



The American Daffodil Society

Mid Atlantic Newsletter

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Message from the President

A Happy New Year to you from the world of daffodils.

Since our last newsletter, our region has a new Director. We welcome Ceci Brown from Gloucester Va. We also have two new Presidents since October. Glenna Graves was elected to the Washington Daffodil Society and Laura Anne Brooks has accepted the role for the Virginia Daffodil Society.

Unfortunately, we also have sad news. Long time and wonderful member, Dorothy Sensibaugh passed away in December. She will long be remembered for her many talents and contributions to our Region.

This year will be the start of a new judging school in our region. To make your support easier, the first course will be held the day before the show in Barco, NC.

Please also remember to make your travel plans for the ADS convention in Jackson, MS. You won't be sorry for these meetings are always FUN!

Attending this year will get you into the loop/mood for our Region being the host for the 2012 ADS convention in Baltimore. Speaking of Baltimore, this year's Maryland Society show will be designated the Regional Show.

Finally just some parting thoughts:

D-dog eared catalogs to dream on

A-agonize over options

F-figure the math

F-faint

O-order

D-dig a new bed

I-impatiently wait

L-look for those winners

Lissa Williamson - Regional Vice President

Welcome New Members!

The Mid Atlantic region wishes to welcome the following new members:

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In Memoriam

MYSUNNYDOT

By Mary Koonce



I lost a true friend and considerate traveling companion with the passing of **Dorothy Sensibaugh** this December. We shared lively conversations in many locales on numerous topics from world events and politics to education and horticulture.

A true "dirt" gardener, Dorothy's interests went beyond daffodils. At one time she propagated and sold azaleas and hybridized daylilies. Other plants which she collected were magnolias, hollies, hostas and hellebores.

In the 1980's, Dorothy became an ADS accredited Judge. She had a keen eye for quality both in judging and exhibiting. Although she seldom entered large collections in shows, she repeatedly won blue ribbons with single stem entries and stems of three of the same variety. Dorothy readily shared her gardening and exhibiting knowledge with others including her beloved granddaughters Sophia and Sarah.

Dorothy was a Washington Daffodil Society member of long standing and served on many committees. At various times she was President, Show Chairman and most recently Liaison for the Daffodil Collection at Brookside Gardens in Wheaton, MD. As expected (she was a teacher and reading specialist), the programs she presented throughout the Mid Atlantic Region were well organized and informative. She also served the ADS as a Regional Director and Nominating Committee member.

If it had not been for Dorothy and several other friends, I could not have made the trip to the 2008 World Daffodil Convention in the British Isles and Holland. I hold many treasured memories of our travels and will be eternally grateful to mysunnydot for our years of friendship.

Our Fall Mid Atlantic Meeting will be the time for voting on new board members. Please consider serving in either the position of Vice President or Director or send your nominations for these positions to Glenna Graves glennamgraves@comcast.net or Mary Semrad msemrad@aol.com The VP office is a one year term but may serve up to three successive terms.(maximum of 3 years) and the director is a three year position. Please give these positions your consideration. *Glenna Graves ADS Nominating Committee*

Important Dates to Remember in 2011:

March 10th -13th 2011-**ADS National Convention and Show, Jackson, Mississippi.**

Hosted by the **Central Mississippi Daffodil Society.**

Convention Chair: TedSnazell daffyt@bellsouth.net Convention information will be on ADS website: www.daffodilusa.org and the December Daffodil Journal has registration forms.

There will be an **ADS Judging School II** offered.

Plant your best bulbs NOW for the 2012 ADS Convention! It's the Mid-Atlantic's turn to host the National Show on April 19-22, 2012 in Towson, MD. Volunteers are needed for the national convention and show to be held at the Baltimore Sheraton North in Towson, MD. Please contact convention chairman Julie Minch- Julesmin@gmail.com, or show co-chairs Joan Bender joanbender@comcast.net and Nicki Schwab mako0261mom@aol.com .

