

The Daffodil Bulletin



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SEVENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

By MRS. JOHN R. LARUS

Some 200 ADS members from 24 states met in Nashville early in April for the Seventh Annual Convention, under the able chairmanship of Mrs. Donald Linton aided by her hard-working committees.

In spite of some rain we were lucky to see lovely gardens and houses with daffodils charmingly naturalized. The International Collection of some 300 varieties sent by Irish, English, Dutch and American hybridizers were at their best at Cheekwood, and provided a fine chance to study the newer varieties, as did the cut flowers sent in by Grant Mitsch and Mrs. J. Lionel Richardson.

A real high-light was the Southern Regional Show with fine quality flowers well-staged in excellent containers made by Mr. Linton. A superb Bethany won Best-in-Show for William Pannill; Mrs. Julius Seeman, show chairman, won the Carey E. Quinn Award, and Charles Meehan had the Best Seedling.

We heard panel discussions on garden varieties and on judging; a chat on photographing daffodils emphasizing posing, background and accurate color; a fine talk on aranging by Mrs. Victoria Pearl Fort, and a speech on "Bulbs for Contrast and Complement" by Roland A. Brown, who showed slides of Keukenhof Gardens to illustrate his thesis.

Our featured speaker at the banquet was Michael Jefferson-Browne of Whitbourne, England, who is an artist and writer as well as a grower and hybridizer of daffodils. He showed his water-colors of possible color breaks among narcissus and talked on "Daffodils of the Future," envisioning new colors such as all reds,

greens and possible blues, as well as new forms.

At the banquet the Gold Medal was awarded to Judge Quinn and the Silver Medal to Mrs. Lawrence R. Wharton for outstanding service to the ADS.

The convention is past in time but not in memory. The heart-warming sight of friends we seldom see, the new friends we make, the glorious flowers that gladden our eyes, the valuable talks we hear and the warmth of hospitality we receive make for delights that all members should experience.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

The 1962 Annual Meeting is now history, and very pleasant history it was in the making, too. The 200 members who gathered in Nashville, Tenn., for April 5, 6, and 7 found a well planned program, beginning with a beautiful daffodil show and ending with the important talk by Michael Jefferson-Brown, following the banquet the evening of the 7th. In fact, every meal provided by the Convention Committee left nothing to be desired. They were superb. Our thanks go to Mrs. Donald M. Linton, chairman of the 1962 Convention Committee, the members of her committee, and to Mrs. Julius Seeman, president of the Middle Tennessee Daffodil Society, and her associates. At the same time we must not forget to thank Mr. Linton and the three Linton children for the many hours Mrs. Linton was away from them working on the meeting plans.

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Significant decisions made by the ADS Directors at the Nashville meeting included (1) the acceptance of an invitation from the New England Region for the Society to hold its 1963 meeting the last week end of April at Stratford Motor Inn, in Stratford, Conn., and (2) the designation of Cleveland, Ohio, as the city for the fall meeting of the Board of Directors, on October 20.

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The Board reviewed the budget and noted that the cost of some of the items in the budget had exceeded the figure planned for them. In spite of this the Board and the Executive Committee will strive to avoid an immediate increase in dues. Please help us in this by paying your dues as soon as possible. Send them to Mrs. Grover Roennfeldt, 7426 Lynn Avenue, University City, St. Louis 30, Mo. As one of its concluding acts, the Board appointed the following members to serve as the Executive Committee for the coming year: the president, secretary, treasurer (ex officio members),

Mrs. Richard N. Darden, Jr., Mrs. John C. Wister, and Mr. Harry I. Tuggle, Jr.

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Members of the Society were saddened by the recent death of their friend, Guy L. Wilson of County Antrim, Northern Ireland, who was the honored guest of our first annual meeting at Washington in 1956. In his brief visit here he endeared himself to us and will be greatly missed. But we will have his creations in the daffodil world which will keep his memory fresh as the years slip by.

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A year ago your president mentioned the plastic vases the Washington Daffodil Society was attempting to secure. The Washington people had begun to despair of ever getting them but were delighted when the Vlchek Plastic Company of Middlefield, Ohio delivered the order on the evening of April 20, just as the members were beginning to set up the show. The green vases, light in weight and unbreakable, served as excellent containers for the three-stem entries. The cost is \$22.50 per hundred, in lots of 50 pieces, f.o.b. Middlefield, Ohio.

