

# AMERICAN DAFFODIL SOCIETY, INC.

## Middle Atlantic Region

### NEWSLETTER

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#### Dear ADS Members:

As another daffodil season fades into history, I only hope your memories are half so happy as mine. After a long cold winter two warm weeks in early April here brought everything into bloom almost at once and then cooler weather in late April and early May kept not only the daffodils at their loveliest but also lilac, dogwood, wisteria, tulips and other flowers at peak bloom making a long, glorious spring.

Those of you who know me have no doubt heard me complain year after year of the hard freezes and frequent frosts which we suffer during daffodil season here in the mountains and which is so destructive of stem and foliage. This year Nature was kind. Only late in April and early in May was there any frost at all and that relatively light. So at this time our foliage is standing straight and unbent, just as in past years I have seen it in many of your gardens. Oh, joy! Please credit me with one season of no complaints.

#### SHOW REPORTS

It gives me great pleasure to report that, in spite of the late season, six ADS Shows were held in our region. Only the Progressive Garden Club of Lynchburg, Va. found it necessary to cancel its show which was to have been held April 1. Last year their date, April 8 was too late; this year April 1 was too early. We certainly wish them better luck next year.

Most of the shows were somewhat smaller than usual and most depended on flowers brought by exhibitors who live farther south than the show site. Tidewater's date alone hit the season just right. Consequently, they were able to give all the ADS awards with the exception of the Bronze Ribbon, a very difficult class to win.

SOMERSET COUNTY GARDEN CLUB, Peninsula Bank, Princess Anne, Md. April 1, 1978  
Show Chairman Mrs. Richard Hall reports 218 daffodil blooms in 149 exhibits and 25 artistic exhibits.

- Gold Ribbon - Mrs. George Coulbourn - Karamundli 1W-Y
- Miniature Gold Ribbon - Mrs. George Parsons - Mite 6Y Y
- White Ribbon - Mrs. George Parsons - Sweetness 7Y-Y
- Miniature White Ribbon - Mrs. George Coulbourn - Tete-a-Tete 6Y-O
- Silver Ribbon - Mrs. George Parsons - Number of Blue Ribbons Won - 10
- Purple Ribbon - Mrs. George Parsons - Arctic Doric, Pastorale, Caenlough, Gold Crown, St. Keverne
- Lavender Ribbon - Mrs. George Parsons - Little Gem, Mite, Jumbie, Tete-a-Tete, scaberulus
- Red-White-Blue Ribbon - Mrs. George Parsons - Bethany, Entrancement, Celilo, Wahkeena, Lunar Sea



Mrs. Hall writes "It was touch and go as to whether we would be able to hold the show because of the cold weather and the scarcity of blooms. Miniatures were most interesting to the viewers. In the artistic division the judges commented most favorably about the small arrangements in the 12" by 12" niches, saying it was stiff competition and that they would have liked to have had more awards to give than just four for the nine arrangements."

GARDEN CLUB OF GLOUCESTER DAFFODIL SHOW, Gloucester Intermediate School, Gloucester, Va. Show Chairman Mrs. David L. Peebles reports 812 daffodil blooms, 417 daffodil exhibits and 43 artistic exhibits.

Gold Ribbon - Mrs. Raymond W. Lewis - Bethany 2W-Y  
 Miniature Gold Ribbon - Mrs. Chesterman Constantine - Mite 6Y-Y  
 White Ribbon - Mrs. William F. Thomas - Court Martial 2Y-R  
 Miniature White Ribbon - Dr. John L. Tarver - Jumblie 6Y-O  
 Silver Ribbon - Mrs. Raymond W. Lewis - Number of Blue Ribbons Won - 6  
 Purple Ribbon - Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Ticknor - Vigil, Snowdean, First Frost, White Charm, Tablecloth  
 Lavender Ribbon - Mrs. George F. Parsons - Mite, Tete-a-Tete, scaberulus, Little Gem, Jumblie  
 Red-White-Blue Ribbon - Dr. John L. Tarver - Entrancement, Chapeau, Butterscotch, Wahkeena, Gold Crown  
 Maroon Ribbon - Mrs. George F. Parsons - Lunar Sea, Pastoral Entrancement, Nampa, Bethany  
 Green Ribbon - Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Ticknor - Fad, Tiritomba, Snowdean, Highfield Beauty, Mrs. David Calvert, Falstaff, Roger, Sun silk, Chapeau, Kanga, Gold Crown, Charity May

