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**The American Daffodil
Society
Mid Atlantic Spring 2014
Newsletter**

With this winter of snow, ice, and record low temperatures we can only wish for spring to come as soon as possible!! This will be a very busy spring if you plan to attend the daffodil shows-I am calling it the revolving door year because as soon as one show ends another starts. Please step-up and help by volunteering at your local show. Many hands make light work and we can use everyone's participation for a superb show time experience. Keep our societies strong!

It is with great sadness that I report the death of Lissa Williamson, of Severna Park, MD, the recent past Regional Vice President. Please see her Memorial in this newsletter. She was selected as our winner of the 2013 Mid Atlantic Region Leadership and Service Award with a noteworthy vote of support.

I want to thank both Cecilia (Ceci) Brown and Janet Hickman for their service to the Mid Atlantic and their many contributions to this newsletter. Janet is now the ADS Secretary replacing the retiring Sally Nash. Her MA Director spot is taken by Julie Minch who retires from the Judges Credentials and Convention Refresher at this ADS Convention in Little Rock, AK. And I want to extend a warm welcome to our newest Director, Jennifer Potter of Richmond, VA who has just become an ADS accredited judge along with her eldest daughter Katelyn. She also has two younger boys who are very much into the daffodil shows and the Youth section is always filled with their winning ribbons. Happy Spring, Kate Carney, RVP

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Bulletin Board

The American Daffodil Society web page: www.daffodilusa.org please note the Executive Director has changed from Jaydee Ager to Phyllis Hess. If you go to the Web store to renew your ADS membership these changes should be reflected. If you encounter problems you can contact Phyllis at 614-882-5720 or daffphyll@gmail.com

The 2013 Board of Directors Fall Meeting held in Tucson, Arizona on October 19, 2013 has submitted reports on the following web page:
<http://daffodilusa.org/BoardBusiness/2013fallboard/fall2013.html>



Lynn Slackman will be replacing Phyllis Hess as the new Marketing and Public Relations Chairman and plans to update the ADS flyer with all the new information on membership for the ADS. She also stated to try to get crossover marketing in other plant society publications to spread the word about our society. Plus she has joined with our webmaster Nancy Tackett to upgrade our existing site! I really like how you can click on the 2014 Show calendar and go to the show you want and

find all the information including a map! Also this site will link you to the NEW DaffTube a daffodil presentation website, DaffNet our discussion forum, DaffLibrary the free online library and DaffSeek the extensive daffodil database with photos of thousands of daffodils. These are all FREE resources and information at your fingertips located on the Internet to promote the American Daffodil Society's mission to educate the public about our favorite flower! Check this new high tech site out! It is awesome!



In Memorium: Elisabeth R. Williamson

May 10, 1947-November 15, 2013

Remembering Lissa

Lissa was the preceding Mid-Atlantic Region's Vice President and was the winner of the 2013 Mid-Atlantic Region Leadership and Service Award with an unprecedented number of letters in her support. And it is no wonder with her enthusiasm for daffodils. She was an accredited ADS Judge as well as an accredited Flower Show Judge. She has been the co chairman for the past ten years of the District II Daffodil Show now held in Severna Park, MD. She was also the advisor to the Garden Club of Shelter Island, N.Y. where she grew up in the magnificent Sylvester Manor starting her love for the daffodil and floral design. She served three times as the Chartwell Garden Club's president and was president of the District II Federated Garden Club of Maryland. Many must remember her staying up all night at the Maryland Daffodil Society National Convention just held in Baltimore to help with the classification of exhibits and organizing the show to look its very best. I always



remember her as wearing beautiful hats which I have come to learn that her mother, Alice Fiske was known for too. In honor of her mother and childhood home she had two wonderful daffodils bred in 2002 by Richard and Elise Havens named in their honor: 'Sylvester Manor' 2Y-Y to the left and 'Lady Alice' 7Y-Y pictured on the right:



Lissa has been a positive force in the daffodil world always ready to lend a hand to help others. She felt a deep sense of duty to the community and was an untiring fundraiser for the Vollmer Center at the Cylburn Arboretum in Baltimore. The family has designated the Federated Garden Club of MD, Inc for any donations to be made in her name. She wished the funds to be used to purchase window coverings for the classroom at Cylburn so that projectors could be used in furthering education seminars. Please make checks payable to FGCMD, Inc. and designate the Lissa Williamson Fund. Mail to: FGCMD, Inc 4915 Greenspring Ave; Baltimore, MD 21209-4542. If you have questions call the office at 410-396-4842.