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As we begin the Society's new year, I pledge on behalf of the officers and

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directors that we will serve the organization to the best of our ability. But to do a really good job we will need the help of all the faithful and able members. So, when we call for help with any one of the many things involved in running such a Society, I trust each of you will respond with enthusiasm.

—WILLIS H. WHEELER

REPORT OF SOCIETY'S OUTGOING PRESIDENT

The total membership of the Society on October 1, 1961, was 1,465, an increase of 56 over the previous year. We now have 74 sustaining members, 26 contributing members and 19 life members. I am sorry to announce the death of one of our life members, Mrs. Wallace Thompson of Galesburg, Ill. Our special \$5 offer for new 1962 members, offering copies of three back issues of the *Yearbook*, has attracted 22 members so far. We should have a total membership of 1,600 or more by the end of 1962.

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The Society is in good shape financially. Although our improved 1962 *Yearbook* cost more than in prior years, our audit report, included in this BULLETIN, shows a net worth of \$3,700 and a cash balance of \$4,400. Your directors would like to maintain the basic \$3 membership fee as long as possible, and it can be done if we can continue to increase the number of sustaining, contributing and family memberships.

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Our 1962 Convention at Nashville was attended by 200 people from 24 states. The daffodil show, the garden tours, the flower arrangements, our speakers and panel discussions were all excellent, and we all enjoyed the wonderful hospitality of the Southern Region. Mrs. Donald Linton, the convention chairman, Mrs. Julius Seeman, president of the Middle Tennessee Daffodil Society, and Mrs. Jesse Cox, vice president of the Southern Region, and all the members of their 1962 convention committee did an outstanding job, and made

our seventh annual meeting a memorable occasion. A more detailed report is included in a separate article in this BULLETIN.

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The number of daffodil shows offering American Daffodil Society awards is increasing. There were nearly 40 such shows this spring, and we should have more in 1963. The Society will have a Show Manual available to help local garden clubs set up a standard show qualifying for ADS awards. One has already been prepared, but we were not able to get copies reproduced in time for the 1962 season. The manual will be for sale at \$1 each to cover printing and mailing costs.

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We now have over 100 accredited judges and about 200 student judges, those who have passed at least one of the three courses of the judging school. We need more judges to take care of our increasing number of shows, and in some areas the number of judges is quite small. The 1962 schools and shows should, however, increase the number of judges substantially.

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And how about you members who like to write? Our *Yearbook* and BULLETIN editors are always looking for articles to include in these publications, or if you just prefer to write about your experiences informally, join one of our Round Robins and swap stories with others with similar interests, be it hybridizing, miniatures, show varieties or just daffodils. Dr. Glenn Dooley, chairman of the committee, Bowling Green, Ky., will arrange for you to become a member of one of these friendly groups.

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Shows, schools, conventions and bulletins are only a means to an end—to promote a wider interest in daffodils so that more people may enjoy them. It is all an important part of our promotional scheme to get more and better daffodils growing on hillsides, naturalized at the

DAFFODIL SHOW REPORTS FROM OVER THE COUNTRY

Reports of the winners and outstanding features of daffodil shows held throughout the United States in the 1962 season are presented herewith for BULLETIN readers:

Southern Region

The Southern Regional Show of the Middle Tennessee Daffodil Society was held this year in conjunction with the Seventh Annual Convention of the ADS. The show was outstanding for both quality and quantity of blooms.

William Pannill of Virginia was the heavy winner "percentagewise" — he brought 13 blooms and won five first place ribbons. His Bethany, a horticulturally perfect specimen, was best flower in show, and his collection of reverse bi-colors won the ADS Maroon Ribbon (Binkie, Limeade Halolight, Daydream and Bethany).

In fact, it was a heyday for the reverse bi-colors. Charles Meehan's seedling of a cool sulphur yellow with reversed trumpet won the ADS rose rib-

edges of woods, along streams or in the corners of a rail fence or in garden borders. And perhaps, even more importantly, in so doing, we shall promote many lasting friendships among that wonderful group of people who like to grow daffodils.

