



VDS Newsletter

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Virginia Daffodil Society

Annual Fall Meeting

Saturday, Oct. 22, 2022

**Manor Building, Covenant Woods
Mechanicsville**

9:30 a.m. – Coffee and socializing

10 a.m. –

- Business meeting
- Program and cake cutting to celebrate VDS 30th birthday. Carla Stanley shares highlights of the last 30 years of the Virginia Daffodil Society, many gleaned from early records stored at the Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden.
- Bulb Raffle
- Silent Auction
- Bulb Exchange

Please bring a friend and plan to stay for lunch which will be available in Traditions in the same building (Manor) where we will meet.

GPS: Covenant Woods|
790 Covenant Woods Dr.
Mechanicsville, VA 23111

Manor Building will be straight ahead on the entrance road. There is some parking in the circle in front and more parking on either side of the entrance circle. Sign in with the Concierge at the Manor front entrance and you will be issued a visitor badge and given directions to the meeting room.

VDS celebrates 30 years

When the Tidewater Daffodil Society disbanded in 1991, then-chairman of the board of Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden Tazewell Carrington proposed an ADS-sponsored show to a group of daffodil enthusiasts at a meeting in the fall of 1991 held at the garden.

To be named the Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden Daffodil Show, the event was held at the Arthur Ashe Center in April 1992. Margaret Ford won the gold, with 'Redhill;' Bill Pannill won the white with his seedlings; Delia Bankhead won the mini gold with 'Laura;' and Roberta Watrous won the mini white with 'Little Rusky.'

In her report on VDS history (1991-2004), Patty Bragdon wrote, "After working on our first show, it became obvious that we needed a society to support it and to attract local people interested in learning more about daffodils." The Bragdons and many of the folks who worked on the show went on to form the Virginia Daffodil Society and had their first meeting in September 1992.

VDS historian Carla Stanley will share more of the club's history at our Oct. 22 meeting and invites longtime members to relate their memories at the meeting.

Remember Vicky if you have spare bulbs

Each fall Vicky Eicher walks in the Charlottesville Women's 4 Miler to raise funds for breast cancer research and treatment. She rewards those who sponsor her—and they now number in the hundreds—with daffodils.



When asked if she could use bulbs again this year, her answer was an enthusiastic "Yes! At last count, I have 82 sponsors who gave me over \$5,300! And they really love the daffodils."

Even if your daffodils are unknowns (we call 'em UNKs), that's okay. If they are known, include an ID. Division 8's are especially appreciated for her Texas and California supporters. You can bring your bulbs to Vicky at our Oct. 22 meeting, or email her at whimoway@comcast.net. Phone: 434-975-4231.

Bulb Exchange, Raffle & Silent Auction

Bulb Exchange: If you have extra bulbs or bought more than you can plant, share them with VDS members at the bulb exchange Oct. 22. Place in mesh bags or small paper bags (2-3 per bag) and



indicate the cultivar and color code. Also indicate if the bulbs are minis, as they will be separated from the standard-size bulbs.

Raffle: We have set aside some very special bulbs for our raffle. Tickets are \$2 each or 6 tickets for \$5.

Silent Auction: Each year members contribute garden-related items for our silent auction. Items can range from gardening gloves and trowels to commemorative daffodil plates—and anything in between. Please bring your donations to the meeting.

If you're wondering why we need to fund raise, our primary expenditure is storage of our show properties. Show or not, "the storage must go on."



Annual Dues are due!

At the end of the fiscal year Oct. 1, 2021, to Sept. 30, 2022, there were 81 members represented by 68 memberships. Four new members joined in 2021 and eight in 2022.

If you pay your annually, see membership form on page 3 to mail your dues or give them to Rick Simon, treasurer, at the meeting.

VDS visits Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden

Ten VDS members visited LGBG in May and presented the garden's president/CEO Brian Trader with a check to express the society's appreciation of LGBG's continuing support.



Brian Trader

Another presentation was made by daffodil show chairman Jennifer Potter to Dianne Spence and Carla & Will Stanley who tied for the most blue ribbons at the spring 2022 show, earning them the "LGBG Daffodil Show" silver [perpetual] tray award.



