

American Daffodil Society
Southern Region Newsletter
ALABAMA, ARKANSAS, LOUISIANA, MISSISSIPPI, OKLAHOMA,
TEXAS, NEW MEXICO, WESTERN TENNESSEE
FALL 2012

ADS Officers:

President: Becky Fox Matthews
Immediate Past President: Kathy Welsh
First VP: Harold Koopowitz, Santa Anna, CA
Second VP: Michael Berrigan, MN
Secretary: Sally Nash, Nantucket, MA
Treasurer: Rod Armstrong, Plano, TX
Assistant Treasurer: Mary Semrad,
Washington, DC
Ex. Director: Jaydee Ager, Hawkinsville, GA

Special Appointments:

Editor, The Daffodil Journal: Loyce McKenzie
249 Ingleside Drive, Madison, MS 39110

lmckdaffodils@aol.com

Historian: Loyce Mckenzie

Standing Committees:

Research, Health and Culture:

Ted Snazelle, 101 Water Oaks Dr.,
Clinton, MS 39056-9733 (601) 924-7959

daffyt@bellsouth.net

Nominating Committee:

Southern: Mary Price, 57 Briar Court,
Brandon, MS 39042-2502 (601) 825-5844

vcrou@bellsouth.net

Southern Regional Vice President:

2010 Ann Hibbs

6534 Azalea Lane

Dallas, TX 75230

anniesp@yahoo.com

Southern Regional Directors:

2013: Jean Sutton, 575 Keogh, Pipertown, TN
38817 (901) 854-3314. tinnatasha@yahoo.com

2014: Char Roush, 595 Grant 758, Sheridan, AR
72150 (870) 942-7957 cmroush@windstream.net

2015: Jack Hollister, 103 Doctors Park, Starkville,
MS 39759 jjackh@aol.com

New Members

**The Southern Region of the ADS wishes to
welcome the following new members:**

Eudora Welty Foundation, PO Box 55685,
Jackson, MS 39296-5685

barks.welty@gmail.com

Vicki Duggins, 8716 Overcup Oaks Drive,
Cordova, TN 38018

Susan Thompson, 1400 Poderosa Trail,
Sachse, TX 75048

rsranch@verizon.net

ADS 2012 Fall Board Meeting and Symposium,
The Future of Daffodil Breeding, October 26-27,
2012 Nashville, TN. Visit the ADS website at
daffodilusa.org for registration forms and
information. All ADS members are welcome and
encouraged to attend!



Sponsored by The Central Ohio Daffodil Society
April 11-14th, 2013

Judging School I, April 11, 2013

Crown Plaza Hotel Columbus North

Convention Chairman: Jill Griesse
pdgriesse@gmail.com

Member Spotlight



Martha Watkins
Mobile, Alabama

Daffodils and Siblings

Some people claim an Ah-ha moment when they first discovered the joy of daffodils. I had daffodils thrust upon me.

When my oldest brother, Gene Watkins, retired and was able to devote more time to growing daffodils, he decided that I, while working full time, should do the same. He delivered from his house in Flora, Mississippi, to my house, in Mobile, Alabama, dozens of daffodil bulbs, packaged neatly in mesh bags also containing either plastic utensils or strips of vinyl siding labeled with their names and a mystical series of W's, Y's, and numbers. There may have been an O or R in amongst the letters.

The names included 'King Alfred', N. jonquilla, 'Avalanche', 'Erlicheer', 'Sweetness', 'Saint Keverne', 'Ice Follies', 'Falconet', 'Loch Hope', 'Golden Dawn', 'Saint Patrick's Day', 'Arctic Gold', 'Actaea', 'Accent', 'Glenfarclas', 'Camelot', 'Tresamble', and 'Campernelle'. I'd never before heard of any except the first two.

Since my brother devoted so much time to digging and otherwise acquiring, packaging, and labeling these bulbs, I decided I needed to put some thought into their re-interment in terms of where they might like to live and how they would look best.

Between The Daffodil Journal, some gardening books, and a second-hand daffodil judging book, I found the height of various sorts and how much sun and cool weather they were going to need. I also discovered the purpose of the mystical letters and numbers. I also saw the ominous words rot and fungus used!

