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The WDS Newsletter

is published in the Fall, Winter and Spring for members of WDS, with information on the activities of the Society, and of the American Daffodil Society when of local interest. Please send comments, ideas, and articles to the Editor: Mary Anne Barton, 3707 Burrows Avenue, Fairfax, VA 22030

Message from the President

Dear Daffodil Enthusiasts,

As I write this letter, I am bundled in my bulky sweaters and wooly socks warding off the cold, yet I can only help but smile as I realize that in less than six weeks it will be that wonderful time of year when the daffodils are in bloom and many of us will be meeting again at the shows around the region.

With the start of the New Year, all of us newly elected officers are learning our way and getting ready to take over full command of WDS. Glenna Graves is our new Vice President, Holly Ruffin continues as our Secretary and I am pleased to announce that Tricia Goins has accepted the position of Treasurer, replacing Bob Huesmann whose years of service have kept us on the fiscal straight and narrow.

Tom Taylor has been working on getting our WDS show in order at Brookside Gardens again in Wheaton, Maryland on April 10 through 12, 2009. **Unfortunately, Tom is still tackling this enormous project by himself and we are looking for a co-chair for the show. Please consider volunteering for this wonderful show as we need your help. Should you be interested, Tom and I would be delighted to hear from you!**

The fall has been a busy time for many of those behind the scenes. Kathy Welsh has been busy sorting out our properties storage which has been an expensive and unresolved issue for a number of years. Merrifield Gardens at Fair Oaks has graciously agreed to let us place a 14'X12' storage shed on their property free of charge in which we can store our properties in return for a bit of daffodil education by our members to their patrons come this fall. Tom Taylor and I manned the Merrifield store last October. While we did not have many questions, the ones we did have proved challenging. But, Tom more than rose to the occasion and as a result was asked by Dr. John to appear on his radio show to advice about growing and showing.

I hope I see you all at the spring meeting which is scheduled for March 7 at Union Street Public House in Old Town Alexandria. Not only will you enjoy a delicious meal with your friends but Mary Koonce has promised to enlighten us with an informative program. Details are to follow in this newsletter. I look forward to seeing many of you in the months ahead.

Yours truly, Lucy Rhame, lrhame@aol.com

**WDS Spring Lunch Meeting – March 7
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WDS Spring Lunch Meeting

Saturday, March 7, 2009 at *Union Street Public House*, 121 South Union Street,
Alexandria, VA 22314, (703-548-1785) / www.USPHalexandria.com

10 AM: WDS Board Meeting - at the home of Lucy Rhame, (703-836-3532)
508 S. Fairfax Street, Alexandria, VA 22314, (near restaurant), Parking on street.

12 Noon: General Membership Spring Lunch – Restaurant, parking lot across the
street. Lunch (\$21 per person), General Meeting, & Program by ADS Judge and Judges'
Instructor, Mary Koonce, on her trip last year: *"Daffodils in Cornwall"*

Registration Form on last page of this newsletter.

Meet the New WDS Officers and Board Members

Welcome to the New Officers and Board Members of the WDS, who took office in October 2008:

President: Lucy Rhame (first 1 yr term)

Vice President: Glenna Graves (first 1 yr term)

and Board Members terms to end 2011: Susan Kroner, Linda Smith, Charmane
Truesdell and Tricia Goins. The Board has selected Holly Ruffin Boyd as Secretary and
Tricia Goins as Treasurer.

Receive Your Newsletter Electronically

If you don't receive your newsletter via email and would be willing to do so, please contact Kathy
Welsh at: Kathywelsh01@aol.com. Electronic newsletters save us printing and mailing costs.

Welcome New Members

Judy Bruner

Alice Crampton

Glenda Finley

Gerard Knehans

Margi Melnick

Rebecca Salzinger

Nickola Schwab

Claremont Garden Club

Membership Dues

With the advent of electronic correspondence, we can no longer highlight the date your membership
expires. Attached is a list of members that need to renew. Dues are \$10 for one year and \$25 for three years
for both individuals and garden clubs. Households are \$12 and \$30. Please send your check made payable to
"WDS" to our membership chairman, Kathy Welsh, 10803 Windcloud Court, Oakton, VA 22124.

