



# VDS NEWSLETTER

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## President's Letter

Dear VDS Members and Friends:

Only three weeks to wait for our 20th Anniversary Show!

Everything is going well, and with our capable board and Mother Nature's cooperation this year, it should be a beautiful (and large) show. I hope all of you are seeing lovely yellow flowers beginning to appear. Mine are hoping for a little more warm weather, but I'm sure it will be here soon.

The schedule has been approved, and is being distributed as we speak. Laura Anne Brooks is going to do one of her beautiful large arrangements for the foyer near registration, and will also do one for the library. Properties are being checked, and I have ordered extra entry cards, since we expect more entries than usual. Our show will also be the ADS Mid-Atlantic Regional show, so we are looking forward to seeing friends from all of the surrounding areas.

We are also hoping to display some of our history as an organization, including Keith McCray's wonderful montage, and perhaps ask some of our members to host "tours" of the show for interested visitors.

I look forward to seeing you on Friday morning, April 5th, to set up for the show, along with any good friends you think would be willing to help!

Fondly,  
Patty

### Louisa Preston

VDS members will be saddened by the recent loss of Louisa Preston, a member for many years. She attended meetings and entered our shows along with her daughter Mary Louise and her long-time aide and companion.

One of my lasting memories is of Louisa and her family hosting our annual picnic at her gracious plantation home on a summer day some years ago. We will miss her greatly.

Patty Bragdon

## Spreading the Word about growing Daffodils By Ross Hotchkiss

Due to a longstanding friendship with Andre Viette, the well-known horticulturist who has broadcast a weekly radio show "In the Garden with Andre Viette" on Saturday mornings over WRVA radio here in Richmond for many years, I was asked to consider conducting a seminar on daffodils at his nursery and daylily farm in Fishersville several years ago. I was very reluctant to accept, but I did so and agreed to a mid-September Saturday to drive up to Andre and Claire's beautiful home that is located in the midst of their nursery and farm. It was not only quite an honor, but a tremendous experience for Betty and me. Fellow VDS members, Glenna Graves, Gayle and Keith McCray have joined me at subsequent seminars.

The shock of my life occurred several weeks prior to the date of my visit when I was listening to Andre's live radio show and heard him announce the forthcoming seminar on daffodils and he called me an "expert" on daffodils! Nothing could be further from the truth and what will my friends in the VDS think if they hear this! I made certain to issue forth a disclaimer following Andre's introduction in front of the attendees at that first of several seminars I have conducted since then and made certain that they understood that my intention was to share my knowledge of daffodils along with the techniques of planting daffodil bulbs and exhibiting the blooms, but more importantly learning something from those in attendance. As most of my friends have come to know, I love to talk, but particularly when it is about my favorite flowers! True to form, I have always learned something new from every opportunity to speak to groups about daffodils.

Following my September 2011 seminar at Andre Viette's, Andre asked me to be one of four presenters at his 14th Annual In The Garden Weekend in August of 2012 at The Homestead Resort in Hot Springs. I was really shocked by the invitation, but readily accepted and we were joined by fellow VDS members, Gayle and Keith McCray. The McCray's became members of the VDS several years

ago when Betty represented our group at a plant society gathering held at The Great Big Greenhouse. Keith put together the power point presentation that I used at The Homestead. The four of us had the wonderful opportunity to spend a long weekend at The Homestead and meet over 80 fellow flower and garden enthusiasts from all over the eastern United States, including the current Executive Director of the American Horticultural Society in Alexandria, Tom Underwood who, along with his wife, invited Betty and me to be their guests at the annual gala and fund raiser at the AHS beautiful headquarters at River Farm on the Potomac this past fall. We provided a selection of special daffodil bulbs, a copy of Brent and Becky's book on daffodils as auction items along with a membership in the ADS to the high bidder as a token of our appreciation.

### **VDS UPDATED DUES**

VDS dues are due and payable by October 1, 1013.

\$5.00 youth

\$20.00 for individuals

\$30.00 for family

\$50.00 for individuals for 3 years and

\$75.00 for 3 years for family

The membership form is included in this newsletter. Please send in this form, along with your dues, as it helps so much to keep the records accurate. Also, please include your email address as this helps us to better communicate with you and saves postage expense.

Sarah Wilkinson, Membership Chair

### **VDS SECRETARY'S REPORT**

By Christy Brennan

Minutes of Daffodil Meeting 2/3/2013

Lewis Ginter Botanical Gardens

President Patty Bragdon welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order. She stated that the purpose of this meeting was to organize the upcoming daffodil show.

Sarah Wilkinson wished to be recognized for an announcement- She wanted to recognize that today was Patty and George's 62nd Anniversary and their children wanted to celebrate the day with a beautiful vase of flowers.

