

THE WASHINGTON DAFFODIL SOCIETY

NEWSLETTER, FALL 2016

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Fall Meeting, Bulb Exchange Oct 29, 2016

Volunteers needed for Merrifield Oct 1 or Oct 8 only- see page 2

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2016 Daffodil Show:

Mary Anne Barton, Glenna Graves,
Karen Cogar

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,

At the first hint of colder air, I start itching for the ground to cool so I can get my shovel out and spend the day planting daffodil bulbs. It's a very lengthy (perhaps obsessive) process, which brings untold pleasure. