

# WASHINGTON DAFFODIL SOCIETY

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Honorary Board Members: Mrs. P. E. Battle, Mrs. John Bozievich, Mr. George K. Brown, Mrs. Charles E. Cox, Mr. Bernhard L. Greenberg, Mr. Joseph S. Petersen, Jr., Mrs. George D. Watrous, Jr.

## SPECIAL!!

There will be a meeting of the Board of Directors on Tuesday, June 25, to discuss further the proposed new by-laws. Time: 7 P.M.; place, home of President Elinor Dunnigan, Apt. 1219, 2800 Quebec St., N.W. Parking on either Quebec or Porter St.

## VERY SPECIAL!!

At the October 1984 it was decided to raise the dues to \$5.00 a year, payable between January 1 and July 1, and that, beginning in 1985, members who have not paid by July 1 will be dropped from the mailing list.

The Newsletter Editor regrets that she failed to announce this in the February 1985 issue.

The address of the new Treasurer, Robert Galano, is 2824 Hurst Terrace, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20016

## SPRING LUNCHEON

The Board met prior to the luncheon and heard the news: that our treasurer, George Brown, was to be married in May and would move to Wayne, Pennsylvania. It was unanimously decided to appoint him a permanent honorary member and honorary treasurer. This decision was later ratified in the general meeting. It was also voted to give Mr. and Mrs. Brown a wedding gift in further appreciation of his numerous and faithful services to WDS. (Susan Ticknor and Delia Bankhead later selected and had delivered a bronze sundial, which we hope will remind George of WDS as he gardens at his new address. 551 Fletcher Road, Wayne, Pa. 19087.) Members had the opportunity to meet his fiancée, Mrs. Jean Anderson, and several of us attended the wedding, on May 18.

Dr. Adrienne Whyte, chairman of the By-Laws Committee, announced that a formal report and recommendations will be made at the May 19 meeting.

Celeste Cox, chairman of the Nominating Committee, presented the slate of officers and new Board members to be elected at the May meeting.

## MAY MEETING

Most of the time at the meeting of the Board was devoted to consideration of the proposed new by-laws. Scott Bally represented the committee, and distributed copies of the proposed revisions, and also copies of a "Membership Record Form" to be distributed to current and new members, to be filed as part of a "Member Profile." Time did not allow decisions on all recommendations, and it was decided to continue discussion at a special board meeting (later set for June 23).

At the general meeting a brief treasurer's report was presented for George Brown by Delia Bankhead. (WDS is in good condition financially.) She also gave a short report on the show. The place and date of the 1986 show were discussed, and it was decided to have it on April 19 and 20, at the Botanic Garden. Roberta Watrous reported that the total bulb order was \$4,520, including orders from 10 cooperating clubs.

The election of officers resulted in the reelection of the first three officers, and of Robert Galano as the new treasurer. Nominations from the floor were received for directors, followed by a written vote, which resulted in election of Mrs. Richard (Julie) Evans III for the one-year term to replace Robert Galano, and of Roger Burgess, Mrs. Ralph (Diane) Jordan, Mrs. A. Slater (Jaquelin) Lamond, and Mrs. Kenneth R. (Joy) Walker for the three-year term.

The death of Mrs. Harry W. (Lee) Harris on May 10, after a long and painful illness, was announced. Lee had been a valuable member for many years, and served as president in 1965/6 and 1966/7. It was proposed that in addition of individual contributions the Society would contribute to some form of memorial.

Susan Ticknor announced that ADS has accepted the invitation of WDS to hold its 1988 convention here.

## THE 1985 DAFFODIL SHOW

By Delia Bankhead, Show Chairman

For the first time in 18 years the WDS Show was held in a new place, the U.S. Botanic Garden Conservatory, and was successful in many ways. Enthusiastic comments were heard from exhibitors, judges, and the general public, and many of the new membership applications were taken by the 8,962 visitors to the building.

The entire staff of the Botanic Garden outdid themselves to accommodate our needs. In addition to making 30 beautiful new dark green show tiers for our use and putting many of the tables and tiers in place, they made displays with plants to complement the show. They made a large daffodil planting all around the conservatory - all unfortunately bloomed out before our show. Also, they provided a large exterior sign (which the show committee painted) publicizing the show. This was advantageously placed outside the building a week before the show.

George Brown was again the unflappable staging chairman. (What will it take to get him to come from Wayne, Pa. next year - a bulb of Gold Convention? If so, the writer will provide one.) He and his assistants - Chauncey Maher, Roger Burgess, Elinor Dunnigan, and myself - saw that everything was in readiness for exhibitors.