#### **Old Business:**

**Secretary's report:** Christy Brennan thanks Lu Copeland and Sarah Wilkinson for taking the minutes in her absence of the fall meeting. Copies of the

minutes were distributed and Patty requested that Christy read the minutes out loud. A few corrections in spelling were made and an addition of the Virginia Daffodil Board members is to be added.

**Treasurer's report:** VDS has a Memorandum of Understanding with Lewis Ginter for the show. Patty recognized Rick Simon as the treasurer.

The treasurer's report was discussed and Rick reported that an evaluation of the report noted that the incoming expenses would not cover the expenses incurred by the show. Current balance is \$4,400 with \$5,000 in reserve.

Lewis Ginter does not charge VDS for the auditorium but has charges associated with the 3 additional rooms required for the judges' luncheon and Youth Program which comes to \$180.00. Rick proposed a budget in which two options were discussed. The first budget proposal would not raise membership dues. Rick explained that this increase still would not cover all expenses. The second proposal was to raise the dues by \$10.00 which comes very close to covering the expenses.

There was a suggestion to send the newsletters by e-mail to save mailing expenses. Sarah Wilkinson, the Newsletter Chair, replied that we are updating the e-mail addresses of each of our members and plans are to send the newsletters by e-mail although some members do not have e-mail and will require a hard copy.

The question was asked if we needed to print schedules for the show. Patty reported that because this was the 20th VDS Show, she had authorized \$350.00 for the printing of the Schedules using a color front page. Last year 300 schedules were printed. After much discussion it was decided that VDS will print the schedules to be used during the show and the schedule could be available on-line also.

The treasurer's report was accepted as presented. A motion was made to table the discussion concerning the increase of membership dues and proceed with the meeting Agenda as planned and the membership's dues were listed under new business. The motion was seconded and passed during a membership vote.

**Introduction of New officers-** Patty introduced the new slate of Officers:

President: Patty Bragdon

Vice President: Mary Koonce

Second Vice President: Katherine Beale

Recording Secretary: Christy Brennan

Corresponding Secretary: Jeanne Hughes

Treasure: Rick Simon

New Officers (Continued from page 2)

Newsletter: Sarah Wilkinson

Membership Chair: Sarah Wilkinson- she will be getting the VDS members e-mail information and will start to send the newsletters in a pdf file to each member.

The slate of officers was accepted for a two year term.

Old Business; Nonie Baruch has a total of 16 judges for the show. Judges are still needed for the photography. Someone suggested Jennifer Potter, and that maybe she could contact camera clubs to see if anyone would like to be a judge.

Patty reported on the George Bragdon Memorial Garden at Lewis Ginter. The infrastructure is up and the garden is preparing and chilling several hundred donated bulbs as if they are in the ground, so they will be ready to bloom once planted. The new walk way should encourage people to walk through the garden.

#### **New Business:**

Mary Koonce was not present. Patty reported that the schedule is in the review phase. Nonie asked to be informed when the schedule is ready so she can send the judges their assignments. Sarah will send a pdf a copy of the final schedule to Nonie when it has been reviewed and finalized. The schedule is being updated to include three awards approved by the American Daffodil Association.

**Web site:** Ross Hotchkiss reported on behalf of Keith McRae. Keith does not feel that VDS needs a web site at this time due to the high cost and the required maintenance.

Ross reported that for several years VDS and Lewis Ginter had mentioned a joint project where a Lewis Ginter Daffodil Bulb could be introduced. Brent Heath gave Ross several bulbs to plant. Brent has kept a large supply of these bulbs and is ready for an introduction. Ross will keep VDS informed of this endeavor.

Nonie asked if VDS volunteers could supply breakfast type snacks for the judges on Saturday. Several members raised their hands and will provide these items and Kim Sadler agreed to organize this effort.

**Membership dues-** Ross made a motion that we adjust the membership dues as presented in the 2013 budget. The motion went under discussion.

Margaret asked that the youth dues be kept at \$5.00 to encourage participation. She made the motion, it was seconded and the vote passed.

Rick asked how many members were in the VDS – about 100 members. Rick stated that the budgets proposed would not generate the income needed.

It was mentioned that the dues were very reasonable and la bit low as compared to other organizations.

The recommendations was to increase the dues to:

- \$5.00 youth
- \$20.00 for individuals
- \$30.00 for family
- \$50.00 for individuals for 3 years and
- \$75.00 for 3 years for family

The 2013 Budget proposal was adjusted to the amounts. A motion was made to accept the 2013 Budget recommendations, it was seconded and the vote was passed.

It was asked how VDS was going to inform members about the change in membership dues. Margaret reported that it was her custom to write on everyone's newsletter when dues were due and how much was owed. A question was asked when the year ending for membership in VDS. Oct 1st starts the VDS calendar year and dues are owed at this time. It was mentioned that we should allow a grace period until January for payment of dues.

It was recommended that we consider a life time membership of \$250.00. Patty recommended that we defer this decision to the next meeting and place it on the agenda for discussion. Motion was seconded and vote was passed.