The schedule in this show specified that the Purple Ribbon be awarded to Class 117, five varieties, one stem each, white daffodils. The Ticknors' exhibit was outstanding and extremely worthy of this award. Tablecloth, a large 1W-W was particularly noteworthy as well as other cultivars from Australia and New Zealand.

HUNTINGTON COUNCIL OF GARDEN CLUBS DAFFODIL SHOW, Huntington Civic Center, Huntington, W. Va. Show Chairman Mrs. Curtis R. Davis reports 333 daffodil blooms, 194 daffodil exhibits and 65 artistic exhibits.

Gold Ribbon - Mrs. Ernest J. Adams - Willet 6 Y-Y  
 Miniature Gold Ribbon - Miss Maida L. Ham - Xit 3 W-W  
 White Ribbon - Mrs. W. E. Richardson - Seedling #7/2 Armada x N. cyclamineus  
 Hybridizer: Mrs. Clifford E. Fitzwater  
 Junior Award - Kathy Bunn, age 11 - Matapan 3W-R  
 Silver Ribbon - Mrs. Ernest J. Adams - Number of Blue Ribbons Won - 9

"Miniature bloom (vase of three) t. pulchellus was much admired. Also Xit. The miniatures in general created much interest. There were nine single specimens, two vases of three, one collection of five and one candidate for the Watrous award. Also, the Junior Classes drew much interest with 21 single entries of standard blooms. The seedling vase of three, #7/2 Armada x n. cyclamineus hybridized by Mrs. Clifford E. Fitzwater won the National Council Award of Horticultural Excellence. In the standard classes Festivity was much in evidence and looked as good at the close of the show as at the beginning. Kingscourt was a heavy contender for the Gold Ribbon, being edged out by only one vote.

Weather conditions had a bad effect on the number of entries in this show. On March 16 we had three inches of snow. Winter temperatures prevailed until 10 days before the show, then it turned hot very suddenly, which forced the blooms. The stems were short and blooms were small as a result."

WASHINGTON DAFFODIL SOCIETY SHOW, National Arboretum, Washington, D. C. Show Chairman Maurice Katoen reports 342 daffodil blooms, 198 daffodil exhibits, 30 artistic exhibits.

Gold Ribbon - Mrs. Elisha Hanson - Trena 6 W-Y  
 Miniature Gold Ribbon - Mrs. George D. Watrous, Jr. - Seedling 669-1 (Chicopee x N. cyclamineus) o.p.  
 White Ribbon - Mrs. Duncan Peters - Prologue 1W-Y  
 Miniature White Ribbon - Mrs. P. E. Battle - The Little Gentleman 6Y-Y  
 Silver Ribbon - Mrs. Jennings C. Pamplin - Number of Blue Ribbons Won - 13  
 Red-White Blue Ribbon - Mr. and Mrs. Earl Bailey - Gold Crown, Snow Gem, Willet, Festivity, Prologue  
 Maroon Ribbon - Mrs. George W. Burton - Entrancement, Spellbinder, Lunar Sea, Honeybird, Binkie



Rose Ribbon - Mrs. Jennings C. Pamplin - Glenmanus x Mabel Taylor  
 Miniature Rose Ribbon - Mrs. George D. Watrous, Jr. - Seedling # 669-1 (Chicopee  
 x N. cyclamineus) o.p. 6 Y-Y

Although this show was much smaller than usual, the flowers displayed were of high quality. Great crowds of people who are visiting the arboretum come to this show and are amazed at the diversity of form and color to be found in the daffodil.

TIDEWATER VIRGINIA DAFFODIL SOCIETY ANNUAL SHOW (REGIONAL), Holiday Inn, Hampton, Va. April 8-9, 1978 Mrs. Henning Rountree reports 1495 blooms in 815 daffodil exhibits.

