ADS Conventions

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1981—Newport Beach, CA
1982—Nashville, TN
1983—Williamsburg, VA
1984—Portland, VA
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1987—Columbus, OH
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2001—Louisville, KY
2002—Fort Mitchell, KY
2003—Ashville, NC
2004—Tysons Corner, VA
2005—St Louis, MO

American Daffodil Society
50th Anniversary Convention

April 16 - 18, 2004
Presented by
The Washington Daffodil Society
Sheraton Premiere at Tysons Corner
8661 Leesburg Pike Vienna, VA 22181
The Washington Daffodil Society is honored to host the 50th anniversary convention of the American Daffodil Society. Our committees have been working for many months to bring you an event worthy of this significant milestone in the history of our society. The founding meeting of the ADS was convened in Washington DC in 1954 and the first convention was held here in 1956. We are proud to be hosting the celebration of its 50 year history here once again. We welcome you to the nation’s capital and to what we hope will be a memorable event.

The 50th anniversary of an organization is a time for looking to the past and to the future. The ADS Founders’ Lounge will accomplish the first of these two tasks. This unique aspect of this year’s event will celebrate those that have made the ADS the organization it is today. Spend some time looking through scrapbooks and reading about the history of the ADS. Learn about the men and women whose vision and persistence formed our national organization. Many of our show awards are named after these individuals, but where were they from and what contributions did they make to the ADS? Friday evening’s unveiling of The American Daffodil Society: The First Fifty Years will provide each of us with a book we can read and cherish for years to come. We hope you will participate in our book signing party where those featured in this publication will be available to sign books.

But what of the future? There is much opportunity to develop and protect the species. New forms will be recognized and stabilized. The range of color and form will continue to be extended as hybridizers reach for their imaginations. Will there ever be a blue daffodil? More effective disease and pest control will be required as toxic chemicals are removed from the market. And the Daffodil Journal, our quarterly publication, will evolve as we reach out to those whose interest in daffodils is in the garden as well as the show bench. It is critical that we continue to reach out to new members to revitalize our organization and carry it through the next 50 years. We need your ideas on how the ADS can make itself an even stronger organization as we look to our future. We hope you will share your thoughts and ideas in the Founders’ Lounge.

Welcome to the ADS 50th anniversary convention and the next 50 years!

Tom Taylor                                          Kathy Welsh
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Martha Anderson                                      Convention Programs
Jan Pennings                                        Gold Daffodil Pin
The Daffodil Society                                 China for Special Award
Brent Health                                        Specially gilded English Medal
Mitch Carney                                        Bulbs for potted displays, artwork
Elise Havens                                        Potted daffodils
Bill Tribe                                          Bulbs for Pannill garden
Sid DuBose                                          Bulbs for Pannill garden
Hunting Creek Garden Club                           Bulbs for Pannill garden
Five Hills Garden Club                              Friday evening table arrangements
Fairfax Ferns Garden Club                           Saturday lunch table arrangements
Garden Club of Fairfax                              Table arrangements
Allan Woods Flowers & Gifts                          Hostesses
The British Embassy                                 Entrance to Washington Gift Show
Lisa Ashe                                            Tour of Perennial Gardens
Gary Arthur                                         USA Today printing coordinator
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Brookside Gardens                                   Goodie Bag Stuffers
Dumbarton Oaks                                      Docent led tours
Arboretum                                           Tour
Botanic Garden                                      Tour
Clay & Fran Higgins                                 Tour
Tom & Kathy Welsh                                   Garden Tour
Robert Darling                                      Garden Tour
Kathy Welsh                                         Convention Logo
The Convention Committee - For the priceless dedication, hard work and all the extras.

Seminar Speakers
Mary Lou Gripshover, Jason Delaney, Joyce Overholtzer, Elise Havens,
Lee Raden, Kathy Andersen, Ruth Pardue, Bob Spotts, Scott Bally,
Dorothy Sensibaugh, and Olivia Welbourn

Keynote Speakers
Brian Duncan, Brent Heath, Jaydee Ager, Richard Ezell, Bill Pannill
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### Saturday Luncheon Speaker—Brent Heath

Brent Heath is a third generation bulb grower and coowner of Brent and Becky's Bulbs, a wholesale/retail mail-order flower bulb catalogue and website business. Brent and Becky have a 10-acre display garden and trial farm where they currently grow over 3000 cultivars and species of all types of bulbs in combination with annuals, perennials and groundcovers.

Brent and Becky have co-authored *Daffodils for North American Gardens* and *Tulips for North American Gardens*. They each have over 300 color photographs, are marvelous sources of inspiration for the novice and are valuable references for the professional.

Brent and Becky have received numerous prestigious awards for horticultural leadership, promoting the use of a wide variety of bulbs in the garden, and commercial horticultural excellence. After a yearlong study, The Wall Street Journal voted ‘Brent and Becky’s Bulbs’ the ‘Best Bulb Company in America’. And in April 2003, The American Daffodil Society awarded Brent the Gold Medal of Honor for popularizing and promoting the use of daffodils.