Questions: Kathy Welsh: Kathywelsh01@aol.com / (703-242-9783). A membership application form is on
the last page of this newsletter.

Individual Members Owing Dues as of January 1, 2009:

Addamiano, Betty	Bange, Faith	Brooks, Gail	
Brown, Dr. Elise Ann	Chiabotta, Ron	Coffin, Abby	Corson, Anne
Cunningham, Joanie	De Leon, Selma	Dewey, Harry	Duchess, Nina
Ellwood, Liz	Gregg, Dianne	Heller, Stanley	Holdt, Kathryn
Hyatt, Donald	Kawaguchi, Jon	Kellogg, Molly	Kolson, Nancy
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Markus, Sandra	McGrail, Ruth Ann	Newton, Linda	Nicholls, Diana
Nichols, Margaret	Pamplin, Mary D.	Phillips, Fritz	Pivarnik, Fred & Bernice
Platt, Linda	Pont, Judith	Powell, Barbara	Rappa, Phil and Lynne
Reiter, Judith & Mary Lewis		Rhame, Beth	Ruditis, Jana
Salera, Mike	Sanders, Marian	Sharp, Catherine	Snazelle, Ted & Bea
Stack, Bea	Steininger, Juergen	Stout, Mary & Stuart	Thayer, Jocelyn
Waxter, George	Welbourn, Olivia	Whitney, Eileen	Winmill, Sarah
Worsham, Suzanne			

Garden Clubs Owing Dues:

Dolley Madison Garden Club	Fauquier & Loudoun Garden Club
Garden Club of the Northern Neck	Garden Club of Waynewood
Green Fingers Garden Club	Haymarket Town & Country GC
Red Hill Garden Club	Rock Spring Garden Club
Springfield Acres Garden Club	

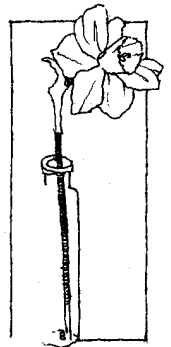
2009 WDS Daffodil Show & ADS Middle Atlantic Regional Show

April 11-12, 2009, Brookside Gardens, Wheaton MD

By Tom Taylor 2008 Show Chairman (703-698-8636), tom1939@msn.com

With the thermometer reading 4 degrees this week, it's hard to think that the WDS Daffodil Show will be here in a matter of weeks, but it's already time to prepare for it. The Show will be held at Brookside Gardens in Wheaton, Maryland, April 10 through April 12, 2009, so make sure it's on your calendar. This is Easter weekend.

After a somewhat disappointing spring last year, let's hope we are due for bumper crops of blooms for the Show. This year is our turn to host the Mid Atlantic Regional Show so we should have good participation. The theme for the Artistic Design Section is "Simply Daffodils". Please contact Charmane Truesdell (301-490-4478) or Dolores Felch (703-780-0766) if you are interested in entering a design. *



**Artwork Courtesy of Rebecca Brown*

As usual, it will take a lot of volunteers to make the Show a success. As the Show Chair, I was fortunate to have many talented and experienced people eagerly volunteer to be responsible for the many functions that need to be done. They will need help and may be contacting you for assistance, but don't wait to be asked-- find something you like to do and volunteer. The following (in alphabetical order) have accepted key leadership roles:

Awards: Bonnie Mirmak
 Clerks: Mary Anne Barton
 Design Classes: Delores Felch
 Charmane Truesdell
 Classification: Robert Huesmann
 Marcelina Huesmann
 Judges: Kathy Welsh
 Judges Lunch: Scott Bally
 Staging: Paul Botting
 Judges Reception: Amelia Abrahams
 Martha Best
 Information: Margaret Oswald
 Schedule: Mary Koonce
 Photography: Robert Darling
 Publicity: Lina Burton
 Records: Maxine Botting / Glenna Graves



Everyone is requested to help set up the exhibit on Friday and dismantle it on Sunday afternoon. This year we will be moving our properties from the storage facility in Rockville, Maryland to the Show in Wheaton on Friday morning and transporting them to our new storage facility at Merrifield Garden Center in Fairfax, Virginia, on Sunday evening. We have purchased a storage shed and located it at the Merrifield facility at no cost. I would welcome any suggestions on renting or hiring a truck for this move and help with putting the properties in storage.

