

WASHINGTON DAFFODIL SOCIETY

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Letter from our President

Dear Fellow Daffodil Enthusiasts,

I call on you today to attend the October meeting if you can. This year we have at least three reasons to meet with all other members: first is the JOY part — the receipt of our bulbs ordered in the spring, as well as the giveaways of fellow members; second is the WORK part — I urge you to study before October 20 our proposed new Bylaws; and third is our own GIVEAWAY part — ask yourself how much time and effort are you willing to give to our ever-growing Society, as active members to help with the annual Show, the extraordinary National Convention of 1988, and the various committees. Again, thanks for your help.

— Elinor Dunnigan

The October meeting will be held on Sunday, October 20, in the auditorium of the National Arboretum. Board meeting at 2:30 P.M.; general meeting at 3:15. It is important that members who ordered bulbs come to pick up their bulbs or arrange to have someone do it for them. Members are asked to bring a few choice bulbs to share with others in the bulb giveaway at the meeting. Light refreshments.

Susan Ticknor Resigns

In a letter to the President recently Susan Ticknor stated that she regretted that due to other demands on her time she was resigning as Vice President of WDS and as 1988 National Convention Chairman. Susan has been more or less a member of WDS practically all her life, growing up in the family of such devoted daffodil enthusiasts as Bill and Laura Lee Ticknor, who between them served WDS in every imaginable way before retiring to North Carolina. Susan in less demanding days served us as Secretary and Newsletter Editor, and in various ways at shows.

It should have been noted in our June issue that the ADS Silver Medal for service to the Society was awarded to Bill Ticknor at the 1985 Convention, with the suggestion that he allow Laura Lee to wear it part of the time — some thought it should have been a joint award, as the two have worked together so completely. Good luck to all the Ticknors!

Get Ready to Plant!

If you are one of those who participated in the WDS Bulb Order this spring, now is the time to prepare the soil in the areas where you are planning to plant them. These are beautiful days to be working in the garden and the soil is in good condition for digging.

Make sure that the planting area is well-drained and has sun for at least half of the day. If you are gardening on red clay soil (as I am), you will need to add sand, peatmoss and/or well-rotted compost. Fertilizer, 5-10-20 or other high potash formula, can be added at the rate of about three cups for 50 square feet. Keep in mind that the bulbs will be planted 6-8 inches deep and that the roots will go down from there. Soil additives should be worked into the bottom layers of soil. Deep preparation will pay off handsomely when the flowers bloom. It is not enough to make a little hole in unprepared soil with a trowel or bulb planter, then sprinkle a little bonemeal in the bottom and drop the bulb in!

— Marie Bozievich

Coming events

The Middle Atlantic Region of the American Daffodil Society will hold its fall regional meeting in Williamsburg on November 2. Talks will be given on Breeding and Selection, Daffodil Gardens in America and Europe, Spring Gardens in Williamsburg, and Drying Daffodils. If you are not a member and wish to join, call Delia Bankhead, 759-2133.

The ADS 1986 Convention will be held in Memphis, Tennessee, April 3-5.

Our 1986 show will be April 19-20, at the Botanic Garden.

PROPOSED REVISION
CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS OF THE
WASHINGTON DAFFODIL SOCIETY

ARTICLE 1

The name of the society is the Washington Daffodil Society, hereinafter called the Society. The official address of the Society shall be the home or office address of the President or another officer to be designated by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE 2 - PURPOSES

The purposes of the Society shall be:

- o to promote and encourage greater knowledge and cultivation of daffodils in the Washington, DC area;
- o to provide a varied program of horticultural and educational activities for its members and the general public;
- o to encourage and support new and existing public plantings of daffodils;
- o to provide members access to the best available cultivars and species through group purchase of bulbs, bulb exchanges, and such other means as may be approved by the Society.

ARTICLE 3 - MEMBERSHIP

There shall be four categories of membership.

1. Individual.
2. Joint. Households in this category will have two votes, but will receive only one copy of the Newsletter.
3. Club. A voting, supporting membership open to any garden club or plant society. In addition to enjoying all other membership privileges, these organizations will be acknowledged at annual shows and other public events. Each club shall designate a representative to receive the Newsletter, attend meetings, and coordinate joint efforts with the Society.
4. Honorary. The Board of Directors may designate an individual who has given exceptional service to the society as an honorary non-voting member. Honorary members will enjoy all privileges of membership (with the exception of voting), with membership fees waived permanently.

