



# VDS Newsletter

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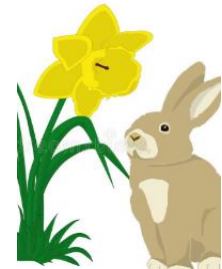
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## Virginia Daffodil Society Spring Meeting Saturday, Feb 22, 2020

Westminster Canterbury  
Rice Assembly Meeting Room  
1600 Westbrook Ave  
Richmond, VA 23227

*See page 3 for detailed directions*



**9:30 a.m.** – Coffee, socializing

**10 a.m.** – Board Meeting – all invited. Topics to be discussed:

- Budget – Raise dues?
- Summer picnic locale
- Activities to boost membership & enthusiasm for VDS—*member input sought!*
- Outreach – Need ideas on how to infect others with “Yellow Fever. Provide speakers for groups? Visit regional shows as a group? Conduct workshops on how to show daffs? Daffodil docents at Lewis Ginter?

I love the weeks preceding the daffodil show season—walking among the beds looking for those green shoots—welcoming the newbies I planted last fall and thanking the oldies for returning.

If your daffs are as anxious as mine, you'll probably have some blooming at the time of our meeting. Pick a few and share them for Show & Tell at our meeting.

And please bring your ideas, enthusiasm and a friend to the meeting, too.

Nancy Fuchs

## Jennifer needs your help for 2021

Thanks, Lisa Robinson, for stepping up to co-chair the March 28 Daffodil Show with Jennifer Potter.

Jennifer also needs two volunteers to serve as judges chairman and clerks chairman for 2021.

The judges chairman would contact potential judges well ahead of the show date to request that they judge at VDS. As the show nears, the chairman supplies useful information (lodging, directions, etc.) and prepares the judging assignments. Jennifer is well organized and will be able to provide you with everything you need to make the judging and clerking process run smoothly. And by the way, clerking is one of the most important and essential jobs at a show!

Other jobs need to be filled, too, but assistance with these two would lighten Jennifer's load. Please give it some thought.

## Raise dues?

As noted in the last newsletter, we are facing a dwindling treasury. Should we raise our dues? Hold a fundraiser? What are your thoughts?

Here's what some of the other societies charge:

COMPARISON VDS AND OTHER DAFF GROUPS	1 year	1 year	3 year	3 year
	individ	family	individ	family
Virginia DS	\$ 20	\$ 30	\$ 50	\$ 75
Washington DS	\$ 15	\$ 20	\$ 40	\$ 50
Maryland DS	\$ 20	\$ 25		
American DS	\$ 30	\$ 35	\$ 75	\$ 90
Mid-Tennessee DS	\$ 20	\$ 25		
Texas DS	\$20			
Tuscarora (PA)	\$10	\$ 25		

## Mark your calendars

March 13-14 – National Show hosted by Texas Daffodil Society, Doubletree Hilton, Dallas.

March 28 – VDS, Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden

March 31 – Garden Club of Virginia, Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden

April 4-5 – Gloucester, VA Mid-Atlantic Regional, held during the Gloucester Daffodil Festival, Botetourt Elementary School

April 7 – Upperville, VA Garden Club, Buchanan Hall, Upperville

April 18-19 – Washington Daffodil Society, Scottish Rite Temple, Alexandria, VA

## Meet the people for whom some of the prestigious ADS awards are named

Do you hope to win a “Bozie” this year? Or a Watrous? Meet some of the folks whose names are attached to top ADS awards.



A winning Carey E. Quinn Award: 24 cultivars and/or species from at least 5 RHS divisions. (Each is a blue ribbon candidate)

**Delia Bankhead Ribbon** – 9 miniature cultivars and/or species, one stem each from at least 3 different RHS divisions

Delia grew daffodils in Great Falls, Virginia and was a judge, lecturer, breeder. Awarded the ADS Silver medal in 2000, she held many responsible positions in ADS and wrote a 30-year history of the organization. She began to focus on miniatures and helped to improve the process for adding miniature cultivars to the ADS approved list. She corresponded with daffodil societies worldwide toward the goal of a single standard for use by all societies for the recognition of a miniature daffodil.