2009 WDS American Pie Eater's Show, May 2-3, 2009, Reston, VA

By Chriss Rainey, Pie Eater's Show Chairman

The annual Pie Eater's Show will be held on May 2-3 at Saint John Neumann Catholic Church in Reston. (See directions below) This is a chance to show your late season blooms in an ADS approved show, with lots of opportunities to win ADS Ribbons. All exhibitors are welcome. And if you are an accredited judge, you WILL be given a judging assignment. It is difficult for us to invite judges in advance, because it is impossible to judge the size of a show this late in the bloom season. Helen Trueblood in Indiana who ran a show for 25 years used to never invite judges. She said, "They'll come if they've got flowers." She was right. And that's what we're hoping will happen here. So just because you didn't get an invitation, don't let that stand in your way of planning to come, even if you don't have flowers. We need you.

Lunch will be provided for all who exhibit, judge, clerk, and clean up. We never begin judging until after lunch, so there's always plenty of time to stage flowers without trying to beat the clock. And the dessert tray is left on the head table, making it handy to cruise by and pick up one more brownie before heading over to the next set of classes to be judged. If you've never been to this show before, you've been missing out on a really fun daffodil day. Mark you calendar and make this the year you join in the camaraderie and the last "hoorah" for daffodils in 2009.

If you have any questions, please call me at 703 391-2073 or email me at triller7@verizon.net.

Directions: St. John Neumann Catholic Church, 10900 Lawyer's Road, Reston, Virginia 20191. From the Dulles Toll Road, 267W, take exit 12 and turn left onto Reston Parkway. Travel 2.2 mi. to a left turn at the light onto Lawyer's Road. Travel .8 mi to the church on the left. Enter under the covered entrance on the left side of the building.

2008 Pannill Award Winner



The William G. Pannill Award is given annually to an American hybridizer to recognize a named standard daffodil which has demonstrated winning show qualities for a minimum of 5 years following registration. The cultivar must have been awarded at least one ADS Gold or White Ribbon within the last 5 years and must be regarded as generally "growable and showable" in a majority of the ADS regions. The 2008 winner was **'Pink Silk' 1W-P** bred by Richard and Elise Havens.

2009 Wister Award Winner

At the ADS fall board meeting held in Nashville, TN 'Crackington' 4Y-O was named the Wister award winner. Cultivars named must be good growers in many areas across the country with emphasis on garden performance. They may also be of show table quality, and must be readily available.



Crackington 4Y-O was bred in 1986 by David Lloyd of England. Bred from another great Wister Award winner, Golden Aura, Crackington is one of the finest doubles available today and is a regular winner on the show bench.

The following article is by our new Vice President, Glenna Graves, who is an ADS Judge and a previous ADS Regional Vice-President.

Bits and Pieces for Gardening Interest

By Glenna Graves, WDS Vice President

Today is a cold, rainy Saturday with sleet and snow in the forecast -----so daffodil blooms can't be far behind!!! I am sending a few comments for thought and future preparation.

ADS: For those of you that are not members of the American Daffodil Society or are not familiar with Daffnet and DaffSeek, you are missing out on a great feature. Daffnet is a daffodil based informational chat room on the ADS website and DaffSeek is a program to help identify blooms with color codes, pictures, breeding charts, and more things than I can explain here. You need to check into this by going to the ADS webpage. You will be pleasantly amazed!!!

Collections: I was most interested in our ADS Journal this quarter- the emphasis was on collections. It was very informative to see the variety of winning collections of 5 coming from such as Div 1 collections, English collections, white perianth with colored cups, to the New Zealand collections, etc. There are many opportunities to enter and you should not feel intimidated if you do not have blooms from Europe or down under. There is a Novice Collection on the WDS schedule for those who have not won a blue with a collection before. If you have not entered 5 blooms as a collection before, plan to give it a try this year!

