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WDS 2013 Bulb Order Coming Soon!

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The WDS Newsletter

is published in the Spring, Winter and Fall 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 Friends,

Now that most of the Daffodil shows are over and the fun stuff has been completed we can get ready for summer. Since it will be several weeks before it's time to dig bulbs, we can relax and review notes taken at the various shows of bulbs we want to acquire, read catalogs, and make our wish lists winners for next year. Don't we wish it will be that easy.

The last year has been a real challenge for the WDS and I thank everyone for their understanding and patience while we work through the problems. The temporary space limitation problem that was a factor in cancelling our early show this year, became even worse when we were told that we would not be able to use Brookside Gardens for our 2014 Show, because they were reconstructing the parking lot and we couldn't get there any other way. Brookside Gardens has been a very good partner for us in the past and we will miss not having a show there.

The good news is that we have nearly a year to find another place this year and we are beating the bushes for another place. For years we have had a Friday through Sunday show and used about four thousand square feet of space. It is difficult to find places of that size for three days that we can afford. Churches are often thought of as being a likely place, but having the show on Sunday can compete directly with the reason for having a church. If anyone has a suggestion for location, it will be most welcome.

The bulb order will be delayed this year, but there will be a bulb order. Mary Koonce, our Bulb Order Chair, was suffering from a serious medical problem this Spring and not able to work with the suppliers as usual. Now that she has been released from the hospital (and can not go back to work) she intends to work with Bob Huesmann and Mary Anne Barton to get it done soon. WDS also hopes to host the ADS Mid-Atlantic Region meeting as part of our Fall Annual Meeting that includes the Bulb Order Pickup and Bulb Exchange. More details later.

More good news is that the Late Show was a big success. Held on April 27 at the Reston Walker Nature Center, many of our members still had blooms left (or had them in the refrigerator) so as to have a diverse exhibition of blooms. We are indebted to Chriss and Spencer Rainey that the WDS actually had a daffodil show in 2013 in spite of our problems.

The summer meeting will be at the home of Karen Cogar on June 22. The details of the meeting are in this newsletter. Please try to attend .

Tom Taylor, President WDS, tom1939@msn.com

WDS Summer Picnic June 22, 2013

RSVP by June 15, 2013

At the home of Karen Cogar, Alexandria VA

Board Meeting 10:30AM

Picnic 1:00PM- **Bring a chair!**

See Page 2 for Details

WDS Summer Meeting and Potluck Lunch June 22, 2013

At the home of Karen Cogar 320 1/2 Mansion Dr. Alexandria VA 22302 703 548 8637
WDS Board Meeting 10:30 AM Lunch Meeting 1:00 PM

We need to know how many people to expect, so please **RSVP** to Tom Taylor at 703-698-8636 or email him at tom1939@msn.com by **June 15** and tell him if you are attending.

Karen Cogar is offering the hospitality of her home for our summer meeting and potluck picnic on June 22. Please make plans now to attend and enjoy the company of your daffodil friends and her beautiful landscaping.

The Executive Board will meet at 10:30 am to conduct regular WDS business, but all members are invited to attend. The more urgent topics will be where to hold the 2014 Early Daffodil Show, arrangements for the Fall meeting and bulb exchange, Nomination Committee reports, and the bulb order.

Members should plan on arriving starting at noon with a potluck dish (appetizer, salad, dessert) of your chose and **bring a lawn chair**. The WDS will provide Peruvian chicken, fried chicken, soft drinks, utensils, cups, plates, and the usual service items. The Lunch will start at 1:00 pm. It is always exciting to taste the variety of unique dishes that members bring. Lunch will be followed by a very short business meeting and program. The program will be a guided tour of Karen's garden. Rumor has it that she even spiffed it up more than usual for a wedding.

How to get there--Karen says that this approach to her house is easiest.

- From 395 North or South take the King Street East exit.
- Pass through several lights- stay left
- Enter left turn lane and turn left at Braddock Road
- Follow Braddock Road to bottom of hill.
- Turn left turn on Russell Road
- Turn left onto Mansion Drive
- Proceed to 320 1/2 Mansion Dr. on left.

Karen's house is down a narrow drive between two houses. Please park on street as there is strictly no parking on her driveway. If you need assistance carrying things we will help.