Through slide lectures and workshops, Brent shares his love of gardening and enthusiasm for teaching, giving you many new ideas that will help you have more colorful and successful gardens.

### Saturday Dinner Speaker—Brian Duncan

Brian Duncan is one of the best known and most successful daffodil hybridizers and exhibitors in the world. Few hybridizers are better represented in our collections, and in our show entries. His success in the daffodil world is exemplified by his winning England's Englehart Cup, a trophy awarded for daffodils bred and raised by the exhibitor, seven times between 1985 and 2002. Brian has also had many successes in the United States. In 1986 The ADS awarded him its highest medal of honor, the Gold Medal, for his contributions to the daffodil. Since then he has won the ADS Hybridizer's Trophy, for daffodils bred and raised by the exhibitor, six times. Brian has served on the ADS Board of Directors for many years and has attended numerous ADS Conventions along with his wife Betty. No convention is complete without them.

Brian Duncan's interest in daffodils started as an amateur in the early 1960s and in 1964 he began hybridizing. He has served on the RHS Daffodil and Tulip Committee for over 30 years, the last nine of which as Chairman. He is currently a member of the RHS Daffodil and Tulip Yearbook Committee, the London Daffodil Show Schedule Committee, the RHS Trials Committee, and the chairman of the RHS Narcissus Classification Committee. He is a founding member and past chairman of the N.Ireland Daffodil Group and current chairman of his local Omagh Gardening Society.
### 2004 ADS Convention Schedule

#### Thursday, April 15
- **1:00 pm - 10:00 pm**: Registration Desk Open
- **3:00 pm**: Staging Begins
- **3:00 pm**: Show entries Begin
- **5:30 pm - 7:30 pm**: Newcomers' Social

#### Friday, April 16
- **8:00 am - 10:00 am**: Receive Consignments for Boutique
- **9:30 am - 10:30 am**: Judges Coffee
- **9:30 am - 10:30 am**: Players' Briefing
- **10:30 am**: Optional Tours Depart
- **1:30 pm**: Judges Luncheon
- **2:30pm - 7:00 pm**: Founders' Lounge Open
- **2:30 pm**: Boutique Opens
- **2:30 pm - 7:00 pm**: Show Open
- **4:00 pm - 6:30 pm**: Registration Desk Open
- **4:00-5:30 pm**: ADS Board Meeting
- **6:30 pm**: Cash Bar and Reception
- **7:00pm - 8:30 pm**: String Quartet
- **7:30 pm**: Dinner
- **8:30 pm**: Welcome, Awards, Annual Meeting
- **10:00 pm - Midnight**: Book Signing Party

#### Saturday, April 17
- **7:30 am - 9:30 am**: Registration Desk Open
- **8:00 am - 9:15 am**: Judges Refresher Breakfast

#### Sunday, April 18
- **9:00 am**: Hybridizer's Breakfast / Historics Breakfast
- **9:00 am**: Buses load for Garden Tour
- **9:00 am - 10:00 am**: ADS Live Auction
- **10:00 am - 11:00 am**: Cash Bar and Reception
- **10:00 am - 11:00 am**: Banquet at Hotel Followed by Banquet Speakers and ADS Video

#### Monday, April 19
- **8:30 am - 9:30 am**: Judging School II

### 2004 ADS Convention Schedule (Cont.)

#### Saturday, April 17 (Cont.)
- **9:00 am - 6:00 pm**: Show Open
- **9:30 am - 10:30 am**: Growing Miniatures
- **10:00 am - 5:00 pm**: Boutiques Open
- **9:30 am - 10:30 am**: Judges Coffee
- **10:30 am - 1:30 pm**: Judges Luncheon
- **1:30 pm - 3:00 pm**: Clerks & Workers' Lunch
- **3:15 pm - 4:45 pm**: Founders' Lounge Open
- **3:15 pm - 4:45 pm**: Boutique Open
- **3:15 pm - 4:45 pm**: Founders' Lounge Open
- **3:15 pm - 4:45 pm**: Show Open
- **3:15 pm - 4:45 pm**: Registration Desk Open
- **3:15 pm - 4:45 pm**: ADS Board Meeting
- **4:45 pm - 6:30 pm**: Cash Bar
- **4:45 pm - 6:30 pm**: Dinner
- **4:45 pm - 6:30 pm**: Banquet at Hotel Followed by Banquet Speakers and ADS Video

#### Sunday, April 18 (Cont.)
- **7:30 am - 8:30 am**: Hybridizer's breakfast / Historics Breakfast
- **9:00 am - 10:00 am**: Buses return from Tour
- **4:30 pm - 6:00 pm**:ADS Live Auction
- **6:30 pm - 7:30 pm**:Banquet at Hotel Followed by Banquet Speakers and ADS Video

#### Monday, April 19 (Cont.)
- **8:30 am**: Judging School II
- **9:30 am**: Optional Tour departs
ADS 2004 Convention Seminars

Saturday's program will feature a series of seminars with topics sure to please all. There will be two sessions offered in the morning and one following lunch. Below is a short description of each session.

