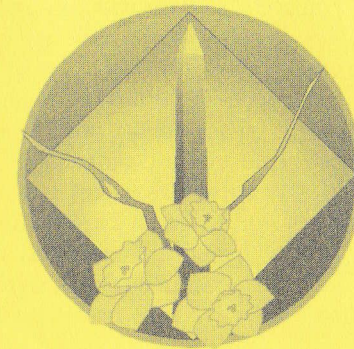


ADS Conventions

1956—Washington DC	1987—Columbus, OH
1957—Mansfield, OH	1988—Tysons Corner, VA
1958—Atlanta, GA	1989—San Francisco, CA
1959—Philadelphia, PA	1990—Callaway, GA
1960—Dallas, TX	1991—Indianapolis, IN
1961—Roanoke, VA	1992—Columbus, OH
1962—Nashville, TN	1993—Nashville, TN
1963—Stratford, CN	1994—Portland, OR
1964—Ashville, NC	1995—Dallas, TX
1965—Pasadena, CA	1996—Baltimore, MD
1966—Memphis, TN	1997—Jackson, MS
1967—Philadelphia, PA	1998—Richmond, VA
1968—Portland, OR	1999—Pittsburgh, PA
1969—Nashville, TN	2000—Portland, OR
1970—Dallas, TX	2001—Louisville, KY
1971—Hartford, CT	2002—Fort Mitchell, KY
1972—Portland, OR	2003—Ashville, NC
1973—Williamsburg, VA	2004—Tysons Corner, VA
1974—Cincinnati, OH	2005—St Louis, MO
1975—Portland, OR	
1976—Philadelphia, PA	
1977—San Francisco, CA	
1978—Columbus, OH	
1979—Boston, MA	
1980—Memphis, TN	
1981—Newport Beach, CA	
1982—Nashville, TN	
1983—Williamsburg, VA	
1984—Portland, VA	
1985—King of Prussia, PA	
1986—Memphis, TN	

American Daffodil Society 50th Anniversary Convention



April 16 - 18, 2004

Presented by

The Washington Daffodil Society

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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
WDS President

Kathy Welsh
Convention Chair
ADS Membership Chair

Thank You

Martha Anderson
Jan Pennings
The Daffodil Society

Brent Heath
Mitch Carney
Elise Havens
Bill Tribe
Sid DuBose
Hunting Creek Garden Club
Five Hills Garden Club
Fairfax Ferns Garden Club
Garden Club of Fairfax
Allan Woods Flowers & Gifts
The British Embassy
Lisa Ashe
Gary Arthur
Bob Pfeifer
Chris Downs
Herban Essentials
Brookside Gardens
Dumbarton Oaks
Arboretum
Botanic Garden
Clay & Fran Higgins
Tom & Kathy Welsh
Robert Darling
Kathy Welsh

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

Convention Programs
Gold Daffodil Pin
China for Special Award
Specially gilded English Medal
Bulbs for potted displays, artwork
Potted daffodils
Bulbs for Pannill garden
Bulbs for Pannill garden
Bulbs for Pannill garden
Friday evening table arrangements
Saturday lunch table arrangements
Table arrangements
Hostesses
Entre to Washington Gift Show
Tour of Perennial Gardens
USAToday printing coordinator
Kennedy Printing
Summit Marketing
C2 Media
Goodie Bag Stuffers
Docent led tours
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Garden Tour
Garden Tour
Convention Logo
Bulb Sales

Convention Committee

Convention Chair	Kathy Welsh
Show Co-Chairmen	Mary Koonce & Mitch Carney
Awards	Glenna Graves
Classification	Bob Huesmann
Clerks	Mary Anne Barton
Design	D. Felch/,C. Truesdell
Educational Exhibits	Tom Taylor
Judges	A.D. Smith & K. Andersen
Pages	Mitch Carney
Photography	Bob Hall
Staging	Paul Botting
Boutique	Mary Semrad
Bus Tours/ Optional Tours	Paul Botting
Bus Tour lunches (boxed lunches)	B.Fleming, M.Huesmann, F. Lo
Clerks' and Workers' Lunch	Ruthann McGrail, Sarah Welsh, Nora Meehan
Commercial Exhibits	Clay Higgins/ Tricia Kincheloe
Convention Pins & Tote Bags	Tom Taylor, R.Darling Design
Publicity/ Marketing	D. Sensibaugh, Lucy Rhame K. Welsh, Mary Anne Barton
Food/ Banquet & Seating	Fran Higgins, Chriss Rainey
Founders' Lounge	Robert Darling
Friday Night Music	Bob Huesmann
Garden Club Liason	Lucy Rhame
Gifts	Kathy Welsh, Tom Taylor
Goody Bags	Chriss Rainey
Invitations	Lucy Rhame
Judges' Coffee	Carolyn Beatson
Judges' Lunch	Ruthann McGrail
Newcomers Chair	Lucy Rhame
Potted Bulbs	Brent Heath, Mitch Carney
Registrar	Maxine Botting
Seminars	S. Welsh, N. Meehan, K.Welsh
Table Arrangements	Bonnie Mirmak
Thurs. Evening Hospitality	Spencer Rainey
Treasurer	Bob Huesmann
Video	K. Welsh, Amanda McKinney
Webmaster	Paul Botting

Saturday Luncheon Speaker—Brent Heath

Brent Heath is a third generation bulb grower and co-owner of *Brent and Becky's Bulbs*, a wholesale/retail mail-order flower bulb catalogue and web site 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 ground-covers.