The amount of dues shall be fixed by the Board of Directors. All dues shall be due and payable on May 1 of each year. Members in arrears on June 30 shall be dropped from the membership rolls.

ARTICLE 4 - MEETINGS

There shall be a minimum of three membership meetings a year: a spring meeting in March, the annual meeting in May, and a fall meeting in October. The membership shall meet at other times as determined by the Board of Directors or as petitioned in writing by any ten members. Members shall receive at least two weeks notice of all membership meetings via the Newsletter or direct mailing from the Secretary. This notice shall include an agenda for the meeting.

The President shall fix the time and place of all meetings. Only individual and joint members in good standing shall be entitled to vote. All voting shall be in person and shall be by voice unless otherwise ordered by the President. Twenty members in good standing shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. A majority vote shall constitute determination. Meetings shall be conducted in accordance with the procedures of Roberts' Rules of Order.

Meetings of the Board of Directors shall be conducted under the same rules as membership meetings, except that 10 voting members of the board shall constitute a quorum, and that any five directors may request a board meeting. Board meetings may be called on two weeks notice to the directors.

ARTICLE 5 - MANAGEMENT

The management of the Society's affairs shall be vested in a Board of Directors which shall determine all matters not otherwise specified herein. The Board of Directors shall consist of the elected officers (President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer), twelve elected Directors, the Newsletter Editor, the Show Chairman, the Bulb Order Chairman, and the immediate Past President who shall become a Director upon the expiration of his/her term and shall serve until his/her successor's term expires. At such time, the Past President shall automatically join other Past Presidents as an honorary non-voting board member. All honorary board members must be members of the Society in good standing. Status as an honorary non-voting board member will not preclude re-election to the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE 6 - OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES

The President shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors and membership and shall act as general manager to carry out the directives of the Board of Directors and the objectives of the Society.

Within six weeks of the annual meeting, the President shall appoint the Editor of the Newsletter, a Show Chairman, and a Chairman of the Bulb Order. He/She shall designate a director to be Membership Chairman; the Membership Chairman shall work with the Treasurer to produce and maintain a membership list. The President shall appoint such other standing or special committees as he/she or the Board of Directors requires.

The Vice President shall, in the absence or disability of the President, be vested with all the duties of the President and shall perform such other duties as prescribed by the Board of Directors. The Vice President shall act as Program Chairman for all membership meetings.

The Secretary shall attend all meetings and shall keep full and accurate minutes of the proceedings of such meetings and all other actions taken by the Society. He/She shall maintain a permanent Minutes Book for the preservation of all Society documents, which shall be turned over to his/her successor. The Secretary shall provide copies of all minutes to the President, the Newsletter Editor, and to such directors as may request them. The Secretary shall be responsible for all general correspondence of the Society.

The Treasurer shall be responsible for the Society's finances. He/She will be responsible for and keep a full and accurate account of receipts and disbursements in books belonging to the Society and shall render an annual written account to the Board of Directors at the annual meeting of income and expenses, the financial condition of the Society, and a proposed budget for the following year. The Treasurer may be bonded at the discretion of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE 7 - TERMS OF OFFICE

The officers shall be elected for a term of one year. Four of the twelve directors shall be elected each year for a term of three years. No officer or director may serve more than two consecutive terms in the same office, except the persons serving as Secretary and Treasurer. Any officer or director may be removed at any time by a three-fourths vote of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE 8 - ELECTIONS

Only voting members in good standing shall be eligible to become officers and directors or to serve as committee chairmen.

A nominating committee of not less than three members shall be appointed by the President in January of each year. The composition of this committee shall include a committee chairman who is a voting member of the Board of Directors, the immediate

past president, and a third member in good standing from the membership at large. The committee shall present a complete slate of nominees to the Board of Directors at its March meeting. They will also present this slate to the general membership at the March meeting at which time nominations may be made from the floor. Further nominees will be accepted if they are submitted in writing to the nominating committee chairman with seconds and the approval of the nominees within 14 days of the March meeting. Ballots presenting all nominees will be mailed to all voting members one month prior to the annual meeting in May. Ballots will be counted by the entire nominating committee 21 days after they are mailed. The results will be announced at the annual meeting. All elected officers and directors shall assume office immediately thereafter.

Interim vacancies of officers or directors may be filled by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE 9 - AMENDMENTS

These bylaws constitute the sole authority under which the Society shall operate. They may be amended by a majority vote of those present at any membership meeting, provided at least two weeks written notice of the proposed amendments is given the membership.



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