Session 1 (Choose 1)
Growing Miniature Daffodils
A panel discussion, led by Mary Lou Gripshover, will provide useful information on growing miniature daffodils. Some of ADS's finest growers and exhibitors, from different parts of the country, will share their secrets for success.
Companion Bulbs
This slide presentation by Jason Delaney, horticulturist and bulb curator at the Missouri Botanical Garden (MOBOT), will explore different combinations of bulbs which can be planted with daffodils to ensure continuous bloom from spring through fall. Jason will share his observations and successes at MOBOT, illustrating his thoughts with slides and a handout.

Session 2 (Choose 1)
Form and Fauna
Joyce Overholtzer, a nationally renowned designer in the Sogetsu school of Ikebana International, will give a program on creative and abstract designs that incorporate plant material with selfmade metal sculptures. This exciting and innovative program is being given for the first time. Many of Joyce's designs will incorporate daffodils as well as other plant material. (Flower Design)
Trends in Mitsch Daffodils - the Last 50 Years
Elise Havens will give a slide presentation showing the directions hybridizing has gone over the last 50 years based on peoples' interests. Beginning with some early daffodil registrations of her father, Grant Mitsch, and showing the progression to those available today and some in the pipeline for introduction in the future, Elise will explore the advancements made by her family's business.

ADS 2004 Convention Seminars (Cont.)

A Pot Gardener Faces the Trials of Forcing Species Daffodils
Lee Raden, Past-President of the American Rock Garden Society and recipient of the Philadelphia Horticultural Society Distinguished Achievement Award, will lead a discussion involving pots, growing media, fertilizing, and light control. Lee has won numerous awards for his exhibits of potted species daffodils at the Philadelphia Flower Show. He is unquestionably one of the finest growers of species daffodils in the US. (Species)

Luncheon Speaker
Undaunted Daffodils
Brent Heath, 2003 ADS Gold Medal winner and third generation daffodil grower, will give a slide presentation on daffodils with staying power in both the garden and on the show bench.

Session 3 (Choose 1)
Daffodil Wizards of Oz
A slide presentation, given by Bob Spotts with comments from Richard Ezell and Tony James, will show both daffodils and surroundings of the major hybridizers and growers of Australia. This talk will help to preview the Australian World Convention in September 2004. (Australian Daffs)

Grooming Your Daffodils for Show
Kathy Andersen and Ruth Pardue two of ADS's finest exhibitors, will share their tips and techniques for grooming daffodils for show. Even designs look better when the flowers used have been cleaned and smoothed. Winning ribbons isn't an accident, so why not learn how to improve your flowers so they look their best.

Guided Tour of the Show
Daffodil and design judges will guide attendees through the National Show explaining entries and why the winners were chosen. Tour guides are ADS judges Scott Bally, Dorothy Sensibaugh, and Olivia Welbourn and Dolores Felch, a Federated Garden Club judge.
Sunday Banquet Speakers

Bill Pannill was ADS President from 1966-1968. He won the Silver Medal in 1976 and the Gold Medal in 1984. He has been on the ADS Board for years in various capacities where he continues as Dir. of Development. A protege of Harry Tuggle and from the same hometown, Martinsville, VA., Bill began hybridizing with the goal of seedlings across all the divisions. He was the first to win a Gold Quinn Medal with all his own seedlings. He grows many of his new daffodils at Murray Evans' fields in Oregon, but never competes except with blooms from his Martinsville garden. He was awarded the Peter Barr Cup in 2000 and was named the "Amateur Daffodil Hybridizer of the Millennium" in the same year.

Richard Ezell was ADS President from 1992-1994 and has served as Parliamentarian for many years. He is an outstanding exhibitor and is a much in-demand Judging Schools instructor, as well as a convention speaker. He lives in Gettysburg, PA. Richard worked with Dr. Bill Bender through the years, and has been responsible for the recent introduction of many of the Bender seedlings. He is a founding member of the Tuscarora Daffodil Society, and is active with the Chambersburg Garden Club whose show is older than the ADS.

Jaydee Atkins Ager entered her first daffodil show at age 19 and attended her first convention in 1974 at the age of 21. She became an ADS accredited judge sometime around 1977. Jaydee is the former President of the Georgia Daffodil Society and has served on the ADS Board for many years including as its President from 1996-1998. She chaired the ADS convention at Callaway Gardens in 1990 and is currently serving as the President of The Garden Club of Georgia which has 15,000 members.