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On behalf of all members of the American Daffodil Society, I want to thank our directors, officers and committee chairmen who have worked so faithfully serving the Society during the past two years. Too few, perhaps, know of the hard work and hours of time spent by these 60-odd people, at no cost to the Society, serving the membership each in his or her special way. Many of these will continue to serve, and we welcome that capable group of newly appointed officers and directors and offer them our best wishes.

—WELLS KNIERIM

bon. Best three stems of a single variety were grown by the Richard Dardens of Virginia. They were three superb Binkies.

Mrs. Julius Seeman, Nashville president of MTDS, won the coveted Carey E. Quinn medal for her collection of 24 perfectly groomed blooms. Mrs. Seeman also won the ADS Silver Ribbon for the most blue ribbons in horticulture, as well as the ADS Purple Ribbon for the best collection of Cyclades, Dove Wings, Charity May, Jenny and Bartley.

A new ADS award this year, the Mrs. Paul L. Garrett Perpetual Award for the best collection of 12 varieties of whites, was won by Mrs. Luther Wilson of Bowling Green, Ky.

The best American-bred collection was exhibited by Mrs. Donald Linton. For her Frolic, Troubador, Festivity, Daydream and Moonlight Sonata she won the ADS Red-White-Blue Ribbon. Bill Pannill walked away with the Mrs. Donald Linton award for five best stems of novelties—his unbelievably perfect Rockall, Air Marshall, Avenger, Royal Oak and White Prince.

In the small growers class Mr. W. F. Hobby's Trousseau was judged best flower, and among the large growers Bill Pannill's Bethany was given the blue ribbon as best of the section.

In addition to the large amateur exhibits, two outstanding collections of professionally grown blooms were on display, sent by Mrs. J. Lionel Richardson and Mr. Grant Mitsch.

In the foyer of the exhibition hall Michael Jefferson-Brown, banquet speaker for the convention, displayed his watercolor sketches of "Daffodils of the Future". These were exotically interpreted in a range of unfamiliar colors and were certainly the conversation piece of the show.

Central Region at St. Louis

The Central Regional Daffodil Show in St. Louis April 14 and 15 attracted 813 entries in the horticultural section and 52 arrangements.

Best flower in show, winning the

Elizabeth D. Bolt Trophy and the ADS Gold Ribbon, was Arctic Gold exhibited by Mrs. Grover Roennfeldt. Cliff Benson's Statute was judged best bi-color and awarded the MVNC Revere Bowl. The Purple Ribbon of the ADS was awarded to Mrs. Clyde Cox's collection of Dove Wings, White Lion, Matador, Stoke and Parcpat. The Red-White-Blue Ribbon of the ADS went to Mr. and Mrs. George Pettus' American-bred collection of Riotous, Estrellita, Santiam, General MacArthur and Gold Crown. They also won the Silver Ribbon of the ADS for a group of three large cupped all whites, St. Brendan, Shining Waters and Ludlow.

Washington, D. C.

The Washington Daffodil Society, with the cooperation of 22 area clubs, held the 13th National Capital Daffodil Show April 21 and 22 in the auditorium of the Woodward & Lothrop store at Falls Church, Va. This was a new location for the show, held for the past ten years in Chevy Chase, Md. Entries in horticultural classes totalled 842 (1,603 blooms) in 83 classes, with 53 exhibitors. There were also 42 arrangements in seven classes, with 31 exhibitors.

The ADS Gold Ribbon and Washington Daffodil Society Trophy for the best flower went to Mrs. Howard B. Bloomer, Jr., for a magnificent specimen of Ave. The ADS Silver Medal was won by Mr. and Mrs. Richard N. Darden, Jr., who won blue ribbons in nine classes and one section. The Purple Ribbon for the best collection by divisions was won by Mrs. George D. Watrous, Jr., for her Div. VII collection, with Kasota, Cheyenne, Susan Pearson, Golden Perfection, and Seedling Tunis x jonquilla No. 7. Mrs. Watrous also won the local society's Powell Trophy for the best seedling, with Odessa x cyclamineus 48-1.

Other special awards were: Quinn Trophy (novelties) to Mrs. Bloomer (Golden Rapture, Deodora, Foxhunter, Ardbane, Lemon Drops); Weiss Trophy (white daffodils) to Dr. Walter M.

