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VDS ANNUAL MEETING SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 5

The Virginia Daffodil Society Annual Meeting is being held on Saturday, October 5 in the “Garden Room” in the Education Building at Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden in Richmond. Registration will begin at 9 A.M. Coffee and refreshments will be served. The VDS business portion of the meeting will begin at 10 A.M., which includes action regarding the election of VDS officers for the 2013-2014 term. (see president’s message.)

There is much important business to discuss at this meeting. You should all have received a notice about this meeting with a form for ordering a box lunch. Lunches are \$20 apiece. If you did not receive this notice, which also includes your membership form, please contact Sarah Wilkinson at 804 366-2008. Lunches must be ordered by September 28, so please respond before then if you are planning to join us for lunch. **We are asking that every member fill out the membership/meeting registration form this year (whether dues are owed or not).** We have created a data base to track names, addresses and membership in one location, and want to use this form to verify that all of our information is current.

A bulb raffle and bulb exchange will follow the meeting. It is a standard VDS practice that new VDS members receive a welcoming bag of daffodil bulbs!

President’s Letter

Dear VDS Members,

It has been a pleasure to serve as your President this year. While there have been challenges, we certainly achieved a very important goal, which was to have one of our best shows ever!

Sadly, I need to make you aware that I will not be able to work with the Daffodil Society in any formal way going forward. I have a number of health issues, including my vision and hearing, which make it impossible for me to be effective in a leadership role.

There are also a number of officer positions that will be open in 2014. It will be an important order of business for the fall meeting to elect these new officers. Below are a list of our current officers, and Show Committee Chairpersons.

2013-2014 Officers

President:	Patty Bragdon*
First Vice President	Vacant
Second Vice President	Katherine Beale
Treasurer	Rick Simon
Recording Secretary	Christy Brennan
Corresponding Secretary	Ceci Brown
Historian	Sandra Armstrong
Membership Chair	Sarah Wilkinson
Communications Editor	Sarah Wilkinson
Daffodil Show Chair	Vacant

2013 Show Committee

Note – All of these individuals will have to be approached regarding their willingness to serve in 2014 once a 2014 Show Chairperson is elected.

Finance	Rick Simon
Hospitality	Kim Sadler and Kristi Price
Judges	Noni Baruch and Jennifer Potter
Judges’ Hospitality	Noni Baruch
Photography Division	Jennifer Potter
Properties + Set Up	Ross and Betty Hotchkiss

Publicity	Kristi Price
Records	Skip Ford
Registration	Pat Jordan
Schedule Chairman	Sarah Wilkinson
Tabulation	Sally Bingley
Technology	Keith and Gayle McCray
	Chris and Kristi Price
Workshop for Youth	Christy Brennan

With respect to the officer openings, I have attempted to find someone to chair a nominating committee, as well as identify people who would be willing to serve. I confess to having been unsuccessful at that up to this point, so if anyone is interested in participating on a nominating committee, or in standing for election to any of the open committees, please call Sarah Wilkinson at 804 366-2008 or email her at sjwilkinson1019@gmail.com. She will be gathering this information on my behalf.

Another issue to be addressed is the formation of committees. Often issues are raised at a meeting which require further research, or an officer needs additional help to accomplish a task. While committees may seem to be an awkward and time-consuming approach to resolving issues, they do serve to alert our membership to a need, and provide a mechanism for researching the issue and presenting a well thought out proposed solution. If you are unable to serve as an officer, then being a member of a committee might be a great way for you to become more involved with the VDS!

I have treasured my relationship with the VDS, and am grateful that there are so many members, new and long-standing (I hesitate to say “old”!) who will continue to do a wonderful job carrying this organization forward. I am always available to answer questions, and to help in any way possible.

Fondly, Patty

Patricia J. Bragdon, President

Labels, Labels, Labels!

Laura Anne Brooks
Past President

Labels on daffodil clumps are a royal pain in early spring. Right when you want to spruce up your garden, see what you’ve planted, decide what to take to the show, the label from the fall before is illegible or missing. Pull out the trusty map from your daffodil file and there you have it: a 1 w-p planted where a clear 2 y-y is blooming--and when you fidget in the earth for the “plastic” label “in-the-ground”—you come up with a piece of milk carton that says “Homestead 2 w-w”!

Labels can be confused by rain, wind, sun, storms, footsteps, “pull-ups”, lawn mowers, the garden hoe, squirrels and English Setters. Carefully labeled daffodils in neat rows with long wooden markers painted white, sporting clear black lettering impressed me most at Mitsch bulb farm in Oregon. Kathy Welsh has a clear, beautiful system of labeling her flowers with large plates and good print. Some folks use the plant-by-division system in labeling and others plant by hybridizer. Some daffodil enthusiasts plant by color or by “favorites.”

I think I have done all of the above. However, a year or so ago I got the bright idea to paint my labels by color code. As a floral designer, I have plenty of spray paints in all colors and love to paint things. What more, it worked! If I lost the front portion of wording to the elements, I still had copious information on the back of the colorful label to help me identify the flower. When the labels became old, I used nail polish remover to block out the daffodil stuff and turned the labels into iris or lily labels (my other garden passions.)