Digital Cameras: Today's newspaper had an Associated Press article on "Cameras Can Be an Important Gardening Tool." In summary, it points out that advances in digital cameras are making garden photography a snap, not only in the quality of images but also in their usefulness. Backyard gardeners are using the digital camera for everything from landscaping design to plant identification. You may see an insect infestation, take a picture and email it to somebody; a county agent, entomologist or a friend for ID. You don't have to send an example in snail mail hoping it hasn't dried out too much for identification when someone gets around to checking it out for diagnosis. Other practical uses for digital cameras in the garden:

Record Keeping – a picture is worth a 1000 words.

Landscaping ideas – on garden tours or visiting public gardens record your ideas.

Be careful about trespassing laws in private gardens....especially if you are going to publish a picture.

Identification – of plants, blooms, and bugs.

Memory Prompting - Photo your own garden throughout the year to check for empty spots; and where perennials are placed so you don't plant an annual pot on top;

Inventory – photo record of your tools, implements, garden furniture, outbuildings, etc. will help document insurance claims or in choosing replacements if something is damaged.

Wildlife pictures – It is fun to take pictures of animals we like as well as those we don't.

Another headline suggests you try a macro camera lens for garden close-ups.

Earwigs: Today a topic on Daffnet has been concerning earwigs. They seem to be appearing in greater numbers and epidemic in some areas. They seem to like the flavor of the Best Bloom in the daffodil beds. Peter Ramsey of NZ has used a pyrethrum based spray at times and Mary Lou Gripshover of OH gave reference to an article that says Earwigs are attracted to vegetable oil. Put out in a low dish, sink it to the brim, the earwigs get in and drown. The natural control would be a COLD, COLD WINTER!!!

Another great article on selecting winning daffodils by Bob Huesmann.

Want a Winner?

By Bob Huesmann

Partly from natural curiosity, but also as a means of identifying successful exhibition cultivars to include in our annual WDS bulb order, I have compiled some data on gold ribbon-worthy varieties in two ways. One set of data covers cultivars selected as best-in-show candidates at various shows in our region in 2007 and 2008. This data was collected by mainly WDS-member judges (thank you!). Note that this data covers only two years and doesn't include every show in the region each year. Its value is therefore somewhat limited as yet, but as you can see below, there is already some correlation with the second set of data. The second set of data is a simple aggregation of all the named cultivars which won gold ribbons at ADS shows during the 10 year period from 1999 through 2008, taken from the show reports in the September issues of the Daffodil Journal. I have summarized both sets of data below, and cross-referenced them to show the extent of correlation. Actually, there is a third set of data included in the paragraphs below; that set is the "frequent" winners in ADS shows in 2003, 2006 and 2008. (Data for the intervening years is not available.) These include the gold ribbon winners, but are mainly flowers which were included in winning collections. The names of these "frequent" winners are capitalized in paragraphs I and II below.



I. The best-in-show candidates at regional shows during 2007 and 2008 represented 109 different cultivars. Of these, 81 appeared only once during that period of time, the other 28 up to four times, as follows. (The number of ADS Gold ribbons is shown in parentheses; no number means zero.)

Four-time candidates: Duration (1), MAGIC LANTERN (10), AMERICAN DREAM (3), BANKER (15), GULL (3), PINK SILK (1).

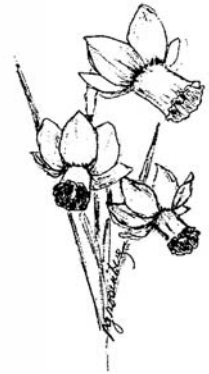
Three-time candidates: Nob Hill, Oxford, CARIB GIPSY (2), RAPTURE (8), Katrina Rea, LEMON SILK (2), LA PALOMA (2).

Two-time candidates: Wild Honey, Peggy White (3), GOLDFINGER, Ariel, Little Karoo, Limpkin, Irish Rum, Silver Chimes (1), CLOUDED YELLOW (7), CONESTOGA (8), Treasure Waltz, MUSTER (3), FLY HALF (1), Entente (1), GEOMETRICS (6).