Andress (Ardbane, Thurso, Chinese White, Easter Moon, Shannon); Woodward & Lothrop Trophy (pink daffodils) to Mr. and Mrs. Darden (Rosewell, Pensive, Interim, Chiffon, Azalea); and Watrous Trophy (miniatures) to Mr. and Mrs. Darden (Flomay, Sennocke, April Tears, *N. triandrus albus*, Sun Disc).

Mrs. P. M. Curran, Mr. R. O. Bloomquist, Mrs. Watrous, and Mr. and Mrs. Darden were winners of bulb awards for the best exhibits in Sections A to D. Top arrangement honors, the Bozievich and Cahill Trophies, went to Mrs. Harold L. Parsons and Mrs. Joe E. Robinson, both winners of the same trophies last year.

Varieties exhibited ran the seasonal gamut from February Gold to Frigid.

Springfield, Pa.

Cool, clear weather during the preceding week was a favorable factor in the success of the Garden Club of Springfield (Pa.) Spring Bulb Show April 25. Mrs. Francis L. Harrigan was chairman. Careful attention to proper labeling, grooming and staging of specimens earned favorable comment from the judges. Thirty exhibitors made 327 entries in 66 classes.

The trophy given by Mrs. H. Rowland Timms, a club member and chairman of judges for ADS, awarded to the club member winning the most blue awards in the Daffodil Section went to Mrs. Norman Walter. Mrs. Leo P. Hubbuch took the ADS Gold Ribbon for the best daffodil in show, a lovely Beersheba.

Dr. Walter M. Andress of Bethel, Del., outside the region, earned four top ADS awards, the Red-White-Blue, Green, White, and Silver ribbons, as well as the Garden Club Federation of Pennsylvania Award of Merit for a vase of three stems of Personality. The Federation Silver Award of Merit was given for his educational exhibit showing eight varieties each in miniature, intermediate and normal size varieties.

Mrs. Timms earned a Special Federa-

tion Award for her outstandingly well-staged exhibit of 25 varieties of American breeding or origin. This exhibit was coordinated with the club's 1962 project featuring bulbs of American origin.

First Show at Muskogee

The Fleur-de-Lis Arrangers Club of Muskogee, Okla., held its first daffodil show April 5. There were 97 specimens entered in the 11 divisions of the horticulture section, and 60 arrangements in the artistic section.

Outstanding entry in the horticultural section was a collection of three stems of Galway entered by Mrs. Inita S. Berry which won the White Ribbon.

1,000 Attend Virginia Show

Over 1,000 daffodil fanciers visited the 28th Annual Daffodil Show of the Garden Club of Virginia in Roanoke April 11 and 12. The event was sponsored by the Mill Mountain and Roanoke Valley Garden Clubs. Approximately 2,000 horticulture specimens, arrangements and special exhibits were shown.

Winning the Sweepstakes for the second year in a row was William Pannill of Martinsville with 100 points. He also took home the Mrs. Fletcher Woodward Cup for best bloom in show, in addition to 4 other cups and 15 blue ribbons. The best bloom was Bizerta.

The Eleanor Truax Harris Challenge Cup—a coveted award for members of the Garden Club of Virginia—went to Mrs. P. M. Curran of Fairfax.

The Garden Club of Alexandria exhibited the best arrangement in show, winning the Miss Elizabeth Perry Cup and also the Mrs. Burdette S. Wright Cup for the same exhibit, a line arrangement suitable for a hall table.

To the disappointment of many, the J. Lionel Richardson flowers from Waterford, Ireland, arrived 30 minutes before the show closed. Due the day before the show opened, the collection was delayed in customs in New York City and by bad weather in Washington and

Roanoke. The flowers nevertheless were in excellent condition when they finally reached Roanoke.

Another special non-competitive exhibit was that from the test garden of the Garden Club of Virginia grown by Mrs. J. Robert Walker in Martinsville. The 175 or more blooms were one of the highlights of the show.

ADS Awards in Richmond

The Windsor Farms Garden Club, Richmond, Va., held its first daffodil show in cooperation with the ADS April 6. This was the first time a daffodil show in Richmond was open to any amateur grower, and six ADS awards were offered. There were 815 specimen blooms and 564 people attended the show.

