Hello there! This is the notice for which you have been waiting a long time and are
glad to be able to send it to you. We are in the Mid-Atlantic Region and particu-
larly 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 con-
vention committee is just "bustin'" with pride about the plans we have made for your en-
joyment. 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 every-
one 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 "Novel-
ities 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
- Jan de Graaff
- George Heath
- George H. Pride
- Miss Eleanor Hill
- Mrs. Theodore Muller
- Gerald D. Waltz
- William H. Wood

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
(Putsch). 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 all of the newer varieties in-
cluding 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, after which 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 pièce de résistance, 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, BROUGHSANE, 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
7902 Bradley Blvd.
Bethesda 14, Maryland

Make checks payable to:

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:

Bus transportation - 2 luncheons - 2 dinners - $20.00 per person$ persons
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 (Please send this form direct to the Shoreham Hotel)
The Shoreham Hotel
2500 Calvert Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C.

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 

Dates 

Type of Room 

Number in Room 

Name 

Address 

City