ADS National Convention



Join the ADS at the 2014 American Daffodil Society National Daffodil Convention in Little Rock, Arkansas, March 27 – 30, for *Daffodils in the Natural State*. Enjoy a spectacular daffodil show, educational symposiums, and garden tours. For information go to: <http://daffodilusa.net/events-show-calendar/national-convention/2014-national-daffodil-convention/>

Judging School II, March 27, 2014 – Little Rock, Arkansas

At 2014 ADS Convention Hotel – Separate registration from ADS Convention. **Please note**, students should plan to arrive by 6:00pm on March 26, 2014 for Daffodil Bloom ID study, classroom training sessions start at 8:00 a.m. on March 27, 2014.

Contact: Carolyn Hawkins, 770-855-4248 (Cell), her email: carolyn9999@comcast.net

Link: [http://daffnet.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/01/Little Rock Judges School II 2014.pdf](http://daffnet.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/01/Little_Rock_Judges_School_II_2014.pdf)

Choose – Perfect – Present

Bring Your Photos to Little Rock by Robert Darling

Kristin Boone's committee in Little Rock devised delightful challenges for ADS daffodil photographers. The Photo Division Classes offer many opportunities for you to find, select, perfect and present your images to celebrate the daffodil. They found nine appropriate categories to fit and expand our understandings of the various classes via Arkansas' themes.

Discussing them with Kristin, how delightful to learn Arkansas considers itself "*The Natural State*." The P-3 Class looks forward to images of daffodils in either their native habitat or a natural environment. An Arkansas diamond exists should you find time to mine one in the Crater of Diamonds State Park. How to express this "*Arkansas Diamond*" P-1 Class in a daffodil portrait remains for you to

answer. Or to translate the *Arkansas Razorback*, a local wild boar and mascot of Arkansas State into a photo of daffodils with animals, requires your creativity. *The Old Mill* still exists. It enjoyed a part in the famous movie *Gone with the Wind*. You might find in your archives a photo of a daffodil landscape to inspire your preparations.

Not wanting to limit your creativity, Kristin's Committee hopes to add to your knowledge of Arkansas. The *Starving Artists Café* features artists, sells excellent artwork, the *Heifer Project* famously raises animals to help people throughout the world. Their Offices in Little Rock and several sites throughout the State offer a creative response to a Global concern. She assures me that

the Still Life category P-5 may or may not include President Clinton, but it will be *still*, like formal portraits taken with this famous Arkansas native.

Three Judges conspire to find the most creative and interesting responses to these Challenges. Judging points recommended weigh Creativity, Composition, Craft and Content equally, even as Kristin considers "creativity and composition — more important..." The gauntlet thrown, you make the decisions on Classes you enter to wow us with your responses. We hope that as the winter wanes you find in your existing photos and in those you might yet make, winning ways to focus on the daffodil and explore ideas of Arkansas, and "La Petite Roche," (Little Rock) this coming Spring.

For more information contact the ADS National Show Chair, Kristin Boone

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Mid Atlantic Shows and our Surrounding Regions for 2014

March 22, 2014 Barco, North Carolina. The Northeastern North Carolina Daffodil Society's show location is the Agriculture Cooperative Extension Facility, 120 Community Way (at US Rt 158 & Avion Pkwy), Barco NC. For further information contact: Clay Higgins, PO Box 369, Harbinger NC 27941 252-491-9268; clayhiggins@centurylink.net Note: Their Membership Spring Meeting is February 22nd and will have a program on flower arranging with daffodils.