Gold Ribbon - Bill Pannill - Canisp 2 W-W  
 Miniature Gold Ribbon - Mrs. Raymond W. Lewis - Yellow Kit 3 W-Y  
 White Ribbon - Bill Pannill - Gin and Lime 1 Y-GWW  
 Miniature White Ribbon - Mrs. Raymond W. Lewis - Yellow Kit  
 Silver Ribbon - Bill Pannill (No report on number of Blue Ribbons won - probably more than anyone could count)  
 Purple Ribbon - Mrs. Raymond W. Lewis - Arctic Gold, Queenscourt, Ballygarvey, Vigil, Viking  
 Lavender Ribbon - Mrs. J. Waller Harrison - Quince, canaliculatus, Mite, Segovia, The Little Gentleman  
 Red-White-Blue Ribbon - Dr. John L. Tarver, Jr. - Limeade, Willet, Festivity, Rima, Daydream  
 Maroon Ribbon - Rushlight, Lemon Doric, Daydream, Bethany, Binkie - Dr. John L. Tarver, Jr.  
 Green Ribbon - Mrs. P. R. Moore, Jr. - Rameses, Home Fires, Desdemona, Langwith, Doubtful, Polar Imp, Snow Gem, Carrickbeg, Mrs. David Lambert, Tonga, Arbar, Dancing Flame  
 Roberta C. Watrous Award - Mrs. R. L. Armstrong - Minnow, Jumblie, Sea Gift, Mite, Quince, Little Beauty, Small Talk, Bagatelle, Jetage, Tete-a-Tete, Snipe, bulbocodium nivalis  
 Carey E. Quinn Award - Bill Pannill - 70/HF ((Just So x Bethany) x Daydream), E15 (Frolic x Empress of Ireland), Durango, Intrigue, J14 (Royal Oak x Golden Ace), Chariot Wheel, Wakefield, Lara, J2 (Wahkeena x Jet Set), Fire Alarm, Imprint, 65/98 (Matador x jonquilla), 64/10 (Rushlight x Daydream), Revelation, 64/97 ((Leonaine x Kilfinnie) x Binkie), Indian Maid, 69/4 (Miralgo x Ambergate), 64/104 Rima x Salmon Trout, Lizzie Hop, Ella (Kingscourt x Chemawa) J74 (Bethany x pink seedling), 64/84A (Merlin x Hotspur) I 63 (Salmon Trout x Lanena), E18 (Slieveboy x Chemawa)  
 Rose Ribbon - Bill Pannill - E18 (Slieveboy x Chemawa) 2 Y-Y  
 Miniature Rose Ribbon - C 34 A (Mite x calcicola) 6 Y-Y

"The show itself was news this year. We had good daffodil weather and the right date, which gave us the biggest and best show we have had since the National Show at Williamsburg. The overall quality of the flowers was exceptional; especially, reverse bicolors have never looked better."

THE MARYLAND DAFFODIL SOCIETY SHOW, Brown Memorial Church, Baltimore, Md. April 19,20, 1978 Show Chairman Mrs. Harry L. Williamson, Jr. reports 994 daffodil blooms, 609 daffodil exhibits and 36 artistic exhibits.

Gold Ribbon - Mrs. John Payne Robinson - Camelot 2 Y-Y  
 Miniature Gold Ribbon - Mrs. Elisha Hanson - Jumblie 6 Y-O  
 White Ribbon - Major F. J. Klein, Sr. - Chiloquin 1 Y-W  
 Miniature White Ribbon - Quentin Erlandson - Quince 6 Y-Y  
 Silver Ribbon - Mrs. John Payne Robinson - Number of Blue Ribbons Won - 12  
 Lavender Ribbon - Mrs. Peter A. B. Hoblitzell - Little Beauty, Little Gem, Tete-a-Tete, scaberulus, rupicola

"Erlicheer caused a great deal of comment as it is so seldom grown with any degree of success in the Baltimore area. Willet was also much admired as most of the general public is more accustomed to seeing trumpets as winners. Mrs. Robinson's Camelot was a star throughout the show. It will probably be sought after by all daffodil fanciers. The miniatures - we had over a hundred specimens - always cause comment. Divisions 4 and 11 are always much admired, but it is interesting to me that Festivity, Ave, Accent, Kingscourt still are among the most admired flowers. Their show quality stands out on the bench. Again this year we had rather unusual weather which accounted for some blooms, such as Beersheba, being of excellent quality."