This year the A. M. Leonard garden catalog from Ohio has colored labels and pens to match, washable and waterproof. Fat City!

Now, you can’t beat the fact that Leonard has for some time carried a marker called “Long Lasting Garden Marker” that really outshines the

crayon-things sold with metal garden markers, let alone Sharpie pens. I have never found the pencils sold in garden centers to work in labeling plants out in the wild. Nor do I care for those hard-to-read copper markers with the “etchings.”

I have a friend who sells iris and day lilies: her markers are Rolls Royce numbers with plastic sleeves over a picture of the flower and a splendid sentence as to its hybridization. This fall I may invest in the small, colorful “sports-models” in all colors, sold by the company in Ohio, unless a local garden store comes up with the BEST PLANT MARKER EVER MANUFACTURED. Let me know if you find it.

2013 VDS Daffodil Society Show

The VDS had a truly exceptional Show in 2013. Many members of our Society, both chairpersons and other helpers, joined forces to set up the show, make exhibitors and visitors welcome, host judges and clerks, document ribbons, and performs all of the tasks that go into creating a standard daffodil show.

Here are some of the results:

Number of blooms:	1420
Number of Horticulture exhibits	327
Number of horticulture exhibitors	49
Number of Photographs	47
Number of Photographers	6

Here are the Ribbon and Award Winners:

Gold Ribbon	Bob and Lina Huesmann
Rose Ribbon	Clay and Fran Higgins
Mini Gold	Olivia Welbourne
Mini Rose	Clay and Fran Higgins
White Ribbon	Janet Hickman
Mini White	Olivia Welbourne
Youth Best Bloom	Ryan Potter
Youth 3 Stem Award	Katelyn Potter
Small Grower	Mrs. Preston Purdum
Best Historic Bloom	Skip and Margaret Ford
Historic 3 Stems	Karen Cogar
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Classic Best Blooms	Ceci Brown
Classic Best Single	Nancy Fuchs

Classic 3 Stems	Julie Minch
Classic Intermediate	Karen Cogar
Intermediate 3 Stems	Clay and Fran Higgins
Silver Ribbon	Janet Hickman
Best Photographer	Melanie Paul
Youth Coll. of 5	Katelyn Potter
Classics Coll of 5	Ceci Brown
Red, White and Blue	Bob and Lina Huesmann
Historic Coll of 5	Elizabeth Brown
Maroon Ribbon	David and Janie Vaughn
Purple Coll of 5	Karen Cogar
Intermed Coll of 5	Janet Hickman
Elise Havens Award	Clay and Fran Higgins
Marie Bozievich	Clay and Fran Higgins
Harry Tuggle Award	Janet Hickman
Tom Throckmorton	Bob and Lina Huesmann
Cary Quinn Award	Karen Cogar
Lavender Ribbon	Karen Cogar
Delia Bankhead	Bob and Lina Huesmann
Roberta Watrous	Olivia Welbourne
Miniature Bronze	Katherine Beale

Congratulations to everyone who exhibited, and in particular to those who won a ribbon or an award. Special thanks to everyone who worked so hard to make this show one of which we can all be proud.

Resources of the American Daffodil Society

Many members of the Virginia Daffodil Society have chosen to join the American Daffodil Society. Even if you haven’t become a member, the ADS can be a wonderful resource in your quest for the perfect daffodil!

The ADS website, www.daffodilusa.org, provides PDF files for Youth activities, growing information by region, the beautiful set of ADS Daffodil Educational Displays, ADS awards and tools for daffodil shows. There are scripts and power point slides to give presentations or use as a self-study. These presentations can be a great way to introduce a love of

daffodils to new growers, or to explore more complex subjects. Some examples of information are as follows:

- **ADS Awards**
- **ADS Special Classes of Daffodils**
- **ADS Show Forms - Guideline, Schedule, Photo Entry Cards, Results forms and more**
- **Student Judges & Refresher Forms**
- **ADS Promotional Pages**
- **Regional and General Growing Resources**
- **More Daffodil Resources**
- **Youth Daffodil Projects and Award**
- **ADS Daffodil Educational Displays**
- **Additional Daffodil Materials**
- **ADS Media Programs and Self-Study Tools**

Note: All historical publications, research papers, and articles are now available on [DaffLibrary.org](http://www.dafflibrary.org).

In addition to the “presentation” information, the VDS has created a website called Daffseek, (<http://www.daffseek.org>) which can assist

you in identifying blooms correctly, and in deciding which cultivars would be a good addition to your garden.

Here is a description of the information from the DaffSeek website:

“This unique daffodil photo database is a query system sponsored by the American Daffodil Society for the purpose of providing useful information and photos to our Internet visitors. DaffSeek currently has about 23,200 data records for daffodil varieties. There are about 26,400 photographs in the database, so the system provides a means to identify many daffodils visually. Photos were contributed by 258 photographers throughout the world representing

20 countries. Therefore, the photo you see may have been taken of a flower growing in Australia, the United Kingdom, New Zealand, the Netherlands, the United States, or many other countries. In some cases, there are multiple photos for each daffodil.”