March 29-30, 2014, Gloucester, Virginia, The Garden Club of Gloucester's 62nd Annual Daffodil Show. Show location is the Ware Academy, 7936 John Clayton Memorial Hwy, (Rt 14) Gloucester VA. 23062 Contact: Ceci Brown 804-693-3663, PO Box 160, Gloucester, VA,. cbzanoni@gmail.com The show theme this year is **Flower Power-Music of the 1960's "Three Days of Peace and Daffodils"** Ceci has created a FAB blog spot www.gloucesterdaffodils.blogspot.com which is really fun and has samples of the groovy music which the design segment of the show will interpret as well as listing the categories for the photography section. They also have a fantastic Youth Section. See Ceci's article at the end of this newsletter!

April 1-2nd, 2014, Winchester Virginia, The Garden Club of Virginia 80th Show; sponsored by The Little Garden club of Winchester Virginia show location is Millwood station 252 Costello Drive, Winchester, VA. Contacts: Co Chairs: Suzy Oliver 540 722-2201, suzyoliver2@gmail.com and Diane Kelly 540 303 4675 dianekelly59@gmail.com Entries accepted March 31st from 2:00-8:00PM and April 1 from 7:00-9:30 AM.

April 5, 2014 Princess Anne, MD, Somerset County Garden Club Show located at St. Andrew's Parish Hall, 30513 Washington Street, Princess Anne, MD 21853. Contact Kathy Green 410 651-0556 or 443 880-6693 Billscat1111@aol.com

April 5-6th, 2014 Richmond, VA, Virginia Daffodil Society located at The Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden, Edu. Bldg., 1800 Lakeside Ave., Richmond, VA 23228. Contact: Skip Ford 804 200-1346, sford3115@gmail.com

April 7-8th, 2014 Severna Park, MD, Dist. II, Federated Garden Clubs of Maryland Show located at Our Shepherd Lutheran Church, 400 Benfield Road Severna Park, MD. 21146 Contact: : Marie Coulter, 410-647-8971, Frankandmarie@verizon.net

April 8th, 2014 Upperville, VA, Upperville Garden Club 51st Show located at Buchanan Hall, 8649 John S. Mosby Hwy, Upperville, VA Contact: Carol Farnow, 540-338-9608 cfarnow@aol.com

April 14-15th, 2014 Towson, MD, Maryland Daffodil Society 90th Show
located at: The Shops at Kenilworth, 800 Kenilworth Drive, Towson, MD 21204.
Contact: Mary Ann Thompson, 410-832-1810, mannthompson@verizon.net or
Hilles Whedbee hwhedbee@shawan.org

April 17-18th, 2014 Fairfax, VA, Middle Atlantic Regional, Washington Daffodil Society Show located at: The American Legion Fairfax Post No. 177, 3939 Oak Street, Fairfax, VA 22030. Contact Glenna Graves 540-434-8587, glennamgraves@comcast.net The WDS Spring meeting is February 22nd information can be found on the new WDS website: thewashingtondaffodilsociety.org.

April 19-20th, 2014 Devon, PA, Delaware Valley Daffodil Society Show located at Jenkins Arboretum & Gardens, 631 Berwyn-Baptist Road, Devon, PA 19333. Contact: Jocelyn Thayer, 610-399-0903, j.thayer179@verizon.net

April 26-27th, 2014 Chambersburg, PA, Chambersburg Garden Club and Tuscarora Daffodil Group Show located at First Lutheran Church, 43 West Washington St., Chambersburg, PA 17201. Contact: Richard Ezell, 717-334-2304, brownezell@earthlink.net or Mitch Carney 301-432-4728, mca1062357@aol.com

NEW on the ADS web site's DaffLibrary

'Yellow Fever'

A Prospect of the History and Culture of Daffodils

by David Willis 2012

If you noted above that the Maryland Daffodil Society is having its 90th show!! And the Garden Club of Virginia is holding its 80th show!! That is impressive history for our region. In his book David Willis writes about the founding of these societies and their shows on page 30. He mentions The Hardy Gardening Club which got its start in 1919 and went on to form the Maryland Daffodil Society with the stewardship of Guy Wilson from Ireland who they used as a source for daffodil bulbs.