GARDEN CLUB OF VIRGINIA 44TH ANNUAL DAFFODIL SHOW, Hotel Roanoke, Roanoke, Va.  
April 12, 1978, Mrs. E. Reed Carter, Show Chairman 1,569 daffodils

Best Bloom in Show - Mrs. R. L. Armstrong - Yellowtail 2 W-Y  
Runner-up to Best Bloom - Miss Bonnie Hohn - Tangent 2 W-P  
Most Blue Ribbons in Horticulture - Mrs. George Parsons  
Beirne Challenge Bowl, six white varieties, three stems each - Mrs. J. R. Walker  
Edith Walker Award, one stem each of four varieties from 1977 Club Collection -  
Mrs. F. Paul Turner, Jr.  
Katherine L. Bloomer Award - five varieties from five divisions - Mrs. J. R. Walker  
Best Seedling - Major Francis J. Klein, Sr.  
Novelty Class, three varieties registered 1966 or later - Mrs. George Parsons  
Five red cups - Mrs. P. R. Moore, Jr.  
Five Pink Cups - Mrs. R. L. Armstrong  
Five Reverse Bicolors - Mrs. Toy Critz  
Five Whites - Mrs. Chester Kruszyna  
Five Varieties registered prior to 1945 - Mrs. W. J. Perry  
Five Miniatures - Mrs. R. L. Armstrong

This is not an ADS Show but many ADS members exhibit as you can see.

#### 1978 CONVENTION

The Middle Atlantic Region was well represented at the ADS Convention in Columbus, Ohio, April 27 - 29 with 23 of us in attendance. Should have been 25 but unfortunately Jane and Roxie Moore were kept home by the damaging storm that lashed Virginia on April 26. It was an interesting well organized meeting with a choice of excellent programs to enjoy and several beautiful gardens full of named daffodils along with a wealth of other interesting plants to tour.

We are pleased that three from our region served on the program, Meg Yerger, Roberta Watrous and Bill Pannill; and that the convention show was much enhanced by many of our Middle Atlantic daffodils. Marie Bozievich, Quentin and Mary Gwynn Erlandson, Lil Meyer, Lettie Hanson, Roberta Watrous, Meg Yerger, Lucy Christian, Bonnie and Sally Hohn, Virginia Perry and yours truly all "carried" flowers, as they say farther South, and returned home with the Tuggle Trophy, The Lawler Cup, the Gold Watrous, the ADS Gold Ribbon and the White Ribbon (both Aircastle), the Miniature Gold (Segovia), the Miniature Rose Ribbon plus assorted Central Ohio Daffodil Society Awards and lots of blue, red and yellow ribbons.

The ADS is very fortunate that immediate Past President Bill Ticknor agreed at the convention to accept appointment as Executive Secretary. With Bill in this position we can be sure the affairs of the Society will sail ahead as smoothly as they did under the able and dedicated hand of the late George Lee. (Not to mention that we also acquire the services of Bill's efficient helpmeet, Laura Lee, for free!)

Bonnie Hohn, who teaches Botany at Mary Baldwin College, was elected a director from our region. She replaces Virginia Perry whose term as regional director had expired but who, we are grateful to say, remains on the Board as the new Chairman of Public Relations.

Also, please note that Marie Bozievich is our ADS first vice-president and therefore, two years from now will be our first ADS Madam President. Aren't we in Middle Atlantic proud and delighted?

The Fall Board Meeting will be held in Des Moines, Iowa on October 14. Any ADS member is welcome to attend.