A member of the Washington Daffodil Society, she was a tireless recruiter of new members, new growers and potential judges.

1923-2009

**Marie Bozievich Award** – 12 different standard cultivars and/or species from at least 4 RHS divisions

Marie gardened in Bethesda, Maryland, and was one of the founders of the Washington Daffodil Society. She was an accredited judge and instructor at ADS judging schools, one-time president of the society, frequent contributor to the Journal, popular speaker at the ADS and garden clubs, and a fierce competitor at the Washington Daffodil Society shows. (editor's note: It is Marie's artwork that graces the cover of the “Grow and Show” book.)

1908-1999

**Elise Havens Award** – *12 different standard cultivars from at least 3 divisions from RHS divisions 5 through 10*

Elise is the daughter of the late well-known daffodil hybridizer Grant E. Mitsch of Canby, Oregon, and began making her own crosses at an early age and later with her husband Richard Havens.

The couple took over the business started by her father and Elise continued advancement in breeding begun by her father in creating hybrids in the higher divisions, reversed bicolors, pinks, and yellow/pinks. She served as a director of the ADS and chaired the hybridizing committee. After Richard's death in 2014, Elise closed the business but continued to support the ADS and daffodils, traveling in the U.S. and abroad. She frequently serves as a judge in shows across the U.S.



**Elise Havens and Harold Koopowitz compare notes during the ADS 2019 convention in Minneapolis.**

**Harold Koopowitz Ribbon** – *24 miniature cultivars and/or species, one stem each, from at least 5 RHS divisions*

After spending a lifetime working on plant reproductive biology, this Professor Emeritus of Ecology at the University of California/Irvine applied his knowledge to daffodil breeding, twice winning the ADS Gold Medal for innovation.

He also won the ADS Gold Medal for Meritorious Service: “The world of miniature daffodils has exploded with his introduction of new colors across a wide range of divisions. He is literally re-making the entire Miniature Section.” (Among his introductions: ‘Itsy Bitsy Splitsy’)

**Carey E. Quinn Medal/Ribbon** – *24 cultivars and/or species from at least 5 RHS divisions*

ADS dubbed Judge Quinn “Mr. Daffodil” in 1962, noting “the work and efforts of this man was one of the largest contributions to the use of daffodils in this country.”

A judge in Washington, DC, he gardened in suburban Maryland and was the first president of the ADS, chaired the first convention and edited the Yearbook (forerunner to the Journal) for several years. He wrote “Daffodils—Outdoors and In” aimed at the layman in easily understood, non-scientific language.

Chapter 9 of the ADS Handbook has the following quote from Judge Quinn positioned at the beginning of the chapter on judging: “It is the responsibility of the Judge to award blue ribbons, not withhold them.”

*1896-1969*

**Throckmorton Medal/Ribbon** – *15 cultivars and/or species from 15 different RHS classifications.*

Tom Throckmorton was a daffodil enthusiast and hybridizer who devised a system to record essential information on cultivars.

A surgeon at the Iowa Methodist Hospital in Des Moines, he was familiar with the value of computer information storage in the medical world and was granted permission to use the hospital's IBM 1440 during off hours to create an efficient daffodil data bank giving breeder, year registered, parentage, bloom time, etc.

At the same time he created an enhanced color coding system that more accurately depicted cultivar colors. Think of him when you use Daffseek.

*1913-2000*

**Harry I. Tuggle Award** – *3 stems each of 12 different cultivars and/or species from at least 3 RHS divisions (Only awarded at regional shows)*

From Martinsville, Virginia, he was one of the founders of the ADS. Planted his first daffodils at age 12 and by his late teens he was corresponding with Guy Wilson and Lionel Richardson in Ireland, buying bulbs from them and reading about daffodil culture and breeding.