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 year-long 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	Registration Desk
3:00pm	Staging Begins	Ballrooms C,D,E
3:00 pm	Show entries Begin	Ballrooms B & C
5:30 pm - 7:30 pm	Newcomers' Social	Room 214

Friday, April 16

8:00 am - 10:00 am	Registration Desk Open	Registration Desk
9:00 am - 11:00 am	Receive Consignments for Boutique	Ballroom E
9:30 am	Show Entries Close	Ballrooms B & C
9:30 am - 10:30 am	Judges Coffee	Pavillion 23
9:30 am - 10:30 am	Clerks' Briefing	Room 214
10:00 am	Optional Tours Depart	
10:30 am	Judging Begins	Ballrooms B & C
1:30 pm	Judges Luncheon	Pavillion 23
1:30pm	Clerks & Workers' Lunch	Room 214
2:30pm - 7:00 pm	Founders' Lounge Open	Ballroom D
2:30pm	Boutique Opens	Ballroom E
2:30 pm - 7:00 pm	Show Open	Ballrooms B & C
4:00 pm - 6:30 pm	Registration Desk Open	Registration Desk
4:00-5:30 pm	ADS Board Meeting	Conf. Theater
6:30 pm	Cash Bar and Reception	Ballroom Foyer
7:00pm - 8:30 pm	String Quartet	Ballroom A
7:30 pm	Dinner	Ballroom A
8:30 pm	Welcome, Awards, Annual Meeting	Ballroom A
10:00 pm - Midnight	Book Signing Party	Ballroom Foyer

Saturday, April 17

7:30 am - 9:30 am	Registration Desk Open	Registration Desk
8:00 am - 9:15 am	Judges Refresher Breakfast	Ballroom A

2004 ADS Convention Schedule (Cont.)

Saturday, April 17 (Cont.)

9:00 am - 6:00 pm	Show Open	Ballrooms B & C
9:30 am - 10:30 am	Growing Miniatures	Pavillion 23
	Companion Bulbs	Pavillion 22
10:00 am - 5:00 pm	Boutique Open	Ballrooms E
10:00 am - 5:00pm	Founders' Lounge	Ballroom D
10:45 am - 11:45 am	Form & Fauna	Conference Theater
	Trends in Mitsch Daffodils	Pavillion 23
	Forcing Species Daffodils	Pavillion 22
Noon - 1:30 pm	Lunch - Brent Heath	Ballroom A
	Invitation to the World	
	Daffodil Conv. Brenda Lyons	
1:45 pm - 3:00 pm	Daffodil Wizards of Oz	Pavillion 23
	Grooming Your Daffodils	Pavillion 22
	Guided Tour of the Show	Ballroom B
3:15pm	ADS Board Meeting	Conference Theater
5:00pm	Leave for British Embassy	
7:15pm	Cash Bar	Old Ebbitt Grill
7:45pm	Dinner	Old Ebbitt Grill
	- Speaker Brian Duncan	
10:00 pm	Return from Dinner and Break Down the Show	Ballrooms B & C
10:00 pm - Midnight	Founders' Lounge Open	Ballroom E

Sunday, April 18

7:30 am - 8:30 am	Hybridizer's breakfast	Pavillion 23
	/Historics Breakfast	Pavillion 22
9:00 am	Buses load for GardenTour	
3:30 pm	Buses return from Tour	
4:30 pm	ADS Live Auction	Pavillion 23
6:30 pm	Cash Bar	Ballroom Foyer
7:30 pm	Banquet at Hotel Followed by Banquet Speakers and ADS Video	Ballroom B

Monday, April 19

8:30 am	Judging School II	Pavillion 22
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, horticulturalist 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 self-made 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

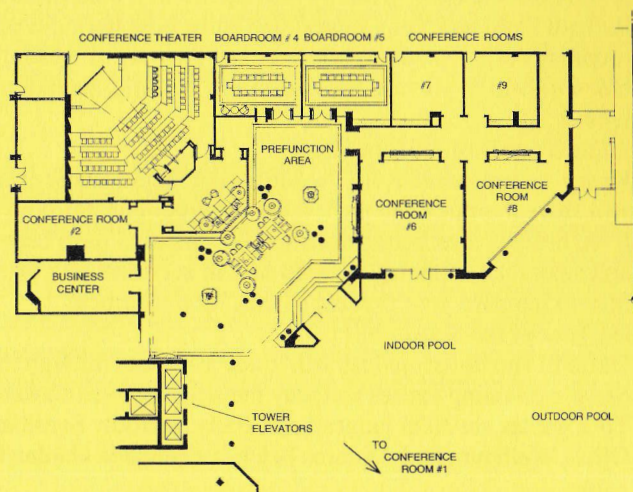
Daffodil and design judges will guide attendees through the National Show explaining entries and why the winners were chosen. Tour guides are ADS judges Scott Bally, Dorothy Sensibaugh, and Olivia Welbourn and Dolores Felch, a Federated Garden Club judge.

Sunday Banquet Speakers

Bill Pannill was ADS President from 1966-1968. Hewon 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 Developement. 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 been 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.



First Floor