Miss Beirne of Ashland, VA also was keen on collecting daffodil bulbs from overseas and as a member of the Garden Club of Virginia formed a Daffodil Committee and developed a Test Garden for the new introductions. To this day The Garden Club of Virginia follows her spirit with yearly distribution of Daffodil Collections which are subject to the very competitive class of GCV Garden Clubs vying for the ultimate award: The Daffodil Chairman's Cup. It is a tough class consisting of 12 varieties from at least four years of the past nine years of the collections.

This ebook is a FREE download at <http://dafflibrary.org/wp-content/uploads/Yellow-Fever.pdf> there is a lot of interesting history to discover!

The John and Gertrude Wister Award

The American Daffodil Society has since 1985 given recognition to outstanding garden daffodils and the 2013 winner was 'Thalia' and the 2014 winner which came as a surprise as one would have thought it a winner YEARS ago since it is the most planted daffodil in history: 'Tete-a tete'. For a full listing you can go to the web site: <http://daffodilusa.org/daffodil-info/daffodil-awards/the-wister-award>

The William G. Pannill Award is given annually to an American hybridizer to recognize a named standard daffodil which has demonstrated winning show qualities for a minimum



of 5 years following registration. This year's choices are Dr. Bender's 'Tuscarora' 1Y-Y registered in 1990, shown on the left. And 'Lemon Silk' 6YYW-W from



Richard and Elise Havens registered in 1987 shown on the right. The winner will be announced at the Convention in Little Rock this spring.

Gloucester Virginia Daffodil Show News

By Ceci Brown

The Garden Club of Gloucester will hold its 62nd annual daffodil show Saturday, March 29, and Sunday, March 30 at Ware Academy. This show is **Gloucester's oldest community event.** It has been an American Daffodil Society (ADS) accredited show since 1975 and now ranks as one of its premier shows.



The artistic theme will be 'Flower Power – Music from the 1960s' with floral designs interpreting seven songs from the 1960s. These are 'Aquarius (Let the Sunshine in)', 'Wild Thing', 'Moon River', 'Fun Fun Fun', 'I Heard it Through the Grapevine', and 'Itsy Bitsy Teenie Weenie Yellow Polka Dot Bikini'. The two youth artistic classes (ages 6-9 and 10-13) will be interpreting universal peace from John Lennon's song "Imagine". Included in the show events will also be five Photographic classes. There is increased emphasis

on youth participation (age 16 and under) in all areas - horticulture, photography and floral design.

New this year there will be an expanded Small Growers Section for exhibitors growing less than 50 named varieties and a Collection Class for Novices Only as well as the new Classic Daffodil Section for daffodils registered from 1940 to 1960 inclusive.

Show History - Gloucester's oldest community event was first held in 1938 on the back porch of a member's home. From there, it moved to several locations a fire station, a church hall and a golf country club. This event was halted during WWII. For those who remember, this show was held for six decades at Page Middle School. In 2011, this site was destroyed by a tornado and the show was moved to its present site at Ware Academy. Despite adversities of weather, the show was cancelled only once mid 1960s due to a March blizzard. Twice the club hosted the Garden Club of Virginia Daffodil statewide daffodil show (1974-75 and 2012-13). This means our post WWII show is actually in its 67nd year!

We welcome you to Gloucester on March 29-30. While here, you could visit Brent & Becky's Bulb Shoppe near the show or indulge in high tea at The Vintage Daffodil Restaurant in town. In keeping with this year's 1960's theme, you could shop at nationally renowned Peace Frogs. We know your visit here, the Daffodil Capital of America, will be unforgettable.

For more information and on activities, please contact Ceci Brown, (804) 693-3663 or cbzanoni@gmail.com, or the show website www.gloucesterdaffodils.blogspot.com.

I want to express a special thank you to the **Washington Daffodil Society** for allowing the Mid Atlantic Regional meeting to be held in conjunction with their fall meeting. We also had a great judge's refresher with Anne Donnell Smith and Richard Ezell at the helm taking tough questions in the "stump the professor" forum. Thank you to Anne Donnell and Richard for sharing their vast knowledge and experience and supplying us with a lively discussion-especially on how to make final judging go a bit smoother.

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