I hope to continue collecting best-in-show candidate data for another couple of years. That should increase the reliability and, probably, the correlation between the data sets. As you can see, however, there is already a fair degree of correlation, especially with the "frequent" winners.

II. By my count, 230 different named cultivars won gold ribbons at ADS shows from 1999 through 2008. Of these, 165 won only once. The other 65 are as follows. (The number of times a cultivar was a best-in-show candidate in the region during 2007/8 is shown in parentheses. No number means zero.)

Cultivar	ADS Gold Ribbons	(# of times regional candidate)
BANKER	15	(4)
PACIFIC RIM	13	(1)
MAGIC LANTERN	10	(4)
CONESTOGA	8	(2)
RAPTURE	8	(3)
CLOUDED YELLOW	7	(2)
OREGON PIONEER	6	(1)
GEOMETRICS	6	(2)



Five-time winners: KILLEARNAN, Engagement Ring, Triple Crown.

Four-time winners: NEW PENNY (1), Lemon Lyric, FRAGRANT ROSE (1).

Three-time winners: Fresh Lime, RIM RIDE, GULL (4), Broomhill, Surrey, Carole Lombard, Vineland (1), RIVER QUEEN (1), American Classic, American Dream (4), Peggy White (2), MUSTER (2).

Two-time winners: MISS PRIMM (1), POPS LEGACY, Sea Legend, LIGHTHOUSE REEF, High Society, Cedar Hills, Dynasty, Purbeck, Gold Convention (1), Dateline, Evesham (1), Gay Kybo (1), Florence Joy, HOMESTEAD (1), Misty Glen (1), Chanson, Golden Aura, Emerald Light (1), Gold Velvet, CAPE POINT, Capree Elizabeth, Quiet Waters (1), Ashmore, CARIB GIPSY (3), Berceuse, Dartmouth, Lackawanna, Tao (1), LA PALOMA (3), Akala, Blue Star, ARROWHEAD (1), Maya Dynasty (1), PINK CHINA, Sundust, LEMON SILK (3), DAINTY MISS (1), Craig Stiehl, Whiskey Mac.

While a certain degree of correlation can be seen between the above ADS gold winners and regional gold-candidates, this should be clearer as we collect more data. For example, Killearnan and Rim Ride will surely appear as candidates in one or more of our regional shows over the next few years. Certainly, seasonal or other factors contributed to the absence of these excellent cultivars from the head table during 2007/8.

III. I may have missed something here or there, but I think the lists above include all of the named cultivars which were ADS gold ribbon winners at least twice during the past 10 years and/or were gold ribbon candidates in regional shows at least twice during the past two years. To complete the lists, the following are cultivars found on the "frequent" winner lists in 2003, 2006 and/or 2008, but made the grade as gold ribbon winner or candidate only one time or not at all. This suggests that they may be good collection flowers. To wit: Intrigue, Beryl, Sweetness, Jetfire, Daydream, Indian Maid, Goff's Caye, Altun Ha, Quail, Bravoure, Crackington, Gin and Lime, Hambledon, Kokopelli, Lissome, Phoenician, Silent Pink, Williamsburg, Bald Eagle, Colley Gate, English Caye, Erlicheer, Helford Dawn, Lemon Brook, Phalarope, Trena, Wings of Freedom, Xunantunich, Actaea, Avalanche, Clavier, Fortescue, Gold Bond, Jack Snipe, Oryx, Silent Valley, Swedish Fjord, Thalia, Tracey, Warbler, Young Blood, Falconet, Pipit, Scarlet Tanager, Highpoint, Geranium, Sunday Chimes, Tahiti, Itzim, St. Keverne, Trevithian. Of these 52 varieties, note that 14 are multi-floreted cultivars, 12 are reverse-bicolors, 9 are cyclamineus and at least 7 are historic. (A few are included in two of these categories.). My guess is that some of these gain "frequent winner" status by virtue of their inclusion in specialized collections, e.g. Maroon Ribbon (reverses), Div 6 (cyclamineus--rather frequent White Ribbon winners) or historic.