#### SYMPOSIUM BALLOT

Jane Moore has asked me to remind each of you (not just judges as some seem to think) to send her your ballot for your favorite daffodils in each division or subdivision, any or all of them. See page 73 of the March Journal for directions. Don't forget to mail it to Mrs. P. R. Moore, Jr. before July 1. Your vote is needed to provide a good cross section of opinion.

#### FALL REGIONAL MEETING

Will be held at the Cascades, Williamsburg, Va. on Saturday, October 28. Mark that on your calendar right now and plan to join us. Bring you family and friends. The late date gives you time to plant your bulbs earlier in October. And don't forget to put aside one or two nice ones for door prizes at lunch. Incidentally, Trena, which won Best-in-Show and the ADS Gold Ribbon for Letty Hanson at the Washington Daffodil Society Show this year was the bulb she received in Fredericksburg last fall as her door prize. So come, see if you might be so lucky.



Roxie and Jane Moore are in charge of arrangements; Frank Klein will serve as registrar. As most of you know, the Cascades is adjacent to the Motor House and that is where most of us will be staying. If you wish, you can make your reservations now. We shall have further details in the August newsletter.

#### FAVORITE DAFFODILS

Mrs. Curtis (Lil) Davis and her sister, Miss Maida Ham share a garden in Kenova, W. Va. They are our most western members (the name of the town gives its exact location) and have kindly sent us a list of daffodils that do well in their garden and which they enjoy.

Div. 1: Hunter's Moon  
Prologue  
Beersheba  
Empress of Ireland  
Panache  
Honeybird  
Lunar Sea

Div. 2: Ceylon  
Galway  
Accent  
Daviot  
Festivity  
Green Island  
Greenland  
Bethany  
Easter Moon  
Tudor Minstrel

Div. 3: Ardour  
Jezebel  
Aircastle  
Blarney  
Kansas  
Dream Castle  
Verona

Div. 4: Cheerfulness

Div. 5: Tresamble

Div. 6: Peeping Tom  
Beryl

Div. 7: Suzy  
Sweetness  
Dickcissel

Div. 8: Golden Dawn  
Martha Washington

Div. 9: Milan

Div. 11: Lemon Ice  
Cassata

From the shores of the Ohio to the shores of the Rappahannock the crow flies about 425 miles. Sue Robinson gardens near White Stone, Va. and with a little arm twisting sent us this list of her favorite daffodils.

Div. 1: Arctic Gold  
Moonmist  
Prologue  
Trousseau  
Empress of Ireland  
Rashee  
Lunar Sea

Div. 2: Ormeau  
Camelot  
Flaming Meteor  
Festivity  
Avenger  
Accent  
Precedent  
Wedding Gift  
Daydream

Div. 3: Doubtful  
Eminent  
Gossamer  
Verona

Div. 4: Bridal Crown  
Tonga  
Acropolis

Div. 5: Tresamble

Div. 6: Bushtit

Div. 7: Sweetness  
Trevithian  
Pipet

Div. 8: Golden Dawn

Div. 9: Quetzal

Sue describes these as being faithful through the years.

Thanks to the the three of you for sharing these favorites with us.

#### DAFFODILS TO SHOW AND GROW

Have you procured your copy of the new Daffodils to Show and Grow which lists almost every daffodil currently being grown with its new color classification? It is a very handy book to use and absolutely necessary for every judge and/or exhibitor. If you find mistakes or omissions, you are asked to write Mrs. Chas. H. Anthony, 27 Gale Rd., Bloomfield, Conn. 06002. But first, provide yourself with a copy by sending \$3.50 to W. O. Ticknor, Tyner, N. C. 27980



So don't forget to:

1. Plan to be with us for the Regional Fall Meeting October 28 in Williamsburg.
2. Send your Symposium ballot to Jane Moore right away.
3. Order your copy of Daffodils to Grow and Show if you do not have one.
4. Put aside a good bulb for a door prize.

Happy bulb digging!

Yours sincerely,

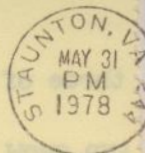
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P.S. The postoffice returned to me six copies of the February Newsletter which had lost their address labels. If you did not receive one, and would like one, please let me know and I will try again. Sorry.

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