, where the Madison County Extension Center is located. Agent Theresa Williams was very enthusiastic about the idea of their 4H group, which has been growing flowers and have their own greenhouse, serve as a pilot study for a statewide 4H program on growing, exhibiting and selling daffodils and other bulbs. A talk/planting session (bulbs provided by FDS) will be in October.

Next stop was in Gainesville at the Alachua Extension Service Center. The demonstration garden was in deep shade and the soil was packed. One couldn't poke a car key in it! The bed is directly in front of the 4H office, so plans were laid to get the 4H-er's involved in moving the garden 20 or 30 feet to a full sun location without foot traffic.

Linda was looking for T.K. Godby's daffodil farm in Waldo, and when she asked around was given the name of Barbara Smith, who is now an agent at McClenny IFAS. When asked if she knew where T.K. Godby's farm was, she said "Oh, you mean my grandfather." Barbara's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clark Smith, now have the farm and were very gracious and had much information on daffodil farming in the area – another story to come!

Then a race against time to get to the bottom of Ocala before sunset. Saturday was day one of the Master Gardeners' Spring Fling. Their publicity department had difficulties so no one knew that there would be daffodils. The talk was billed as "Bulbs". The FDS table, complete with our sign, book display, pamphlets and lots of daffodils, was a crowd stopper unlike anything that has happened before. One person would stop, then a group would stop, and all would silently read the sign. Then there was almost a belligerent "No one told *me* daffodils would grow in Florida!" En masse they would come forward, bend down and bury their faces in the flowers. After an hour of this, Linda put up a small sign "These daffodils will grow in Gainesville". The ritual lasted for 2 days, and when the show was coming down, people lined up to try and buy the flowers. People just wanted to touch and talk about their love of daffodils and what they grew in the North. At least eight folks went by and shouted or raised an arm and said "I grow daffodils in Florida" and one woman identified herself as an FDS member!

BULB SALE FORM TO BE MAILED BY MAY 1