2011 Mid Atlantic Spring Shows:

March 19, 2011, **The Northeastern North Carolina Daffodil Society Show** will be held on Saturday, March 19, 2011, in the Auditorium of the County Cooperative Extension Facility 120 Community Way, Barco NC 27917. **ADS Judging School I** will be held at this same facility on March 18th. Contact: Clay Higgins, show chairperson and Judging School chairman for additional details chiggins@comcast.net (240) 632-0002

March 26th-27th-**Gloucester Daffodil Show, Gloucester, VA.** The 61th Annual Daffodil Show will be held at a **NEW location:** Ware Academy, 7936 John Clayton Memorial Highway, Gloucester, VA 23178. For more information and to register early for the artistic division call Cam Williams at 804-693-3566 or email at cam-farm@msm.com .The show chairs are Marianne Bowles, PO BX 2363, Gloucester, VA 23061, bowles.robertmarianna@gmail.com and Jean Johnson, PO BX 52, Ware Neck, VA 23178 crick1house@aol.com Their blogsite: www.gloucesterdaffodils.blogspot.com

April 2nd-3rd-**The Virginia Daffodil Society** will hold its show at Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden in the Edu. Building, 1800 Lakeside Ave, Richmond, VA 23228. The VDS Show Chair is Linda Simon, 804-752-7598 linda.simon@comcast.net The show will also feature a newly created Photography division with its chair Maggie Barnett at 804-364 2739 or margaretjean3@verizon.net for more information.

April 4th-6th-**The Edgewater Show, MD,** Dist II, Federated Garden Clubs of MD. **NEW location:** Our Shepherd Lutheran Church, 400 Benfield Road, Severna Park 21146. Contact is Marie Coulter, 410-674-8971 Frankandmarie@verizon.net

April 2nd-3rd -**The Princess Anne Show, MD,** Somerset County Garden Club, Teakle Mansion, Mansion Street. Contact is Lou Whittington, 410-546-2641 louwhittington@aol.com or Diane Ward, 410-968-0952 memorie@dmv.com

April 6th-7th-**The Garden Club of Virginia** in Lynchburg, VA hosted by the Hillside Garden Club will hold their 77th Daffodil Show at The Holiday Inn, 601 Main Street, Lynchburg VA 24504. Contact Melanie Christian, 434-384-1881 or mschristian@gmail.com More information can be found at www.gcvirginia.org . **Please note venue change!! NOT at Sweet Briar College!**

April 9th-10th-**The Washington Daffodil Society** will hold its show at Brookside Gardens, 1800 Glenallan Avenue, Wheaton, MD. Contact Donna Clausen, 703-751-6042 dclausen49@yahoo.com or Carol Kennedy, 703-780-7779 cekart@hotmail.com

April 12-**Upperville Garden Club Show** will be at Buchanan Hall, 8649 John S. Mosby Hwy: Upperville, VA. Show chair is Barbara Sharp, 540-554-4949 bsharp@rstarmail.com

April 19th-20th-**The Maryland Daffodil Society will be the Mid Atlantic Regional Show Host**, Held at the Shops at Kenilworth, 800 Kenilworth Drive, Towson, MD 21204. Contact is Joan Bender, 410-744-8639 or joanbender@comcast.net

May 7th-8th **The Washington Daffodil Society Late Show** will be held at St. John Neumann Catholic Church, 11900 Lawyers Rd; Reston, VA 20191. Contact is Chriss Rainey 703 391 2073 triller7@verizon.net
CORRECTION: There will NOT be a-Dorchester Garden Club Show as listed in the Spring Newsletter.

Judges Forum

The current ADS Journal, page 138-139, offers some changes by the ADS Judging School Chairman and should be noted by Accredited and Student Judges.

A brief summary:

- Add "species" to ADS Handbook, page 85 so the 100 daffodils required will include cultivars and species.
- To maintain Accreditation as a judge you must have *current* ADS membership.
- Note the test numbers change for Identification for Students.
- The current requirements for a Student Judge to earn a blue ribbon for a collection will be modified to utilize the 90+ rule.

Explanation to Students: (please read entire section in the Journal)

You will enter a collection and advise the Judges Chairman of the show that you have done so. If you receive the notation of 90+ and it is initialed by a judge on your entry card this will count as a blue ribbon.....The 90+ means you have achieved a collection point score within the blue ribbon required point score range. A copy of this card must be provided to the ADS Judging School.

Explanation to Accredited Judges:

When judging the collection classes where you have been advised a student judge has entered, you will follow this procedure:

- View all collections in a class and if any or all have earned the point score of 90 points or more for a blue ribbon, you should indicate this on the entry card on the upper right side as "90+" and an accredited judge should initial it – this certifies the decision of the panel.
- Proceed to judge the collections as you would at any other time placing ribbons as you determine the blue, red, etc. This is all that is required.
- The extra advantage to ALL collection entries is that the exhibitor now knows they were in the blue ribbon point score range whether or not they receive the actual Blue Ribbon.