Finally, a word of caution in using data like that in this article, the number of times a cultivar finds its way into winner status is affected by many things. Some varieties, for example, bloom so early or so late as not to be available for most shows. Some are so new and/or expensive that they are not widely grown as yet. Others may be grown often "down under" but have not yet been turned around in sufficient quantity to be commercially available in the U.S. Others may do well in one climate but not in others. So, good luck to all WDS growers!



Banker 2Y-O



Pacific Rim 2Y-YYR



Magic Lantern 1Y-O



Conestoga 2W-GYO



Rapture 6Y-Y

Tending to Your Daffodils

By Kathy Welsh

As noted by others in this newsletter, the cold temperatures arrived early and have remained well below normal. If you planted in October or November you have nothing to worry about, but 2008 wasn't the year for late planting. Bulbs need time to grow their roots before the ground freezes. If you still have bulbs out of the ground, wait a month or two when we have a thaw, then plant. Don't wait until the summer or next fall because the bulbs won't be any good.



Subfreezing temperatures with the absence of snow can damage foliage that has emerged. Temperatures into the low teens and single digits can turn your foliage to mush. If this happens, remove the foliage to prevent rot and fungus. New foliage should emerge when the weather warms. This situation can occasionally cause permanent damage.

Fertilize your dafs in January, February or early March, especially those that weren't fertilized in the fall. Sprinkle a low nitrogen fertilizer (5-10-10) and nature does the rest. These months are also a good time to mulch your daffodil beds. Mulch holds in the moisture, keeps your flowers clean, and keeps the bulbs cool during the summer.

In recent years I have had increasing problems with slugs and other hungry critters. This year's cold temperatures may help. Last year I sprinkled snail bait and insecticide on my beds in mid-March. I was pleased with the

results.

In mid-March begin watering your daffodils if rainfall is below 1" per week. Water is the key to large, smooth blooms. Check your labels, update your records, peruse the catalogs, and get ready for another daffodil season!

Looking Forward to the 2009 ADS Convention and National Show, April 25-27, 2009, Glenco, Illinois

By Kathy Welsh

The 2009 ADS National Show and convention will be held at the Chicago Botanic Garden, April 25-27. This convention will be unique in that the show will be held in a botanic garden and not at the convention hotel. The convention committee has a long list of activities planned including seminars, discussions, tours and more. An optional tour on Monday April 27th will travel to the home of Dr. John Reed. John is an excellent hybridizer and has the largest planting of daffodils in the United States. For additional information read the December 2008 ADS Journal or visit the ADS website at:

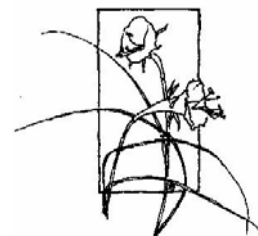
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The following are just a couple of the great shows that our members recommend. Please see the ADS website www.daffodilusa.org and the ADS Journal for a complete listing.

Northeast North Carolina Daffodil Society Show

March 20-21, 2009, Barco, NC

This show is growing larger and will have artistic designs along with the horticulture this year. For more information on this show or on the NE North Carolina Daffodil Society, please contact Clay Higgins at (240-632-0002) chiggins@comcast.net or Fran Higgins dlpub@erols.com. *



Garden Club of Virginia Daffodil Show

March 31, April 1-2, 2009, White Post, VA

The GCV Daffodil Show will again be held at the White Stone Church of the Nazarene, 57 Whisk Drive, White Stone, VA, sponsored by The Garden Club of the Northern Neck. Entries will be accepted on Tuesday March 31 from 3:00 PM to 9:00PM and again on Wednesday, April 1, 2009 from 7:00AM until 10:00AM. No Exceptions.

This year a new class is being offered for cultivars hybridized in Ireland. The Gale and Lockwood Frizzell Award will be given for the best collection of 3 different varieties of IRISH blooms from Divisions 1 thru 4 exhibited in a single tube. Exhibitor cards will be sent upon receipt of a self-addressed and stamped envelope. Check the GCV website: www.gcvirginia.org to obtain the Daffodil schedule on line and to pre-register for exhibitor number and for reserved classes in the show. Contacts: Anne Neuman, Registration Chairman, Mount Airy, 361 Mill Pond Road, Warsaw, VA. Show Co-Chairmen are Candy Carden, (804-472-3508) and Suzanne LaPrade Haaland, (804-435-7088).