In his teens he began winning awards in the Garden Club of Virginia daffodil shows. From 1959 to 1969 he collected and tabulated the findings and opinions of other growers in the form of an annual symposium. Though he had stopped exhibiting in the 1960s, he entered and won the first-ever

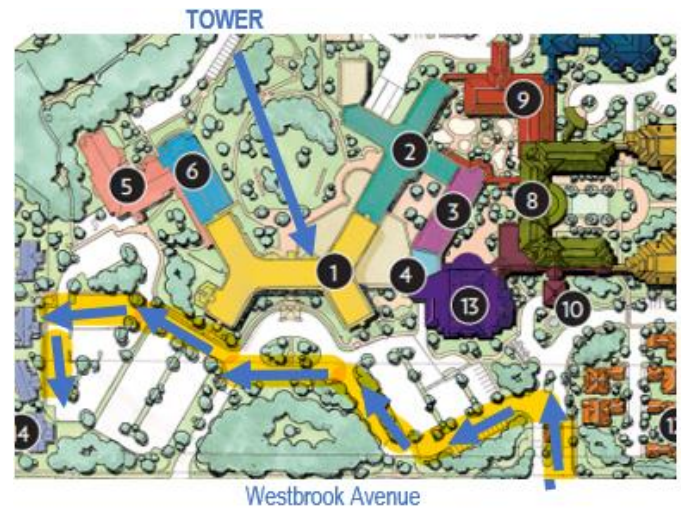


awarded Carey E. Quinn Gold Medal. He died shortly thereafter of heart failure at age 39. 1929-1969

**Roberta C. Watrous Award** – 12 miniature cultivars and/or species from at least 3 RHS divisions

From Washington, DC, she was the first to give serious attention to small daffodils and to hybridize them for the sole purpose of creating smaller, rather than larger, daffodils. She infused others with her enthusiasm and was known as the First Lady of the Washington Daffodil Society. She edited the Journal for 10 years and was awarded both silver and gold medals by the ADS.

Kathleen Pender will assist with greeting members at the Main Entrance to the Tower Building. Kathleen hopes to leave copies of maps at the Security gate to assist with directing members to the Visitor Parking area and



Tower Building and will also work to have directional signs placed in the lots along the way.

### Oakwood 2020 Daffodils

Dr. John Reed's Oakwood Daffodils catalog for 2020 is available online now! Start drooling. (No spaces in the URL)

[https://daffodilusa.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/2020\\_Oakwood\\_Daffodils\\_Catalog.pdf](https://daffodilusa.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/2020_Oakwood_Daffodils_Catalog.pdf)

### Refrigerating Blooms


We may have some early bloomers that will need a place to chill out until the show season begins. Here are some tips gleaned from daffnet.org:

- Clean off dirt and stains before refrigerating.
- Keep humidity high in frost-free refrigerators using trays of water and/or wet towels.
- Keep temps as low as possible (34-36 degrees) without freezing the blooms.
- Place in deep containers covering as much of the stem as possible.
- If a flower dies, remove it immediately. If the flower wilts, you may be able to re-cut the stem to open the pores. Replace in fresh water.
- Remove from refrigerator the day before show IF: flower not fully mature (e.g. color not fully developed); flower not fully open; flower looks downward and it's not a natural pose.



**How to Clean up at a Show**

By *Gertie and Dick Butler*  
From the *Summer 1984 ADS Southwestern Region Newsletter*



1. Spend as much time as possible with your daffodils before a show.
2. Have breakfast, lunch, dinner and snacks in the beds with them—no crumbs. They hate crumbs.
3. Talk to them—sing to them—gossip a little about other people's daffodils.
4. They like to feel loved, so make love to them when you are placing them on the show bench.
5. Rotsa Ruck!

### Directions to Westminster Canterbury, Rice Assembly Room

(follow blue arrows on the map)

Come to the Security gate [they will have been notified]. LEFT after the gate, pass Spiritual Center Construction area, go straight towards second Construction area, road will bear to the right.

Continue straight towards stop sign. Tower building is located directly in front. LEFT at stop sign and go straight to marked VISITOR PARKING.

Follow sidewalk back to Main Entrance of Tower Building. The Courtesy Desk is located on the right. Our meeting will be held in The RICE ASSEMBLY ROOM.



# *The Virginia Daffodil Society*

## **Membership Form**

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Mail form with check payable to Virginia Daffodil Society to:**

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c/o Peggy Bowditch  
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