I've been living in Mobile since 1974. I know it is damp here so I decided to build my version of a raised bed. I hauled dirt and leaves to the back of my house under the eaves, then formed a pile about five inches high, two feet wide, and twelve feet long with paving

tiles to support the soil and leaves. The daffodils in the bed would get the morning sun.

'King Alfred' are tall so I planted them in a line closest to the house. I lined up N. jonquilla at the front of the bed closest to the paving tiles. For some reason the 'Avalanche' resided at the northernmost edge of the bed near the back with the 'Erlicheer' nearby. The rest were placed and properly labeled with plastic or vinyl between the 'King Alfred' and N. jonquilla, except for the 'Ice Follies'. I ran out of room for them in the daffodil plot. Almost everything came up that first spring and they bloomed beautifully. I'll probably never enter a bloom in a show, hybridize anything, register a new cultivar, or have a farm where I propagate bulbs for sale, but I love to have beautiful daffodils pop through the ground and start blooming before it has stopped snowing up north.

Things I have learned:

No matter how many times you rewrite a daffodil name in permanent marker on a piece of plastic or a strip of vinyl siding, the sun will clean the ink right off for you.

All the bulbs I planted bloomed beautifully the first year except 'Ice Follies'. I planted them in four different places in the yard. Maybe the soil was too hard, maybe there was too much sun or shade, or maybe 'Ice Follies' does not grow well in my climate. I think they just needed me to be on my knees, adoring them, coddling them, praising them longer, but I was too tired. So they didn't thrive. I won't bother with 'King Alfred' again. Those big giant heads bloom one year in my climate and then give up the ghost leaving no trace that they ever existed.

Of the ones I planted, N. jonquilla, 'Avalanche', and 'Erlicheer' seem to be the best for my garden. They come back every year. Others recur, I think maybe 'Sweetness' and 'Loch Hope', but I'm not sure because the labels are erased. But these three, along with the 'King Alfred', are also the first that I planted, so maybe I gave them more adoration. Maybe 'King Alfred', being a Royal, just didn't see enough humility from me.

It's all just hard work and magic. If I plant more bulbs, I'll get more flowers. Maybe I'll look for some bulbs this year. If you try to pacify your brother by growing daffodils, he'll just want you to grow satsuma's. Please don't tell him about the Satsuma Society!



Do You Pickle Your Paperwhites?

Ah! Cooler temperatures are just around the corner and many folks will be forcing paperwhites indoors during the winter months. These can be grown in dishes or bowls with gravel, pebbles, glass stones, rocks, or soil. The problem is, the foliage and leaves will often grow very tall, and the entire plant will flop over. Staking the plant with supports or wires can be tricky at best, and the beauty of the blooms does not always shine through due to the heavy concentration of blooms moved to the center of the pot. You might try the recommendations that came out of a study at Cornell University. William B. Miller, Professor of Horticulture, recommends placing the bulbs in rocks or stones with water, then waiting about one week after planting when roots are growing and shoots are appearing. Pour off the water and replace it with a solution of 4-6% alcohol from any hard liquor. As an example: to get a 5% solution from 40% distilled spirits, add one part liquor to seven parts of water. Use this solution for further irrigation and sit back and watch to see if your paperwhites are about 1/3 shorter than normal with blooms intact. For more information on this study see:

http://www.hort.cornell.edu/department/faculty/wmiller/bulb/Pickling_your_Paperwhites.pdf



<http://www.facebook.com/pages/American-Daffodil-Society/245491186449>

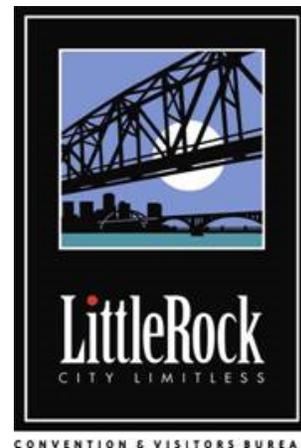
Tentative Show Dates in our Region for 2013