Mrs. A. Gordon Brooks swept the show with 38 blue ribbons, winning the Sweepstakes, the best bloom in show with Arctic Gold, the best three stems of one variety with Ceylon, and the best miniature collection, and thereby winning the Gold, White, Silver, and Lavender ribbons of the ADS. Mrs. Brooks served as co-chairman of the show with Mrs. Philip Minor.

The Green Ribbon of the ADS was won by Mrs. Frank G. Davis of Ashland, Va. There were nine entries in this class.

In addition to the 80 classes in horticulture, there were six classes in arrangements. The educational exhibits consisted of a display of dried daffodils, daffodil literature and catalogs, posters illustrating all eleven divisions and subdivisions, RHS classification, and a large commercial exhibit of daffodil blooms.

Georgia State Show

The State Show for Georgia was held March 22 and 23 in Atlanta at Rich's. There were 176 exhibitors and 1,300 entries. Sweepstakes was won by Mrs. Jerry Kahn of Atlanta, and the Gold Ribbon for best flower in show went to Mrs. Hugh Howell of Atlanta with Rustom Pasha. Mrs. W. S. Simms of

Atlanta showed the best collection of 12 varieties and the winner of the collection of three of a kind was Mrs. T. Alfred Sams of Macon. Mrs. Mark D. Hodges of Milledgeville was another winner, with the best entry of 25 varieties and the best collection of miniatures.

In the artistic section the Tri-Color Ribbon for the best arrangement was won by Mrs. J. M. Johnson.

This was a year of outstanding quality in all of the flowers entered. Both the substance and color was unusually good.

French Broad River

The fourth Daffodil Show sponsored by the French Broad River Garden Club of Asheville, N. C., was held on April 12-13 with 660 horticultural entries comprising about 1,425 blooms. This was the club's largest show so far, and quite a remarkable record considering the vagaries of a very impudent spring. There were six classes of arrangements, including an appealing one for children.

A beautiful Chinese White was judged best in show and won the Gold Ribbon for the Rev. Francis J. Craighill of Hendersonville, N. C. Mrs. John B. Veach, Sr., won the White Ribbon with three sprays of Silver Chimes. The Green Ribbon was awarded to Mrs. Francis E. Field for the best collection of 12 named varieties from at least four divisions. She also won the Silver Ribbon for the greatest number of blues. Mrs. Cecil Pless, Jr., won the Tri-Color Award in the arrangement section. There was much interest on the part of exhibitors, judges and visitors in the four classes for miniatures.

The show is planned and organized by the French Broad River Garden Club, but could not be put on without the invaluable help of about 30 people from other clubs. They serve on all the committees.

Some of the blue ribbon flowers were Kingscourt, Cantatrice, Galway, Daviot, Menton, Blarney, White Swan, Tresamble, Charity May, Golden Sceptre and Red Guard.

A GIFT IN MEMORY OF GUY L. WILSON

On the occasion of the Society's Seventh Annual Meeting, in Nashville, our distinguished English visitor, Mr. J. M. Jefferson-Brown, delivered to your president a letter which follows in full:

119 Lichfield Road,
Bloxwich,
Walsall,
Staffa.

30th March, 1962.

The President and Members of the
American Daffodil Society,

Dear Friends,

Greetings and best wishes for this your seventh annual Convention.

I am sending this book as an expression of my warm and sincere appreciation of the Society, and in memory of my dear friend Guy Wilson who, I am sure, would approve whole-heartedly of my passing it into your safe keeping.

Michael Brown, your guest of honour this year, seems a fitting envoy to bring "Guy's Book," as he had the unique good fortune to spend a whole year with Guy at The Knockan when he had just embarked on his daffodil career.

I have known Michael for many years and wish that there were a few more young daffodil growers like him. Behind his somewhat shy and retiring exterior, there is a keen daffodil enthusiast, and while he may be a long way behind Guy Wilson and Lionel Richardson, he should eventually leave his mark upon the daffodil world.

Each year, as daffodil time comes round, my thoughts return to that wonderful visit I paid to your first Convention with Guy. Since then it has been a real joy to meet over here in London, fellow members, especially if their visit has coincided with either of the Daffodil Shows.