WASHINGTON DAFFODIL SOCIETY -- Meeting Minutes

2008 WDS Fall BOARD OF DIRECTORS Meeting, October 18, 2008 *

Attendance: (Quorum Present) Lucy Rhame, Mary Koonce, Glenna Graves, Lina Burton, Tom Taylor, Charmane Truesdell, Delores Felch, Mary Anne Barton, Dorothy Sensibaugh, Bob Huesmann, Holly Ruffin, Chriss Rainey, Spencer Rainey, Tricia Goins, Kathy Welsh
Minutes of the 2008 June Meeting were read and approved.

The **Treasurer's Report** states as of 09/30/08 the following balances:

Certificates of Deposit	\$25,458.87
Checking Account	9,999.32
Total	\$35,458.19

Discussion of Pie Eater's costs was discussed and Lucy Rhame motioned to contribute \$100 to the St John Newmann Catholic Church for the 2007 and 2008 years. It was approved.

Committee Reports

Bulb Order for 2008 -140 orders were reported by Mary Koonce. Some substitutions and refunds were made due to crop failure.

Membership for 2008 is 224 Individual Members and 24 Garden Clubs as reported by Kathy Welsh, the Membership Chairman.

2009 Daffodil Show will be chaired by Tom Taylor. He needs a Co-Chair for the show and needs a copy of the Show Manual.



Nominating Committee as reported by Mary Ann Barton for Paul Botting: Lucy Rhame, President; Glenna Graves, Vice President; Holly Ruffin, Secretary; Bob Huesmann, Treasurer. Bob has asked to be replaced as the Treasurer. A volunteer has been asked.

Pie Eater's Show was reported by Chriss Rainey who suggested a cocktail party and dinner the evening before the event to attract new visitors, the first weekend of May, 2009.

Speaker's Bureau - Chriss Rainey asked to be removed as the Chair of this committee. A new chair is needed.

New Business

Purchase of a shed for the **Storage of WDS Properties** was presented by Tom Taylor with discussion ranging from size to cost and type of doors. Merrifield Garden Center has agreed to allow WDS to build a shed on their property in Fair Oaks in return for members educating their customers several times each fall. Chriss moved to limit the cost of the shed to \$4000 and to purchase it in November of 2008. Lucy seconded and the shed was approved. The purchase of an **LCD Projector** was suggested by Mary Koonce. It was suggested that Mary look into purchasing a LCD Projector with a limit of \$1000. The **Spring Luncheon** will be held on March 7, 2009 and Mary Koonce will speak on "Daffodils in Cornwall". **Summer Picnic** - Lucy motioned to have the picnic at Mary Koonce's home in WV and Bob seconded in favor. A date was not picked. The **Properties Manager** position is open and someone is needed. Also, a **Co-Chair is needed for the daffodil show**. Tom Taylor suggested we send a complimentary copy of the newsletter to Brookside Gardens. The Hosting of the ADS Board Meeting in the fall of 2010 was discussed and tabled. The **Merrifield volunteers** for 10/25/08 will be Tricia Goins, Tom Taylor, Kathy Welsh and Lucy Rhame. Kathy will do research on the purchase of embroidered items. These include Polo Shirts, Tee Shirts, Vests and Aprons. She will get back to the group in March.



Minutes from the Annual Meeting:

Bob Huesmann reported the bulb sales produce the majority WDS's revenue and encouraged future sales.

Mary Koonce filled 140 bulb orders in 2008 with some substitutions and refunds were required due to crop failure. Raffle ticket sales were strong. Kathy Welsh praised Mary for all of her efforts on the bulb order.

It was announced that: the Board approved the purchase of a **LCD Projector**, for up to \$1000 and a **Storage Shed for WDS Property** for up to \$4000. The **WDS Show** will be held 4/11-4/12 2009 and the **Pie Eaters Show** is the first weekend of May, 2009.

Mary Anne Barton presented the new slate of officers (as listed above) and the membership approved the slate as read. Approximately 65 members enjoyed the bulb exchange and raffle. Kathy Welsh sold supplies. The new President was introduced at the end of the meeting.