All Show Chairmen are encouraged to invite Student Judges to Judge in their Shows!!

ADS 2010 Fall Board Meeting and Intermediate Symposium

For those of you who came to the ADS Board Meeting and Intermediate Symposium we thank you. We had 88 people attending the Symposium from all around the Mid Atlantic Region and surrounding areas as well. It was great to meet new members and those who were attending their first ADS Board/ convention meeting. Introductions to those we have heard of for so long mean so much more now.

Hopefully the Intermediate Symposium has instilled a desire for your growing of Intermediates as well as entering them in our shows. They are beautiful “smaller” blooms but remember an intermediate is not a “small grown standard bloom”. There is an intermediate list on the ADS website to assist with your purchase list.



Speakers: Loyce McKenzie, Mitch Carney, Brent Heath, Bob Spotts, Brian Duncan, Richard Ezell (Left to right)

We had very interesting speakers, and were fortunate enough to obtain some really great bulbs for our own gardens thanks to “Sir Robin” Duncan, “Friar Tuck” Rainey and “Maid Marian” Rainey.



The optional tours on Sunday were wonderful.

A big “Thank You”



to Peg Bier and Suzi Worsham for opening their gardens and home to us. Their gracious hospitality was warm and wonderful!



Suzi next to her 103 year old Daddy!



Enjoying the fine food from the superb chef Suzi is Ross Hotchkiss, Brian Duncan, Sally Nash, Kathy Welsh, Becky Fox. Matthews (left to right)

Story by Glenna Graves
Pictures by Kate Carney

The Fall 2010 Mid-Atlantic Regional Meeting

Our Fall Meeting was held jointly with the Virginia Daffodil Society. It was a beautiful sunny day for the meeting held in the superb location of the Lewis Ginter Botanical Gardens. Brent Heath of Brent and Becky Bulbs was the guest speaker with a program called "Chasing Wild Daffodils in France, Andorra and Spain". The native species are a marvel growing in such the rugged locations. Thanks also Brent for the bulbs of 'Smiling Twin'!

The outgoing Virginia Daffodil Society president, Ross Hotchkiss gave the Sue Robinson Award to James Taylor.



This memorial award is given to a deserving member for their work and devotion to the Virginia Daffodil Society.

Ross also saw to fruition a project he started many years ago. At this meeting bulbs of the daffodil 'Lora Robins' were

given to Tom Brinda, the Assistant Director at Lewis Ginter, to be planted in the Robin Haskell Memorial Garden in memory of Mrs. Robins' grandson.

In April 2004, Ross approached Bill Pannill when he came to the Virginia Daffodil Society show to exhibit flowers and asked him if he would consider naming one of his hybrids in honor of Mrs. Robins. Bill's response was immediate. . . "I think it is a great idea and will be happy to do so"!

So on June 23rd at Mrs. Robins' 92nd birthday her son read a letter from the Virginia Daffodil Society announcing that a daffodil had been named in her honor.



Mrs. Robins passed away this year at the age of 98. Her philanthropy along with that of her late husband, E. Claiborne Robins Sr. is well known in Richmond and throughout Virginia. The

Lewis Ginter Botanical Gardens was one of their favorite projects and the 27,000 square foot Visitor's Center and Gift Shop as well as the Tea House was part of their many endowments.

Thus it seems fitting that the daffodil bulbs bearing her name should find a home and bloom in this botanical garden they helped to create.

Photo by Bill Pannill of 'Lora Robins' 2W-P
Story by Ross Hotchkiss and Kate Carney



A LUCKY WINNER By Mary Koonce

It was disappointing news when the Jefferson County Cancer Council was informed that West Virginia would no longer participate in the annual March Daffodil Days. The daffodil has long been a symbol as the flower of hope for the Cancer Society. For me, the event also mentally signaled the end of winter and the beginning of the daffodil season.

My team, the Board of Hope, decided to celebrate Daffodil Days by sponsoring a raffle which would entitle the winner to name a daffodil. Dr. John Reed of Oakwood Daffodils generously donated a 2Y-R seedling for the raffle. The lucky winner was newly accredited **ADS Judge Nickola (Nicki) Schwab** of Gibson Island, Md. The name, 'Nicki's Smile' was selected by

her husband, Kent, and reflects one of Nicki's noticeable assets. It has been registered with the RHS.