These brief encounters with kindred spirits leave a warm glow in the heart, and whoever would have thought that Mistress Daffodil would be the means

whereby we can get to know each other better!

Sincerely,

C. REG. WOOTTON

The book referred to was Guy Wilson's personal copy of "Daffodil Growing for Pleasure and Profit," by Albert F. Calvert, FCS. On the fly leaf is inscribed in a familiar hand:

"Guy L. Wilson,
Broughshane
Co Antrim."

Below this inscription our good friend Reginald Wootton penned the following:

"Presented to the American Daffodil Society — with sincere greetings, & good wishes by Charles Reginald Wootton. In memory of his great friend Guy Livingstone Wilson, with whom he was a guest at the First Daffodil Convention in April 1956.

"A most happy and memorable occasion.

"April 1st 1962"

I am sure every member of the American Daffodil Society is grateful to Mr. Wootton for his generosity in sending by Mr. Jefferson-Brown this very significant book from the library of a man so intimately associated with our own daffodil interests. The book will be placed in the Society's library at Kingwood Center, Mansfield, Ohio.

—WILLIS H. WHEELER

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The new Nominating Committee appointed by the Board of Directors is: Mr. George S. Lee, Jr. (Conn.), chairman; Mrs. Ben M. Robertson (S. C.), Mrs. Harry Wilkie (Ohio), Mrs. Walter E. Thompson (Ala.), and Mrs. Carl Engdahl (Ore.).

NEXT DEADLINE

The deadline for the August issue of the BULLETIN will be July 9. Please help your editor get the BULLETIN out on time by observing the deadline.

NEW OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS OF YOUR SOCIETY

President, Willis H. Wheeler (Va.); first vice president, John R. Larus (Conn.); second vice president, Mrs. Goethe Link (Ind.); secretary, Mrs. E. E. Lawler (Va.); treasurer, Mrs. Grover F. Roennfeldt (Mo.).

Directors-at-large: Mrs. Jesse Cox (Ark.), Carey E. Quinn (Md.), and George S. Lee, Jr. (Conn.).

REGIONAL DIRECTORS

New England—1965, Mrs. Lionel J. Cardin (R. I.)

Northeast—1965, Mrs. Frederick P. Greiner (N. J.)

Middle Atlantic—1965, Mrs. Richard N. Darden, Jr. (Va.)

Southeast—1965, Mrs. Francis E. Field (N. C.)

Midwest—1963, Mrs. Ray Schweinfurth (Ill.)

Midwest—1965, Richard Sabin (Ill.)

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Far West—1965, William H. Roese (Cal.)

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Far West—Mrs. Henry Eames, Jr. (Cal.)

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Mr. Wheeler, Mr. Larus, Mrs. Lawler, Mrs. Roennfeldt, Mrs. Darden, Mrs. John C. Wister and Mr. Harry I. Tuggle.

GOLD MEDAL CITATION TO JUDGE CAREY QUINN

The American Daffodil Society Gold Medal Award for 1962 is presented to a man who has been given the name of Mr. Daffodil by one of our largest growers, saying that the work and efforts of this man was one of the largest contributions to the use of daffodils in this country.

He was the first president of the ADS and was chairman of our first convention in Washington in 1956. He was also editor of our *Yearbook* for several years.

His book, "*Daffodils—Outdoors and In*", was the first on daffodils to be published in the United States for many years. It is written not in such scientific terms as only a few can understand and appreciate, but one couched in such words that everyone from the beginner to the fancier can gain knowledge and become a better grower of daffodils.

He devised the symposium of daffodil varieties similar to that published today in the ADS *Yearbook*, for the purpose of supplying gardeners over the country the answer to the pertinent question, "what to buy".

It is with great pride that we award the Gold Medal of the ADS for 1962 to Judge Carey E. Quinn.

SILVER MEDAL CITATION TO MRS. LAWRENCE WHARTON

The American Daffodil Society Silver Medal Award for 1962 is presented to a lady who has worked with the ADS since its organization and who has been untiring in her efforts to further the purpose of the Society. She has been on the board since its inception and her term as director has just expired. She was hostess to the organization meeting of the ADS, first vice president of the Middle Atlantic Region, and has long been prominent in the Baltimore area as a daffodil enthusiast, where she worked on shows and presented several judging schools. She has consistently worked with and for the ADS, encouraging and guiding individuals and groups

and promoting the love of daffodils.