Dallas, TX (TDS)- March 2-3, 2013

Jackson, MS (CMDS)-March 9, 2013

Conway, AR (ARDS)-March 16, 2013

Memphis, TN (MSDS)-March 23-24, 2013

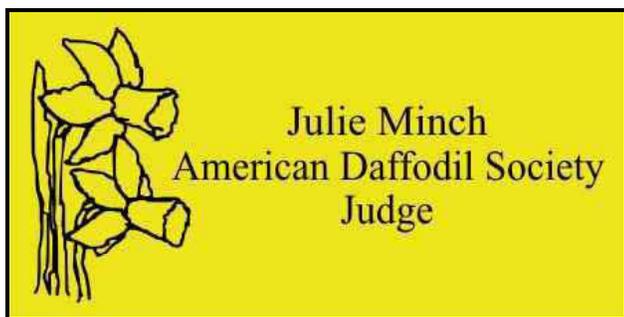


The 2014 ADS National Convention will be held in Little Rock, Arkansas

Calling all ADS Judges!

The Maryland Daffodil Society is making available judges badges. These badges have a "daffodil" yellow background and a strong magnetic backing. They eliminate the messy sticky tape backs, pins and clips that leave holes in your clothing, or do not hold! Cost of the badge is \$15.00 (inclusive). Be sure to print your name clearly for the badge. All orders must be prepaid. Make checks payable and send to: Maryland Daffodil Society

Joan Bender
117 Oak Drive
Catonsville, MD



Reminder About Your ADS Dues

We all like a good value! NOW is an excellent time for you to save money on your ADS dues, by renewing for three years. ADS dues will increase, effective 1 JUL 2013. ADS has not had a dues increase for individuals, family/households in 22 years.

When the dues increase on 1 JUL of next year, the rates will become:

1 yr individual: \$30 / 1 yr family/household: \$35
3 yr individual: \$60 / 3 yr family/household: \$90
1 yr youth: \$10
Individual Life: \$750

The current dues are:

1 yr individual: \$20 / 1 yr family/household: \$25
3 yr individual: \$50 / 3 yr family/household: \$60
1 yr youth: \$5
Individual Life: \$500

Please check the back cover of your latest Journal for your dues paid thru date. If it doesn't say that you are paid thru **SEP 2012**, you are in arrears. We ask ADS members to align with our JUL 1 dues payment date, either paying annually, or once every three years. How do you align with JUL 1? Contact Jaydee Atkins Ager, our ADS Executive Director (ED) so she can advise you of the amount you need to pay. Reach her at: jaydeeager@gmail.com, or her residence office phone, 478/783-2153, or PO BOX 522, Hawkinsville, GA 31036. Dues checks, payable to ADS, can be mailed to the above address, or utilize our convenient webstore at www.daffodilusastore.org. You will find there, an option to pay a pro-rated amount, if you need to align with JUL 1. We ask that all ADS members align, and automatically pay their dues on JUL 1 annually, or once every three years on JUL 1.

ADS and our planet Earth thank you for sending in your dues payments without a reminder, and for providing us with your email address, so we can email you this Regional Newsletter. The ED and your RVP would like to have your current email address, please. ADS does not make our members information available for any reason other than ADS business.



Daffodils blooming at the Dallas Arboretum Spring 2012 during the Texas Daffodil Society Annual Show

BALLOT FOR ADS SOUTHERN REGION

The ADS has implemented a system by which all members of the Region are to elect their own Regional Directors, Regional Vice President and member of the National Nominating Committee. Please take time to fill out the ballot and return it to Mary Price by October 5, 2012.

Nominated for ADS Southern Regional Vice President: 1 year term

Gary McClure, 12 Stone Ridge Drive, Pine Bluff, AR 71603 870-575-2446

(Write-In) _____

Nominated for ADS Regional Director: 3 year term (2012-2015)

Annette Parker, 105 Kendrick Rd, Many, LA 71449, 318-508-1107

(Write-In) _____

Nominated for National Nominating Committee: 2 year term (2012-2014)

Larry Force, 3411 Hunter Rd N, Southhaven, MS 38672, 662-429-9975

(Write-in) _____

DEADLINE FOR RETURNING BALLOT – October 5, 2012

Send completed ballot to:

Mary Price

57 Briar Court

Brandon, MS 39042-2502

Or, you may e-mail your votes to vcrou@bellsouth.net