Respectfully submitted, Holly Ruffin Boyd, Secretary

Complete Treasurer's Report available upon request to newsletter editor:

Mary Anne Barton (703)273-8641/wbill@bellatlantic.net

WDS Spring Lunch Information -- Saturday, March 7, 2009

WDS Board Meeting 10:00 am -11:30 am at the home of Lucy Rhame, followed by General Membership Lunch at Union Street Public House, 121 South Union Street, Alexandria, VA 22314; 12 Noon - 3:30 pm; Parking lot across street/ email: **generalmanager@UnionStPub.com** / Website: **USPHalexandria.com** / phone: (703- 548-1785).

For more information and to register: Lucy Rhame, (703-836-3532), 508 S. Fairfax Street, Alexandria, VA 22314 **Registration Deadline: March 1, 2009.**

Lunch: \$21 per person includes coffee, tea or soda; cash bar available; Lunch will be followed by Short General Meeting & Program by Mary Koonce, *“Daffodils in Cornwall”*

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WDS Spring Lunch Reservation Form, March 7, 2009

Mail to: Lucy Rhame, 508 S. Fairfax Street, Alexandria, VA 22314

Make check payable to: “WDS” **Registration Deadline: March 1, 2009**

Grilled Chicken Sandwich # _____	Fish Sandwich # _____
Melted Havarti, arugula, red onion and roasted pepper aioli. Served with french fries.	Served with fries and tarter sauce.
Chef’s Vegetarian Selection # _____	Crystal Chicken Salad # _____
Today’s vegetarian selection - chef’s choice	Bayou Chicken tenders, chopped vegetables and blue cheese on house greens with buttermilk dressing.
Soup and Sandwich Platter # _____	Steak Caesar Platter # _____
Choice of Soup of the Day or Crab Soup, and 1/2 BLT or Chicken Salad Sandwich	Hearts of romaine, parmesan cheese and traditional dressing.

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WDS MEMBERSHIP - Membership Year January 1 - December 31

Please Circle: NEW RENEWAL UPDATE ONLY

Name (s) _____

Address _____

Phone No. (home) _____ **(work)** _____

email: _____

1 yr individual (\$10.00) _____ **3 yr individual (\$25.00)** _____

1 yr household (\$12.00) _____ **3 yr household (\$30.00)** _____

1 yr club (\$10.00) _____ **3 yr club (\$25.00)** _____

Make check payable to “WDS”

Please mail to: Kathy Welsh, 10803 Windcloud Ct. Oakton, VA 22124

2009 WDS Calendar -- check these websites for more shows!

American Daffodil Society website: www.daffodilusa.org

Washington Daffodil Society website: www.washingtondaffodilsociety.org

March 7 WDS Spring Luncheon Meeting & Program, Alexandria VA

March 20-21 NE North Carolina Daffodil Society Show, Barco, NC

March 28-29 Garden Club of Gloucester Daffodil Show, Gloucester, VA

April 1-2 Garden Club of Virginia Daffodil Show, White Stone, VA

April 4-5 Somerset County Garden Club Daffodil Show, Princess Anne, MD

April 4-5 Virginia Daffodil Society Show, Richmond, VA

April 7 Upperville Garden Club Daffodil Show, Upperville, VA

April 10-11 Fed. Garden Clubs of MD, Dist, II Daffodil Show, Edgewater, MD

April 11-12 WDS and ADS Mid Atlantic Regional Daffodil Show, Wheaton MD

April 18-19 Tuscarora Daffodil Society and Chambersburg Garden Club Show, Chambersburg, PA

April 18-19 Delaware Valley Daffodil Society and NE Regional Show, Kennett Square, PA

April 21-22 Maryland Daffodil Society Show, Towson, MD

April 25-26 ADS National Show, Midwest Daffodil Society, Glenco, IL

May 2-3 WDS American Pie Eater's Show, Reston, VA

June 13 WDS Summer Picnic, at Mary Koonce's home, Summit Point, WV

Oct 17 Tentative date for WDS Fall Annual Meeting & Bulb Exchange, Falls Church VA