It is a privilege and pleasure to present the Silver Medal of the ADS for 1962 to Mrs. Lawrence R. Wharton.

GUY L. WILSON

With the death of Guy L. Wilson this spring, a great era in the breeding of daffodils came to an end. For about 50 years there have come from Lionel Richardson in Ireland and Guy Wilson in North Ireland a continual parade of glorious flowers. Richardson came to be known for his splendid yellows and reds, and Wilson for his stately whites. Now both these men are gone.

Those of us who attended the first convention of the ADS in 1956 had the pleasure of meeting Wilson, and hearing him speak about his work, beginning with his falling in love with the white daffodils in his mother's garden.

When John Wister and I were married, he sent us a selection of bulbs as a wedding present. He replied to our letter of thanks, and said at its close, "I get quite a lot of lovely letters from customers when they are paying their accounts, though I sometimes think it will be so much more delightful if we are allowed to grow the flowers that we love in the next life, and share them with the people that we love 'without money and without price.'"

No matter how fine the daffodils of the future may be, those of us who had the chance to know Guy Wilson a little will always cherish the ones he created, seeing in them something of his gentle spirit.

—GERTRUDE S. WISTER

NOTICE TO BREEDERS

Mr. Thomas F. Martin, 314 N. Center St., Ashland, Va., has been making a compilation of the parentage of daffodils, especially those of the English breeders, and offers to give you the information on any varieties he has compiled. He is further willing to attempt to find this information for any varieties he does not now have to help hybridizers.

PLASTIC VASES NOW AVAILABLE

The green plastic vase suitable for three-stem entries in daffodil shows, as described in the BULLETIN for February, 1961, is now available from the Vlcek Plastics Co., Middlefield, Ohio. The price is \$22.50 per hundred in lots of

50 or more, plus shipping. The vase is eight inches high, light in weight and almost unbreakable. It is, of course, suitable for the exhibition of many other flowers besides daffodils. These vases were successfully used at the Washington Daffodil Show this spring.

AUDITOR'S REPORT STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSES FOR YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1961

Income:

Dues—1960	\$ 138.00	
Dues—1961	4,636.00	
Life memberships	200.00	
Sale of Bulletins and Yearbooks	133.95	
Sale of Royal Horticultural Society publications:		
Income	\$518.75	
Cost of items sold	362.27	156.48
Rental of slides		94.66
Interest income		56.93
Sales of ads in Yearbook		130.75
Sale of classification lists:		
Income	\$244.05	
Costs	159.74	84.31
Sale of Judge Quinn's book:		
Income	\$175.50	
Costs	112.50	63.00
Judges certificates fees		66.00
		\$5,760.08

Expenses:

Office supplies, stationery and postage	\$ 598.40	
Addressograph plates	159.59	
Bulletins and printing	1,540.83	
Dues to other societies	40.00	
A.D.S. Yearbook cost	3,023.54	
Miscellaneous expenses	207.14	
Test bulbs	120.17	
Audit fee	150.00	
Show and award expenses	106.66	
Regional vice president expenses	108.99	
Meetings expenses	69.15	
Fidelity bond insurance	25.00	6,149.47

Net Loss for Year \$ (389.39)

BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31, 1961

Assets

Current:

Cash on hand—Security-Mutual Bank and Trust Company, St. Louis, Mo.	\$4,416.83	
Cash in savings account—Loyola Federal Savings and Loan Ass'n, Baltimore, Maryland	1,466.24	
Inventory of Judge Quinn's book	141.75	
Inventory of Royal Horticultural Society publications	102.20	
Inventory of American Daffodil Society publications	92.52	\$6,219.54

Other Assets:

Inventory of medal dies	\$ 104.00	
Inventory of color slides	129.68	
Office equipment—typewriter	174.83	408.51

Total Assets \$6,628.05

Liabilities and Net Worth

Current:

1962 dues received in advance	\$ 220.00	
Due for printing—1962 Yearbook	2,674.98	\$2,894.98

Net Worth

Balance, January 1, 1961	\$4,122.46	
Less: Net loss for year	(389.39)	3,733.07

Total Liabilities and Net Worth \$6,628.05

Rubin, Brown and Gornstein, CPA, Clayton 5, Missouri.