Receive Your Newsletter Electronically

If you don't receive your newsletter via email and would be willing to do so, please **contact Tricia Goins at: purplefan24@cox.net** . Electronic newsletters save us printing and mailing costs (plus you get the pictures in color).

2013 WDS Late Show



WDS Bulb Order is Coming! By Bob Huesmann

Sugar Rose



and WDS a boost with a nice fat order. You will be glad you did. (May I add a plea, even stronger than usual, for being prompt with your order. That will cheer up Mary and alleviate her workload as well.)

YES, Dear Member, there will be a bulb order this year. You didn't think that a little bit of major cancer surgery was going to prevent Mary Koonce from doing what she loves to do, did you? Well, the order may have been delayed, but it's going to happen; and, I can tell you it's going to have some extraordinary stuff, so save your share of the stimulus money and give Mary

Clouded Yellow



Photos: Daffseek.org

The reason I may sound a bit overenthusiastic is that Mary and I were both excited to learn that bulbs from one of the most respected hybridizers and growers would be available--some newer registrations for the first time ever--after being mostly absent from the market for several years. I might as well tell you that is John Pearson, who has given us **Clouded Yellow**, one of the few consistent Gold Ribbon repeaters; **Carib Gypsy** and several others of the best reverse bicolors; and **Sugar Rose**, the cyclamineus that had everybody so excited a few years ago. (Wouldn't you like to have another chance to acquire that one!---hmmmm...). Also, there is a whole new generation of all-yellow Trumpets and large-cups out there, with smoothness and texture not often seen in the older stalwarts, good as we thought they were. Other "new directions" would include color breakthroughs, a sample which we hope John Reed of Oakwood Daffodils will share with us this year. We hope to have a few of John Gibson's flowers this year again. Some of the ones offered last year were winners in the early shows this spring.

For those of you who are uptight about timing, my best estimate at this point is that the order should be available first electronically and then by mail, by the end of May, with orders due last week of June.

[Ed. Note: Mary Koonce thanks everyone for your calls and cards.]

Report from the 2013 WDS Late Daffodil Show

April 27, 2013

Walker Nature Center, Reston VA

Photos: Kate Carney, Cathie Alderks, Tom Taylor

Many thanks to WDS Late Show Chairs Chriss Rainey and Spencer Rainey for a very successful AND FUN show on April 27th. Late Show report by Bob Huesmann:

Lina and I have been to all of the WDS late shows (formerly known as the "Pie-eaters' Show"), and to my recollection, this year's was the best in terms of the quality of flowers, the diversity of exhibits and the intensity of competition. This was due partly to the facts that we had a season that was a bit later than has been the case lately, and that the show was a week earlier than usual. Personally, I hope the earlier schedule adopted this year could continue, but this is up



to the powers at the regional level. The show was held in a lovely setting in the woods in the Reston area. Although there wasn't much public attention in terms of walk-in visitors, we were handsomely rewarded at lunch time with a visit from a Pileated Woodpecker. When's the last time you saw one of those!

Show Chair Chriss Rainey

I won't give Chriss and Spence Rainey or Kate Carney the credit for arranging for the presence of the woodpecker, but they sure did a great job of making everything else work just right. They provided cedar for mounting our flowers, and I actually found it easier and quicker to handle than boxwood. Although the judging was arranged on an informal basis, depending on who was there, I thought the procedures for selecting the major award winners were more thorough and inclusive than at some larger shows.



A good proportion of the best flowers came from Divisions 3 (small-cupped) and 9 (poetaz), as was to be expected. The Gold Ribbon winner was Kathy Welsh's College Years, a lovely 3 Y-YYO from Elise Havens. There were also several fine examples of Engagement Ring, which had been on the WDS bulb order a few years ago. There were some dandy miniatures, too, including some seldom-seen and beautiful ones that Kate Carney showed. I wish I could remember more of the winners, but you can read about them in the September Daffodil Journal.



What impressed me most about the show was the number of really good large collections that were entered. There were two Quinns, a Throckmorton, three Havens, and two Bozievichs. That would be a respectable number for a main-season show, but unprecedented for a late show. And these were serious entries, too. They would have been competitive earlier in the season. I think it would make sense to beef up one's late-season portfolio (try this year's bulb order) and hope for a repeat of this year's advanced show schedule.





