

FIRST ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE AMERICAN DAFFODIL SOCIETY
April 6th and 7th Washington, D. C.

The Place: The Shoreham Hotel, headquarters for most horticultural conventions.

Hello there! This is the notice for which you have been waiting a long time and are we glad to be able to send it to you. We here in the Mid-Atlantic Region and particularly those of us in the Washington, D.C. area, feel highly honored by the selection of our Region for this history making event in the horticultural world. Our convention committee is just "bustin'" with pride about the plans we have made for your enjoyment. Obviously, at this stage, our program is only tentative because all of the speakers have not, as yet, replied to our invitations to participate. However, if all invited to participate accept, this is the program we have planned for you:

THURSDAY, APRIL 5th. Thursday evening we will hold an informal get-together and a slide show at the hotel. If you have some good slides bring them with you as everyone attending this session will, I am sure, enjoy them.

FRIDAY, APRIL 6th. We open up bright and early (9:30 A.M.) with our business meeting, the main purpose of which is the adoption of the new constitution and by-laws. This session will be conducted by our Interim President Judge Carey E. Quinn. The election of the Board of Directors will be the last item of business before lunch.

At luncheon, which in itself will be a delightful experience, you will have the pleasure of hearing Joel Chandler Harris speak on "Daffodils in Dixie". Following luncheon we move on to our Educational Session with this imposing line-up of speakers:

Judges, Judging and Awards	Mrs. William A. Bridges
The Conduct of a Daffodil Trail Garden	Dr. John C. Wister
Keeping Daffodils Healthy	Dr. Charles Gould
The Culture of Daffodils	Mr. Jan de Graaff

At this time we are going to give you a rest period before dinner which will be served at 6:30 P.M. As yet we have not decided who the speaker will be but if our plans go through for this bit of entertainment you will not be disappointed.

Next comes our Symposium Session at 8 P.M. which will be headed up by Hubert Fischer as Master of Ceremonies. Here the main event will be a panel discussion of "Novelties of the Future". Where possible we expect to have a slide showing every daffodil mentioned in the discussion. The panel of 8 will consist of:

Grant E. Mitch	George Heath	George H. Pride	Miss Eleanor Hill
Jan de Graaff	Gerald D. Waltz	William H. Wood	Mrs. Theodore Muller

This will be followed by a membership participation program entitled "Successful Daffodils" in which members will be asked to make a brief statement on the varieties which have performed best for them. These will also be illustrated with slides where possible. This will conclude the program for the day and those who can sleep will turn in and those who can't will attend their favorite bull session.

SATURDAY, APRIL 7th. At 8 A.M. there will be three important breakfast meetings (Dutch). One will be for Commercial Daffodil Growers and Hybridists with Grant Mitch and George Heath acting as Co-Chairmen. It might interest some of you to know that Guy Wilson and Frank Reinelt plan to attend this meeting. Another will be a meeting of the Regional Vice-Presidents conducted by George S. Lee, Jr., our First Vice-Prez. The third meeting will be a Round Robin breakfast led by the Top Robin Mrs. E.G. Sawyers.

After breakfast we have scheduled a bus tour of representative daffodil gardens of the Washington, D.C. area. This tour will feature about all of the newer varieties including SALMON TROUT (if it is in bloom), which was sent to us last fall by Harry Taggle as a guest, but the tour will not include EMPRESS OF IRELAND. At the last

garden we will enjoy a delicious box luncheon, afterwhich we plan to give you a leisure period of about 4 hours so you can take in the commercial daffodil exhibits which will be the greatest collection of daffodils ever assembled in this country in one place. Or if you wish, some of you may like to attend the Camellia Show at Woodward & Lothrop's auditorium to see which varieties can stand our cold climate.

And now comes our piece de resistance, the Annual Banquet, which will be at 7 P.M. with Freeman Weiss presiding and Fred Lee as Toastmaster. What a team! When these two get together you can bet you will be provided with entertainment which will be nothing but the best. I can reveal this much, however, that the highlight of the evening will be MR. GUY L. WILSON, THE KNOCKAN, BROUGHSHANE, COUNTRY ANTRIM, NORTHERN IRELAND, who will speak on "Fifty Years of Daffodils".

Now comes the good news! This whole show is going to cost you only \$20.00 per person. Local members and non-member gardening friends who cannot attend all of the planned functions may attend the Educational Session and the Symposium by payment of \$1.00 at the registration desk before noon on Friday, April 6th.

In closing we wish to extend to you a cordial invitation to attend your first convention and if you do decide to favor us with your presence please fill out the forms at the end of this letter and mail them in right away. This will take some of the pressure off of the committee and will help us to make your stay here that much more enjoyable.

Good gardening,

Freeman A. Weiss, General Chairman, Willard A. King, Chairman, Budget & Finance.
Willis H. Wheeler, Program Chairman

Mr. Willard A. King, Chairman, Budget & Finance Committee

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AMERICAN DAFFODIL SOCIETY

I plan to attend the 1st annual convention of the American Daffodil Society, on Friday & Saturday, April 6 & 7, 1956, and wish to make reservation as follows:

	No. of persons _____
Bus transportation - 2 luncheons - 2 dinners - \$20.00 per person	
This fee does not include hotel accommodations or breakfasts.	Remittance enclosed\$ _____

Tickets for the bus, luncheons & dinners NAME _____
will be available at the Registration Desk ADDRESS _____
the evening of April 5 & all day the 6th. CITY _____

Mr. L. G. Moore, Manager
The Shoreham Hotel
2500 Calvert Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C.

(Please send this form direct to the Shoreham Hotel)

I plan to attend the first annual convention of the American Daffodil Society to be held on April 6th and 7th, 1956 and wish to make a room reservation.

Number of nights _____

Name _____

Dates _____

Address _____

Type of Room _____

City _____

Number in Room _____