

AMERICAN DAFFODIL SOCIETY, INC.

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This has been a particularly snowy winter with blustery winds and very cold temperatures. Lying snugly below the snow are the yellow harbingers of spring - daffodils. They will appear before long and I hope that each one of you will cut and bring some to one or more shows. There will be people at each show eager to help you groom, name and stage your entries, so if you have never entered a daffodil show before give it a try this year. You'll like it! Without further ado, here is the schedule for the National Show and those in the New England area this spring.

April 18-20:NATIONAL SHOW AND CONVENTION, Maryland Daffodil Society at the Sheraton Baltimore N., 903 Dulaney Valley Road, Towson, MD. Information: Joan M. George, 614 W. Timonium, Timonium, MD 21093.

April 24 & 25, Greenwich, CT: New England Regional Show combined with the Connecticut Daffodil Show. Greenwich Daffodil Society at Christ Church Parish Hall, 254 East Putnam Avenue. Information: Nancy Mott, 38 Perkins Road, Greenwich, CT 06830.

April 28 & 29,Nantucket, MA: The Nantucket Garden Club at the Folger House, Easton Street. Information: Mary Malavese, P.O. Box 1183, Nantucket, MA 02554.

May 3 & 4: Peterborough, NH: Northern New England Daffodil Show at Rivermead, RT 202. Information: Mrs. Harvey L. Schwartz, Sky Hill, P.O. Box 194, Harrisville, NH 03450.

NEW AWARDS: At the ADS Fall Board Meeting four new awards were approved.

1. An ADS Award for Container Grown Daffodils for three types of container grown daffodils:

- 1. Standard daffodil cultivars**
- 2. Miniature daffodil cultivars and seedlings**
- 3. Species and species hybrid daffodils**

2. An ADS New Growers/Small Growers/Novice Award. The sponsoring shows' Show Schedule will define the conditions for the Award. The number of cultivars grown by the recipient of the award will be limited to not more than 100 cultivars and species.

This last award is an incentive to all who grow less than 100 cultivars to enter shows with the possibility of winning an ADS ribbon. Please do consider entering a show or two. It really is not difficult and , if you win, watch out - you'll be hooked!

I would like to extend a very warm welcome to our new members:

Ms Paula Burke, Darien, CT
Mr. Daniel Bernstein, Boston, MA
Ms Martha Meyers, Nantucket, MA

It is with great sadness that I must report the death of Mrs. Wellington Wells of Marlborough, New Hampshire. An accredited Judge for the ADS as well as an avid member of other horticultural societies, Vallie was the founder and backbone of the Northern New England Daffodil Show. It was she who inspired the many people in her area to continue this wonderful show after she herself was unable to do so. Her dedication steered three of her neighbors to become ADS judges! She also raised beautiful flowers and was the winner of many awards. Her ready smile and willingness to help neophytes will be sorely missed. A memorial service is to be held around the time of the Northern New England Show.

Help!! As I mentioned in last spring's newsletter, I am trying to revive a show which took place in various areas of Massachusetts several years ago. Progress is being made. A committee has been formed and met last October. The idea of having the show rotate not only in Massachusetts but in northern Connecticut or eastern New York was discussed thus making it easier for those living in said locations to enter. I would be most grateful for any support I can garner. The next meeting will be held at the Berkshire Botanical Garden in Stockbridge, MA on Tuesday, March 26th at 10:30 A.M. Please, some of you, do come and help us get this show rolling.

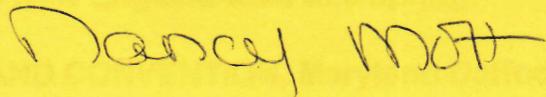
It occurs to me that I have spent most of this letter discussing shows. I know there are some of you who prefer just growing daffodils for the joy that their bright blooms bring. They can be planted in so many different areas and create such delightful effects. I recall being in County Antrim, Northern Ireland, early one spring, driving along the coast of the North Sea. It is a harsh countryside and most of the houses in that area are dark

brown and weatherbeaten but as I passed each yard my eye was caught by a flash of yellow bringing hope that more pleasant weather was on it's way.

Do you have any questions? - where to plant? what to plant? how to plant? where to get unusual cultivars? Write or call me and I will do my best to answer them. The American Daffodil Society exists to encourage and help anyone who is interested in growing our favorite flower in whatever way it is able.

I look forward to seeing many of you at one or more of the above mentioned shows. Find me and introduce yourselves. I'd be delighted to meet you. Are you aware that anyone can enter a show? If you don't want to why not suggest to a neighbor who has flowers to enter. Being a member of the ADS is not a requirement, but perhaps, if you get a friend to enter, he or she may want to join. We can always use new members. Any questions call me at 203-661-6142.

Happy daffodilling - happy spring!



Nancy B. Mott
Regional Vice President