

AMERICAN DAFFODIL SOCIETY

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NEWS BULLETIN, January 24, 1955

Dear Member,

This is the first of the Quarterly News Bulletins that we'll issue from The Society hereafter. Next issue will be in May.

On January 22, 1955 the Interim Board of Directors, after some months of study by Special Committees met at Bethesda, Maryland and (a) elected interim officers, (b) extended all paid-up memberships as of January 22, 1955 to December 31, 1955, (c) adopted a Constitution and By-Laws draft to be submitted to the next membership meeting, (d) approved initiating program to include Quarterly News Bulletins, a Year Book, and the appointment of Committees to consider Daffodil Health, Culture, Classification, Breeding, Registration, Shows, Awards, Standards, Judges, Commercial Section, Symposium, and Test Gardens.

Features of the Constitution and By-Law draft: (a) keyed to individual daffodil fanciers; (b) Provision for commercial section; (c) Regional Divisions to fit needs and distribution; (d) and wide program commitments.

Officers elected are: Carey E. Quinn, Washington, D.C., President; George S. Lee, New Canaan, Conn., First Vice-President; Grant E. Mitsch, Canby, Oregon, Second Vice-President; Willis H. Wheeler, Arlington, Virginia, Secretary; Mrs. Wm. A. Bridges, Towson, Maryland, Treasurer; Dr. George L. Slate, Geneva, New York, Regional Vice-President for Northeastern States; Dr. John C. Wister, Swarthmore, Pa., Regional Vice President for Middle Atlantic States; E. Fay Pearce, Atlanta, Georgia, Regional Vice-President for Southern States; Dr. R. C. Allen, Mansfield, Ohio, Regional Vice-President for Middle West; Mrs. J. T. Foster, Oklahoma City, Okla., Regional Vice-President for Mississippi Valley & Southwest; and Frank Reinelt, Capitola, California, Regional Vice-President, for Far West States.

In addition to the above named, the Board of Directors includes Paul Frese, New York; Mrs. Jesse Cox, Arkansas; Jan de Graaff, Oregon; Dr. E. L. Emswiler, Maryland; Orville W. Fay, Illinois; Mrs. Frank Guilkeep, Indiana; Joel Chandler Harris, Georgia; George W. Heath, Virginia; John R. Larus, Connecticut; Frederic P. Lee, Maryland; Mrs. Theodore Pratt, Virginia; Fred F. Rockwell, New York; Kenneth D. Smith, New York; John Thibedeau, Mass.; Harry I. Tuggle, Virginia; Mrs. J. Robert Walker, Virginia; Mrs. Lawrence R. Wharton, Maryland; and Freeman Weiss, District of Columbia.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

"I am honored to be your first president and I will do my best to help design and activate the sort of Society you need and want. By way of introduction let me say that I am a gray haired lawyer who grows some 1,000 varieties of Daffodils in a small Maryland garden just for the fun of it with nothing to sell and no axes to grind. You can usually reach me at my office at 1010 Vermont Avenue, Washington, D.C. Hope you'll drop in to see me, but write me any way and tell me what's on your mind.

"Our secretary, Willis H. Wheeler, of 3171 Quincy Street, Arlington, 7, Virginia is professionally a well-known plant pathologist who on the side grows, hybridizes

and photographs Daffodils for the fun of it. When you meet this fellow you'll see how lucky we are to have him for Secretary.

"Our Treasurer, Mrs. Wm. A. (Serena) Bridges of 10 Otho Ridge Road, Towson 4, Maryland is the wife of a retired physician. She is probably one of the half dozen best liked and most trusted garden club figures in the East. She is expert not only at the growing and showing of Daffodils but at arranging them. And she is always in great demand as a Judge. You'll love Serena.

"The other officers and Directors we are very proud to have also but I'll have to tell you about them another day.

"I hope to see a great many of you in person sometime this year. In the meantime I hope your Daffodil year is perfect and that the good Lord will take a permanent liking to all of you."

With best wishes,

Willis H. Wheeler.
Secretary.

P.S. Most pertinent questions in our mail:

1. What training and experience should show judges have to be accredited by this Society?
2. What requisites for an Accredited Show?
3. What Awards should we give?
4. Should we undertake one National Scope Show each year, or simply accredit Regional or State Shows?
5. Are you satisfied with Royal Horticulture Societies Classification?
6. If not, what changes would you make?
7. What should be the nature of our Bulletin and/or our Year Book as to contents and make-up?
8. What should we try to do about Test Gardens?
9. Should we issue a National Scope Symposium by accredited Judges? Popularity Poll?
10. Just what should we prepare, if anything, to assist general Garden Clubs, or individual member in showing, or growing daffodils?

Your advices will be greatly appreciated.

Will you please fill out this Questionnaire and mail to Secretary, Willis H. Wheeler,
3171 Quincy Street, Arlington 7, Virginia not later than March 1, 1955.

1. How many varieties of Daffodils do you grow? _____

2. Would you list on the back of this sheet your principal varieties -
marking the ones that do best for you?

3. What is the name of your local Garden Club or Clubs?

Sec'y & Address _____

Having a Daffodil Show _____ Date _____

Place _____

4. Will your garden be open to interested persons during Daffodil Season? _____

Estimated dates _____

5. Please list any other Daffodil Collections (amateur or commercial) in the
gardens of others you think people should see.

6. Can you have an article, news items, or announcement for the next Bulletin? _____

Tell us about your shows and activities. Let us know!

7. List the Daffodil growers in your area with their addresses -
We want to ask them to join the Society.

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Your name _____

Address _____