2013 WDS Late Show Winners

The show had 262 entries and 559 stems

ADS Awards:

Gold Ribbon: Kathy Welsh 'College Years' 3Y-YYO
Purple Ribbon: Kathy Welsh 'Div. 9 collection'
White Ribbon: Femma Lo 'Muster' 4W-O
American Collection: Jill Nielsen
Maroon: Jill Nielsen
Bozievich: Kathy & Sarah Welsh
Havens: Kathy Welsh
Throckmorton: Jill Nielsen
Quinn: Jill Nielsen
Mini White: Lina Huesmann 'Little Flik' 12Y-Y
Silver: Jill Nielson
Lavender: Mitch & Kate Carney
Watrous: Kate Carney
Intermediate: Kathy & Sarah Welsh
Delia Bankhead: Chriss Rainey
Mini Gold: Kate Carney 'Reno Road' 7Y-O
Mini Rose: Mitch Carney 'Div 9 seedling'



Special WDS Award Classes:

New Shoes: Kate Carney
Red Hot: Glenna Graves
Lucky Seven: Bob Huesmann
Yankee Doodle Collection: Kate Carney



Spring Chores

Leave the daffodil foliage connected to the bulb and in the sun for approximately 6 weeks after the bloom. This is necessary to create the flower in the bulb for next spring. The ADS does not recommend braiding or tying up the loose foliage. We want the foliage to be exposed to as much sunlight as possible. Many of us grow other perennials such as daylilies near the daffodils. As the daylily foliage comes up, the loose daffodil foliage is not as noticeable. Once the 6 weeks has passed, this is a good time to dig bulbs and replant immediately (no need to water) – OR – dig and store the bulbs in a dark dry cool place until time to replant when the soil is below 55 degrees Fahrenheit, usually in November in Washington DC Metro Area.



2014 Daffodil Show Chairman's Update:

2014 Daffodil Show Chair, Glenna Graves 540-434-8587
glennamgraves@comcast.net.

At our February Daffodil meeting we thought we had everything set for the 2014 Daffodil Show to be held at Brookside Gardens again. Shortly afterwards we were notified that the remodeling process at Brookside would continue with the parking area getting a remake in April 2014. We will not be able to have our show there. I am certain it will be a wonderful place for a show again in the future.

As you can guess several of our WDS members have been looking at places that could be a show spot for us in 2014. We have made several contacts but currently we do not have a contract. We are determined to have a show next spring and if any of you have an idea please Tom Taylor or me know.

The interesting side of this “looking for a show spot” has made me very aware of the different places shows can be held. I had not been to the MDS show held in a shopping mall. For them this is a great spot. The lay-out of the area is perfect for parking and entering right at the work area. Personally I liked the music playing while working on my blooms and the shoppers passing thru were not a problem and many stopped to look and ask questions about the daffodils. Of course this was on Tuesday so a weekend would be much busier I am sure. We did check in to the National Arboretum but that was way too expensive for us. The WDS late show was held in the Walker Nature Park in Reston. That turned out to be a wonderful place, out in the middle of the forest area – who would have guessed you were just a few blocks away from “town”? The weather was perfect so working outside was not a problem and the show inside was very attractive. I was hoping the area would be large enough that with the addition of a tent we could have had our regular show there too but it was not large enough.

It was so good to see many of you attending other shows throughout the Mid-Atlantic and winning colorful ribbons along the way. Our season was a little strange again this year so some were bringing blooms that were just opening and others had blooms that may not have had as much substance as desired but they were all beautiful and fun.

We are looking and I hope all of you will check places as you go on your travels and let us know of any interesting possible show place you may see. Call me -540-434-8587 glennamgraves@comcast.net. See you at the summer picnic.

2012 WDS Spring Meeting Minutes

Washington Daffodil Society Spring Meeting *Glenna Graves, Secretary*

The WDS meeting was held February 22, 2013 at Langley Hall of Trinity United Methodist Church in McLean VA. President Tom Taylor called the meeting to order at 10:15AM. Those board members present were Tom Taylor, Donna Clausen, Tricia Goins, Mary Ann Barton, Mary Koonce, Linda Smith, Holly Ruffin, Chriss Rainey, Amelia Abrahams, Martha Best, Glenna Graves, and Judy Bruner.

Tom presented the past president, Glenna Graves, with a thank-you gift for her service the past two years.

The minutes of the October 20, 2012 fall meeting were accepted as published in the WDS Winter Newsletter.

