First Annual Convention

of the

AMERICAN DAFFODIL SOCIETY

April 5-7, 1956

Shoreham Hotel  Washington, D. C.
A WORD FROM THE COMMITTEE

We want to take this opportunity to extend our greetings to you and to let you know how honored we are that you are attending our first annual convention. We have tried hard to make your stay here pleasant and interesting. Due to unforeseen circumstances a few changes had to be made at the last minute, as is the custom at most conventions. There are certain items not mentioned in the following program which we would like to single out here for your special attention: (1) the Model Daffodil Show prepared by the HUNTING CREEK GARDEN CLUB of Alexandria, Virginia; (2) the commercial exhibits of Daffodil varieties and catalogs; (3) informational exhibits of Daffodil literature by the WASHINGTON DAFFODIL SOCIETY, the AMERICAN HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY, and the UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.
April 5, Thursday

4:00 to 9:00 P.M. Registration — Foyer, Terrace Room.

8:00 P.M. Informal pre-convention get together. Just general good fellowship, Daffodil chatter, show-it-yourself slide show and a short Board of Directors meeting — Terrace Room.

April 6, Friday

8:00 A.M. Registration — Foyer, Terrace Room.

9:30 A.M. Business Meeting — Terrace Room.
  Greetings — Mrs. Lawrence R. Wharton, General Hostess and Regional Vice President.
  Welcome by the Washington Daffodil Society — Mrs. George B. Furman, Vice President.
  Report of officers and committee chairmen.

10:00 A.M. Presentation of proposed constitution and by-laws — Frederic P. Lee.

  ELECTION OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

12:30 P.M. LUNCHEON — Blue Room.
  Mrs. William Sigler Weaver, Jr., presiding.
  Forum on Daffodils in the South and Southeast.
2:30 P.M. Educational Session—Terrace Room.
   Dr. S. L. Emsweller, U. S. Department of Agriculture, presiding.

2:35 P.M. "Judges, Judging and Awards"
   Mrs. William A. Bridges, Towson, Maryland.

3:10 P.M. "The Daffodil Trial Garden"—
   Dr. John C. Wister, Swarthmore, Pennsylvania.

3:45 P.M. Fifteen-minute intermission.

4:00 P.M. Report on Classification and Registration—
   Mrs. J. Robert Walker, Martinsville, Virginia.

4:05 P.M. "Standardization of International Horticultural Nomenclature"—Dr. G. H. M. Lawrence, Curator, Bailey Hortorium, Cornell University, Ithaca, New York.

4:35 P.M. "The Culture of Daffodils"—Dr. R. C. Allen, Director, Kingwood Center, Mansfield, Ohio.

5:10 P.M. Adjournment.

6:30 P.M. Dinner—Terrace Dining Room.
   Mr. Frank Reinelt, presiding.
   "A Plea"—C. R. Wootton, Staffordshire, England, a Fellow of the Royal Horticultural Society and one of the leading members of the Midland Daffodil Society.

8:00 P.M. Daffodil Symposium—Terrace Room.
   Hubert A. Fischer, Hinsdale, Illinois, presiding.

Panel Members:
   Mary A. Becker       Charles Meehan
   Orville W. Fay       Grant E. Mitsch
   Loretta B. Guilkey    George H. Pride
   Miss Eleanor Hill    Mrs. Ben. M. Robertson
   Mrs. Charles M. Mackall   Harry I. Tuggle
   W. H. McNary        William H. Wood
9:00 P.M. “NOVELTIES WITH A FUTURE” — to be nominated by the Panel

9:30 P.M. “SUCCESSFUL DAFFODILS” — nominated by the members. Brief statements should be made by the members naming varieties that have given best performances for them. Illustrate with Kodachromes when possible.

9:30 P.M. Meeting of Board of Directors.

10:30 P.M. Adjournment.

April 7, Saturday

7:00 A.M. Breakfast Meeting — Round Robin Participants — Mrs. Jesse Cox, Chairman — Coffee Shop.

8:00 A.M. Bus Tour of Representative Daffodil Gardens — Mrs. H. Butterworth, Chairman.

8:20 A.M. First stop: Garden of Charles W. Culpepper, 4435 Pershing Drive, Arlington, Va. Mr. Culpepper is one of our daffodil breeders.

9:05 A.M. The garden of Willis H. Wheeler, 3171 N. Quincy St., Arlington, Va. Mr. Wheeler is another one of our breeders.

9:50 A.M. Coffee stop and the garden of Willard A. King, 7902 Bradley Blvd., Bethesda, Md. An all-season garden with many fine daffodils, including Salmon Trout and some fine unnamed seedlings of Grant Mitsch.

10:40 A.M. Arrive at the garden of Harvey Warwick, 5910 Bradley Blvd., Bethesda, Md. Daffodils naturalized in a beautifully landscaped estate.

11:10 A.M. Arrive at the garden of Frederic P. Lee, 7401 Glenbrook Road, Bethesda, Md. A noteworthy azalea planting, interspersed with daffodils and other spring bulbs.

11:45 A.M. Garden of ADS President Carey E. Quinn, 5014 Del Ray Avenue, Bethesda, Md. Outstanding novelties in a small test garden containing about 700 varieties.
1:00 P.M. Return to hotel for our alleged box lunch. Because of the possible inclemency of the weather the arrangements committee decided at the last minute to have the hotel serve a box lunch without the box, buffet style – Terrace Room.

Also at this time the Regional Vice Presidents will hold a luncheon meeting presided over by First Vice President George S. Lee, Jr., Chairman. Consult the Registration Desk for place of this meeting.

2:00 P.M. Meeting of Daffodil Breeders and Commercial Growers – Grant E. Mitsch and Frank Reinelt, Co-Chairmen – Terrace Room.

4:00 P.M. Illustrated Lecture – Terrace Room.

“Daffodils in Holland” by Adrian Frylink.

7:00 P.M. ANNUAL BANQUET – Main Ballroom.

Frederic P. Lee, Toastmaster.

Introduction of Dr. Freeman A. Weiss, General Chairman of the Convention, for report.

Report of committees.

“The Witches Tail” (Prof.) Fred Lang

Introduction of newly elected officers – by Carey E. Quinn.

Speaker of the Evening – Mr. Guy L. Wilson, The Knockan, Broughshane, County Antrim, Northern Ireland – “Fifty Years of Daffodil Reminiscences.”

Adjournment.