For the first time in years there was adequate space for exhibitors to work, and a most successful innovation was having pages available to assist exhibitors. These, ably directed by Diane Jordan, helped exhibitors to unload, ran many errands, and were a great help to everyone connected with the show.

Exhibitors found new blocks for staging large collections and fewer problems fitting test tubes into blocks, thanks to the expertise of Properties Chairman Howard Jewett, who also made and painted the beautiful new pedestals used by the Design Section. Linda and Walter Record contributed masses of gorgeous fresh boxwood from their garden.

During the staging time Marie Bozievich was everywhere, helping everyone, but still found time to see that all exhibits were in their proper classes. Lettie Hanson and Jackie Lamond also worked on classification, while doing several other jobs as well.

The work of Mary Pamplin, who created the imaginative design schedule, and Joy Peters, who saw to the filling of all the classes with great designs, made this part of our show as lovely as I've ever seen it. In the words of one judge, "The artistic section was outstanding."

Thanks to the excellent and thorough direction of Judges Chairman Pat Crenshaw, the judging went very smoothly, and was completed in record time. Scott Bally and Julie Evans were responsible for judges' hospitality, and did WDS proud. (They ate in every restaurant near the Botanic Garden before choosing La Brasserie for the lunch!) Julie presided over the coffee and Scott hosted the luncheon, both delicious and delightful, with flower arrangements done by the two of them. Adrienne Whyte wore two hats, both becomingly; as show Vice Chairman she saw to many details and much advance preparation. On show day she ran (quite literally) with judges aides Maggie Eads, Jim McHenry, Bonnie Mirmak, Linda Record, Linda and Steve Harsy, and coordinator Lettie Hanson.

The Records desk was ably manned by Joy Walker and her band of stalwarts - Nancy Generelly, Joyce Owens, and Dorothy Barker, who received all their information under the watchful eye of Awards Chairman Roberta Watrous. Anne Henderson recruited and directed the writers of award cards - Edna Suber, Priscilla Joslyn, and Wanda Thompson - aided in the down-to-the-wire rush by Susan Ticknor.

The show was opened at 2:30 by weatherman Gordon Barnes, who made the awards presentation a delightful affair (kissing all the ladies in the process!). During the show hours the Information Desk was manned continuously - by Chairmen Harry Dewey, Charles Thomson, and Lettie Hanson.

Other members who contributed to the success of the show were Jackie Lamond, who persuaded 51 garden clubs to help sponsor the show and who saw to the distribution of schedules, Susan Ticknor, who was in charge of publicity, very ably assisted by Charles Thomson, Dennis Brezina, and Marie Bozievich.

There was a good turnout for the show breakdown - George Brown, of course, plus Adrienne Whyte, the two Joys (Walker and Peters), the two Bobs (Rothenhoffer and Bowis, who also helped with props), Scott Bally, Julie Evans, Elinor Dunnigan, Roberta Watrous, Margaret and Ken Oswalt, plus a rather tired show chairman. The properties were packed and stored at the Botanic Garden, which is willing to keep them as long as the show is held there.

This spring could hardly have been less seasonable, with too much warm, dry weather in February and March, continuing drought, hot winds, and then a freeze on April 9. These factors combined to rob the blooms of all their substance - no wonder they all "cooked" during the show. Nonetheless, we had 1024 blooms - very creditable compared with 689 in the "good" spring of 1984.

There were, as always, some problems, most the result of a first-time experience for both WDS and the Botanic Garden. Many of these were

logistical in nature and can easily be worked out in the future. Several have already been addressed for 1986, and in the event of another unseasonably hot spring the cooler East Wing can be used for exhibits,

My first experience as chairman of a flower show has convinced me that WDS has many members who are willing to work for the success of a show. They could, and did, and I am most grateful to them all.

#### REPORT OF AWARDS COMMITTEE, 1985 SHOW

There were 434 daffodil exhibits, with 1024 blooms, exhibited by 17 exhibitors, also 29 exhibits in the Design Section.

Of 15 special ADS and 19 special WDS awards, 11 ADS and 15 WDS were awarded. The ADS special awards consisted of one silver medal (the Carey E. Quinn), won by George K. Brown. The other silver medal offered by ADS (Watrous) was not awarded (no entries). The other ADS awards were ribbons and were won by George K. Brown, Drury Blair, Chauncey Maher, Mrs. George D. Watrous, Jr. (2), Mrs. R. LaRue Armstrong, Mrs. A. Gordon Brooks (2), Mrs. Merton S. Yerger, and Miss Delia Bankhead.