### **APPROVED BYLAW CHANGE**

In March, the VDS membership voted to approve the following bylaw change to *Section 1* of Article XII: Committees to be voted on by the members attending the annual meeting on October 6.

Section 1 of Article XII: Committees currently reads: There shall be the following standing committees appointed by the President and approved by the Executive Committee: Awards, Hospitality, Judges, Membership, Newsletter, Parliamentarian/Bylaws, Properties, Show, Ways and Means, and Youth Development.

Amend to read: There shall be the following standing committees appointed by the President and approved by the Executive Board: Awards, {Education}, Hospitality, Judges, Membership, Newsletter, Parliamentarian/Bylaws, Properties, Show, {Technology}, Ways and Means and Youth Development

New Committees Approved: Education committee and Technology committee.

**VDS 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Show  
ADS Mid-Atlantic Regional Show  
Schedule of Events**

Saturday, April 6

Show opens 2 p.m.  
Awards Ceremony 3 p.m.  
Show closes 5 p.m.

Sunday, April 7

Show opens 10 a.m.  
Show closes 3:45 p.m.

**Any Members or Friends who can help with set up on Friday or take down on Sunday will be MUCH appreciated. For copies of schedule, contact Sarah Wilkinson 804 366-2008 or at [sarahwilkinson1019@verizon.net](mailto:sarahwilkinson1019@verizon.net)**

**11<sup>th</sup> Annual  
Design Workshop for Youth  
at the  
Virginia Daffodil Show**

Date: Friday April 5<sup>th</sup> 2013

Time: 4:30 pm to 5:30 pm

Where: Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden, meet at the Visitors Center front desk

**Cost: There is no cost to participants.**

Students in the 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> grade who are interested in learning about flower arranging and creating their own design will meet to design an arrangement which will be on display during the Va. Daffodil Show. Flowers and baskets will be provided, but you can bring your own special basket if you wish.

Students are asked to bring scissors/clippers, branches, greens or any other plant materials from their garden along with their imaginations. The Virginia Daffodil Society will provide the Daffodils. Members of the Hanover Towne Garden Club are helping students design the baskets.

The students will receive a free pass to tour the garden and the daffodil show. Baskets will be displayed during the VA Daffodil Show and can be taken home on Sunday April 7<sup>th</sup> after 3:30.

Space is limited to the first 20 students, who pre-register by March 25<sup>th</sup>. To pre-register or for more information please call Christy Brennan 741-0801

**NOTE: MEMBERS ARE ASKED TO CONTRIBUTE ANY EXTRA DAFFODIL BLOOMS, AS WELL AS BASKETS FOR THE YOUTH ARRANGEMENTS.**

**DAFF NOTES**

**Join us for the ADS National Convention!**

*Romance of the Daffodil  
ADS Convention  
Columbus, Ohio  
April 11-14, 2013*

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**ADS Judges School – III**

**March 22nd** - at the North Carolina Agriculture Cooperative Extension Facility, 120 Community Way (at US Rte. 159 & Avion Pkwy), Barco, NC; Contact: Clay Higgins, Phone: 240-632-0002

**ADS Judges Refreshers**

**April 11th** - Columbus, OH at ADS National Convention Hotel

**Upcoming ADS Approved Daffodil Shows:**

**March 23**, Barco, North Carolina  
The Northeastern North Carolina Daffodil Society Show at the North Carolina Agriculture Cooperative Extension Facility, 120 Community Way (at US Rte. 158 & Avion Pkwy), Barco, NC; Contact: Clay Higgins (252) 491-9268 or (252) 207-7992

**March 27-28**, Gloucester, Virginia  
Garden Club of Virginia, sponsored by the Garden Club of Gloucester Annual Daffodil Show at Ware, 7936 John Clayton Memorial Hwy, (Rt. 14), Gloucester, VA  
Contacts: Petie Matheson, (804) 693-4813 or Betty Barr Ould, (804) 693-3773

Join the Virginia Daffodil Society  
VDS Membership Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Area of Special Interest \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ 1 year youth \$5.00  
\_\_\_\_\_ 1 year individual \$20.00  
\_\_\_\_\_ 1 year family \$30.00  
\_\_\_\_\_ 3 years individual \$50.00  
\_\_\_\_\_ 3 year family \$75.00

Mail form with check to:  
Virginia Daffodil Society  
1940 Lauderdale Drive Apt. 202  
Richmond, VA 23238

Sarah Wilkinson  
Membership Chair  
804 366-2008

All VDS Members are also encouraged to join the American Daffodil Society. The Society publishes a quarterly journal containing articles, color photos and national daffodil news. To join, send \$20.00 (individual) or \$25.00 (family) to

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ADS on the web: <http://www.daffodilusa.org>. Searchable picture gallery of daffodils on the web: <http://www.daffseek.org>