PROGRESS REPORT ON STUDY OF MINIATURE DAFFODILS

It is time to get on with the study we are making of miniatures. We hope to take a long stride forward this year in drawing up recommendations which the entire membership will be asked to approve at the 1963 convention.

Our purpose is to see that all daffodils which are substantially smaller than those considered normal for their type or class are identified, appreciated, widely grown, exhibited in fair competition, and adequately rewarded; in short, that size in a daffodil is eliminated as a virtue except, of course, size for the variety or specimen.

In working toward our goal, the smaller daffodils have been studied in the field and tentative lists have been drawn up separating those which might be considered as miniature from those which do not seem to fall within such a category.

For a time there was some belief that it might be desirable to create a class of "intermediates," i.e., those varieties failing to qualify as miniatures but yet not of standard size for their classes. However, there seems to be growing doubt that such a group can be established or that it would be desirable to attempt it. For the present, therefore, we propose to vote on miniatures as one of only two categories. Any flower not designated as a miniature will be considered as of standard size.

Based on a number of reports following the 1961 season and on the balloting which has been going on intermittently in Robin No. 1 for some time, a tentative list of miniature species and varieties has been drawn up by John Larus, who has accepted the difficult problem of finding a method to classify miniatures and compiling a list of them.

The obvious method, the use of measurements of stem and flower, has been debated at length and discarded. Measurements of individual varieties reported by different growers were found to differ more widely than opinion as to whether

or not the varieties were miniatures. A daffodil is a living thing which changes from day to day and varies from year to year, as well as with regional and cultural conditions.

—GEORGE S. LEE, JR.,
New Canaan, Conn.

Editor's Note: Those interested in the tentative list of miniature species and varieties may write John Larus, 67 Wyndwood Road, West Hartford 7, Conn.

HODGES DAFFODIL PLANTING AT LAKE SINCLAIR

It's a garden,
It's a sight,
It's a golden
hued delight—

Where we go for
Spring-time cheer
In the third month
of the year.

Erma Hodges'
treasure trove,
Planted in a
needled grove,

Has its vernal
knock-out drills—
Fifty thousand
daffodils!

Perianth back and
"eyes right,"
Marching straight and
tall and bright;

Passing in reviewing
line
In the early Spring
sunshine—

Blowing trumpets bold
with frills
In the red old
Georgia hills!

—JEFF WILKINSON (15 years)
Milledgeville, Ga.

Heard in Nashville: Mrs. Jesse Cox has between 1,400 and 1,500 varieties of daffodils. Can anyone beat this record?

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AEROLITE DYNAMICS— OR THE WILL TO GROW

Aerolite, one of the most graceful daffodils in the garden, with the elegant sheen of a Belleek teacup, has also a tremendous vitality, and a tremendous will to live.

In the autumn of 1959, our usual supply of peat moss was delivered and stacked, to weather into friability for the spring mulching. No one noticed that the bales overlapped an established planting of Aerolite bulbs.

The following April, several green shoots came thrusting through the top of the bales. Thinking that a bulb must somehow have been buried inside the bales, I prodded carefully along the shoots, gently breaking away burlap and peat. No misplaced bulb was pushing toward the light; the shoots led all the way through two piled bales, into the earth of their proper bed.

The peat was removed gradually, lest too sudden exposure to the sun burn

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the tender, bleached growth. The leaves, now forty inches high, were tied to a bamboo stake that the foliage might ripen and store the maximum nourishment in the bulb; there they lived out their accustomed season, ripening and drying out at the same time as normal growth.

In the fall of 1960, extra bone meal and compost were dug into the bed to compensate for the unusual effort.

Eight exquisite blooms greeted spring 1961, as serenely lovely as though adversity had never touched them.

—MRS. RICHARD S. CHATFIELD,
Whitehouse Station, N. J.

NEW HYBRIDIZERS—HEAR THIS

The Breeding and Selection Committee would like to add your names to its special mailing list, and to hear of your plans or problems. Please notify Mrs. George D. Watrous, Jr., chairman, 5031 Reno Road, Washington 8, D. C., if you are making crosses or intend to start next year.