The Daffseek site was developed and is maintained by Ben Blake from Northern California. He and his wife, Nancy Tackett have made numerous presentations to local daffodil societies, as well as to the ADS National Convention and to the World Convention in Australia. Ben spends much of his time responding to questions from Daffseek users, and is also the person to call to take advantage of the ADS’s infrastructure for a free website!

The ADS website also provides contact information to assist you with programs, schedule preparation, use of daffseek and daffnet (the ADS communication website), and any general questions you may have.. Please add the ADS website to your list of helpful sources of information as you pursue your love of daffodils!

Daff Notes:

Please welcome our newest members!

Chris Catanzaro
Frances Allen

Hold the dates for our 2014 Daffodil Show, April 4, 5 and 6 at Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden.

Rick Simon mentioned at our summer meeting that it would be a great idea for VDS to be involved in a local beautification program involving planting daffodils by roadsides of private residents, or even in publicly owned spaces. Guess what? Bucks County, PA is very engaged in just such a project. Anyone interested in checking with them to see what’s happening?

VDS Summer Picnic

The VDS Summer Picnic was held at Judy Durant’s lovely and historic home. About 35 VDS members gathered to enjoy a sumptuous meal of fried chicken, as well as salads, side dishes, and desserts contributed by members.

Although the day was expected to be rainy, the sun came out just for us, and we were able to tour Judy’s extensive gardens. Her design of areas for daffodils, iris, roses and shrubbery was imaginative and a little daunting, since we all knew what an effort it must be to maintain!

Judy’s lovely gardens provide a spectacular setting for her historic home. We all enjoyed seeing her authentic antiques, as well as some of her holiday decorations. We are told that Halloween is one of her favorite holidays, so don’t be surprised, Judy to see some VDS members trick or treating at your door this year.

VDS Annual Mermbership Dues

need to be paid by October 1, which is the beginning of the VDS business year. (An exception will be made if you plan to bring your dues and membership form to the meeting on October 5).

Please be sure to fill out the membership form, as it gives us important information with which to communicate. If you don’t have a form, please contact Sarah Wilkinson at 804 366-2008.

Dues for the 2013-2014 year are as follows:

- _____ 1 year youth \$5.00
- _____ 1 year individual \$20.00
- _____ 1 year family \$30.00
- _____ 3 years individual \$50.00
- _____ 3 year family \$75.00

VDS Treasurer’s Report, Presented by Rick Simon at the Summer Meeting:

Virginia Daffodil Society, Inc.						
Treasurer's Report 1/1/2013—7/13/2013						
Income/Expense Comparison by Category 1/1/2011 through 12/31/2013						
Category	Budget 2013	Approved 3/4/13	Actual 1/1-7/13/2013	Actual— Budget	Actual 8/12-7/13/2013	Actual—Budget 8/12-7/13
INCOME						
Dues	\$2,200.00	[110 members * \$20]	\$185.00	(\$2,015.00)	\$965.00	(\$1,235.00)
TOTAL Fall Luncheon	100.00		0.00	(100.00)	46.50	(53.50)
Gifts and Donations Received	500.00	[cups]	0.00	(500.00)		(500.00)
Interest	0.00		0.00	0.00	2.85	2.85
Judges' Training Fees	0.00		0.00	0.00	24.00	24.00
Other Income	300.00	[sales]	0.00	(300.00)	94.00	(206.00)
Special Gifts and Donations			0.00	0.00		0.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$3,100.00		\$185.00	(\$2,915.00)	\$1,132.35	(\$1,967.65)
TOTAL INCOME less Special Gifts	\$3,100.00		\$185.00	(\$2,915.00)	\$1,132.35	(\$1,967.65)
EXPENSES						
TOTAL Fees & Charges	25.00		39.39	14.39	39.39	14.39
Gifts & Donations Given	500.00	[LGBG]	0.00	(500.00)	500.00	0.00
Misc.	10.00		18.40	8.40	18.40	8.40
Newsletter	250.00	[print, mail]	115.37	(134.63)	208.44	(41.56)
Room Rental- Meetings (other than show)	540.00	[LGBG]	180.00	(360.00)	180.00	(360.00)
Show Expenses Total						
Show Expenses Total: Insurance (Business)	425.00		100.00	(325.00)	100.00	(325.00)
Show Expenses Total: Luncheon - judges	250.00		271.64	21.64	271.64	21.64
Show Expenses Total: Misc. Show expenses	150.00		350.50	200.50	350.50	200.50
Show Expenses Total: Program	300.00	[print, mail]	275.00	(25.00)	275.00	(25.00)
Show Expenses Total: Show awards	600.00		0.00	(600.00)		(600.00)
TOTAL Show Expenses	\$1,725.00		\$997.14	(\$727.86)	\$997.14	(\$727.86)
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$3,050.00		\$1,350.30	(\$1,699.70)	\$1,943.37	(\$1,106.63)
Excess/Shortfall	\$50.00		(\$1,165.30)	(\$1,215.30)	(\$811.02)	(\$861.02)



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