Donna Clausen, VP, announced the Summer Picnic meeting will be held June 22, 2013, at the home/garden of Karen Cogar. There will be a potluck picnic followed by a tour of Karen's' extensive perennial garden.

Chriss Rainey reported the WDS Late one-day Daffodil show would be held on April 27, 2013, at the Walker Nature Center Education Center, 11450 Glade Drive, Reston, VA. The Center offers good parking; exhibit space, a pavilion, and trails. It is very family friendly and with flyers advertising the show we hope to have a good turnout. There may also be a photography Section as well. If you have even a few blooms please come and enjoy the end of the season show.

Glenna Graves reported on the Regular Season Daffodil Show. As we know the 2013 show was cancelled but we are definitely booked for the 2014 daffodil show at Brookside Garden, April 11,12,13, 2014. We will have full space available as in past few years. All members present were asked to check the show committee duties and indicate if they would continue same position for next year. I am pleased to announce that Sandy Piccirillo and Mary Ann Barton will be the Artistic chairs for 2014. Please consider assisting as co-chair for a future show.

Mary Koonce and Bob Huesmann are continuing to work on the 2013 bulb order. Donna Clausen encouraged everyone belonging to area garden clubs to share our bulb order form and encourage club members to place orders. We have many special bulbs and international bulbs, which we may be unable to find elsewhere.

Tom Taylor reported, in Robert Darling absence, we want to encourage attendance to the National Arboretum especially during spring and summer season. Record which daffodils and divisions are blooming and when, then report to Robert or Tom what you saw. If we all record the blooming time perhaps we could add more bulbs and extend the blooming season. There was discussion as to updating the Wister Collection at the Arboretum and Brookside Garden but no motion was made at this time.

Our Newsletter is now being printed and distributed by the committee of Mary Ann Barton, Tom Taylor and Tricia Goins. It is imperative that any change to your email address be sent to membership chairman Tricia Goins (purplefan24@cox.net) so you can receive your Newsletter on time. Those without email will continue to receive theirs by mail. Next **Deadline for Newsletter is May 1st, 2013.**

Tricia Goins gave the treasurer report. Total assets are \$18,310.83. We made about \$3400.00 on the bulb sale after refunds had been made. As Membership Chairman as well, Tricia reported she has been receiving several renewals of membership since the Newsletter was posted. Our membership year runs from January 1 – December 31.

Tom Taylor noted our Newsletter will be posted on our website immediately after publishing. This will be a good “go-to” place for WDS news and dates. Other recommendations of what you would like to see on our website is encouraged.

WDS Directory- Many people depend on our membership directory and it was discussed as to the best and cheapest way to provide this to all members. It was suggested to just email membership list to members and you would print out your own list. This will be reevaluated after one year to see if other considerations need to be made. The list will be mailed to those without email. **Please keep your information current. It was noted some people have “spam” block on their email. Please arrange for approval of the Directory and Newsletter to be delivered.**

The board meeting was adjourned at 11:30A.M.

At noon, all enjoyed a delicious lunch, provided entirely by Donna Clausen. Thank you Donna for all your delicious hard work!!

Tom Taylor provided a program and facilitated discussion on Blue Ribbon Bloom Winners from 2011 – 2012. Other discussion of favorite show blooms “we cannot do without” and planting methods were discussed. All enjoyed the discussion.

WDS Calendar -- check these websites for more information!

American Daffodil Society website: www.daffodilusa.org www.Daffseek.org

Washington Daffodil Society website: www.washingtondaffodilsociety.org

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June 22 WDS Summer Picnic, June 22, 2013

October TBD WDS Annual Meeting, Bulb Order Pickup and Bulb Exchange

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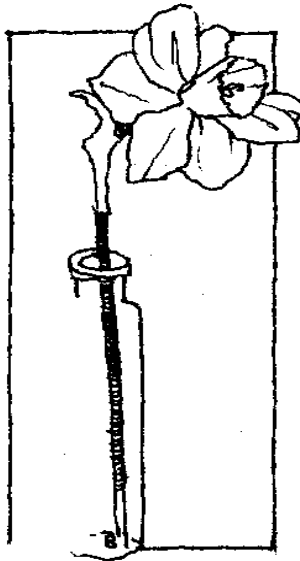
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ADS National Daffodil Show and Convention

WDS Daffodil Show

WDS Late Daffodil Show

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