L-R – Dianne Spence, Jennifer Potter and Carla Stanley

Previous tray winners:

- 1992 - Elise Olsen Cheesborough
- 1993 - William G. Pannill
- 1994 - William G. Pannill
- 1995 - William G. Pannill
- 1996 - Petie Matheson
- 1997 - M/M M.S. Krause Jr.
- 1998 - William G. Pannill - ADS National Show
- 1999 - William G. Pannill
- 2000 - Margaret & Skip Ford
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- 2002 - Margaret & Skip Ford
- 2003 - William G. Pannill
- 2004 - Margaret & Skip Ford
- 2005 - Mary E. Koonce
- 2006 - William G. Pannill
- 2007 - Susan A. Appel

- 2008 - none
- 2009 - Clay & Fran Higgins
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- 2011 - Clay & Fran Higgins
- 2012 - none
- 2013 - Janet G. Hickman
- 2014 - Clay & Fran Higgins
- 2015 - Clay & Fran Higgins
- 2016 - Janet G. Hickman
- 2017 - Clay & Fran Higgins
- 2018 - Clay & Fran Higgins
- 2019 - David & Janie Vaughan
- 2022 - Dianne Spence
- 2022 - Carla & William Stanley

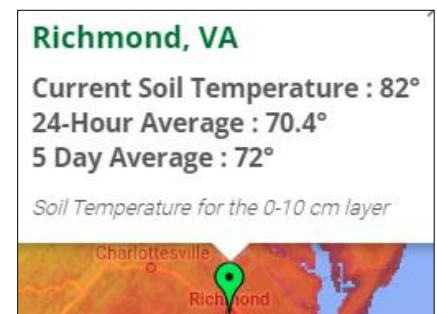


Lunch at the Ginter Garden Café.

L-R front: Chris Catanzaro, Carla Stanley, Jennifer Potter, Skip Ford. Back: Kathleen Pender, Dianne Spence, Erica Gilliam, Jane Earle, Nancy Fuchs, Jim Taylor.

Planting time almost here

All experts agree that daffodils should not be planted until the soil temperature is between 55 and 60 degrees. Bulbs planted too early in warm soil may be subject to rot.



Dianne Spence recommends: <https://www.greencastonline.com/tools/soil-temperature>, a website that allows you to enter your town, then provides current soil temps.

Soil temperature thermometers are available at garden supply stores as well as Amazon.

Daffodils begin putting down roots in the fall so also be prepared to give the beds plenty of water until the ground freezes.

Labels can be prepared now!

2023 Regional Show Calendar

Mar 9-12 - 2023 ADS Convention, Atlanta

Mar 25-26 – VDS show

Mar 29 – Garden Club of VA (Norfolk Botanical Garden)

Apr 1-2 – Gloucester Daffodil Show

Apr 8-9 – Washington Daff Soc Show (Alexandria)

Apr 11 – Upperville (guesstimate)

Apr 19-20 – Maryland Daffodil Society

Join the American Daffodil Society

The American Daffodil Society maintains and hosts the main website: DaffodilUSA.org; a discussion forum: DaffNet.org; free online library: DaffLibrary.org; daffodil database with photos: DaffSeek.org; and DaffTube.org, a daffodil

VDS Membership Application

1 year Individual: \$20, 3 years Individual: \$50

1 year Family: \$30, 3 years family: \$75, 1 year Youth: \$5

Name _____

Address _____

Email _____

Phone _____ Amt enclosed _____

Make checks out to VDS and mail to:
Peggy Bowditch, VDS Membership Chair
8303 Robins Neck Rd, Gloucester VA 23061

presentation website: In addition, an informative journal is mailed quarterly. Your membership helps support these valuable resources. Check out <https://daffodilusa.org/join-the-ads/> for details.

Summer 2022 Picnic June 19 at home of Judy Durant THANK YOU, JUDY!



Front row L-R: Carol Rush, Ceci Brown, Judith Gail Williams, Sherri Sale, Dianne Spence, Kathleen Pender, Carla Stanley, , Judy Durant, Leigh Barth, Skip Ford. Back: Rick Simon, Jennifer Potter, Deborah Brooks, Susan Auman, Jim Taylor, Barbara Covington.

Photo by Jim Pender