The WDS special awards consisted of one cash award, to Yates Garden Club, and 18 WDS cups. No awards were made in 4 classes: Quinn collection, Bozievich collection, Lawler collection, and Participating Clubs collection. The cups awarded were as follows: Washington Daffodil Society Cup (best standard bloom, Gull), George K. Brown; Wheeler Cup (best vase of 3 standard blooms, Chiloquin), Chauncey C. Maher; Watrous Cup (best miniature, Hawera), Drury Blair; Battle Cup (best vase of 3 miniatures, Seedling SW #15), Mrs. George D. Watrous, Jr.; Ticknor Cup (best miniature candidate bloom, SW #15), Mrs. George D. Watrous, Jr.; Culpepper Cup (best daffodil in Section D, Merlin), Mrs. Carlton L. Coffee; King Cup (5 red-cupped daffodils), Patricia Crenshaw; Weiss Cup (5 white daffodils), Patricia Crenshaw; Butterworth Cup (5 daffodils registered in 1947 or before), Mrs. Kenneth C. Stanford; Bloomer Cup (daffodil parent and child, Quetzal and Angel Eyes), Joseph Stettinius; Novice Cup (for exhibitors who have not previously won a blue ribbon), Julia Evans; Powell Cup (5 standard seedlings), Mrs. Merton S. Yerger; Gates Cup (Design Class 163), Joy E. Peters; Cahill Cup (Design classes other than 163), Julia Urich.

#### BULB ORDER

The 1985 order list prepared by Marie Bozievich resulted in a record number of orders - 90. These included 10 from cooperating clubs and 11 from new members. The total ordered was \$4,520.00; from clubs \$1,103.65; from new members \$447.40. The most popular collection was the Pink Collection, with 76 orders, followed by 60 for the Miniatures Collection. Of standard cultivars priced singly Coral Light (2 W-WWP), Pink-cup of the Year, led with 50 orders; with Chiloquin (1 Y-W, 39 orders, Dickcissel (7 W-Y, 30 orders, and Tahiti (4 Y-R, 23 orders) following. Of cultivars priced by 2's, or, in the case of miniatures, by 5's, the most popular were Dove Wings (6 W-Y) and Jenny (6 W-W), 60 bulbs each, Tete-a-Tete (6 Y-O, 175 bulbs), Minnow (8 W-Y, 115), April Tears (5 Y-Y, 105), and Jumblie (6 Y-O, 100).

Former President Bernhard Greenberg has volunteered to receive and package the bulbs for distribution at the fall meeting.

## WDS MEMBERS AT THE NATIONAL SHOW

By Delia Bankhead

The American Daffodil Society held its national convention and show in King of Prussia, Pa., on April 24-27. Several WDS members attended and some made entries in the show. In addition to those mentioned below local members seen at the show were Scott Bally, Alice Battle, Rudy and Marcel Bloomquist, Pat Crenshaw, Lettie Hanson, Kassie Kingsley, and Susan Ticknor.

This show also was badly affected by the hot, dry spring, though some of our local members were able to show beautiful blooms which won some of the national awards. Best of all was the Betty and John Larus Award for the best vase of three miniature candadate seedlings, exhibited by the originator, won by Roberta Watrous with Seedling 611-2, a Ruby x juncifolius cross. She also won both the Miniature Gold and Miniature Rose Ribbons with Seedling 691-4 (Ruby x scaberulus). Both are truly beautiful in form and color (2 W-YYO).

Marie Bozievich captured the Matthew Fowlds Award for the best named cyclamineus hybrid in the show, and the same bloom (Backchat 6 Y-Y) won the olive Lee Memorial Award as the best bloom in Divisions 5-8. This bloom was one in Marie's collection winning the New Zealand Award, and was bred by Phil Phillips, who before his death last year had made several visits to WDS shows and friends in this area.

I luckily won the Northern Ireland Trophy. We trophy winners and George Brown also won ribbons in the single bloom classes.

Notwithstanding the smaller than expected show (1066 blooms), it was a satisfying convention, with 7 beautiful trade exhibits from Ireland, England, and the U.S., interesting tours of Longwood Gardens and Winterthur Museum and Gardens, and a varied and amusing program.

### FALL MEETING

October 20, at the National Arboretum. The bulb orders will be distributed, and members who have ordered are reminded that they are expected to pick up their bulbs or arrange for someone to do it for them.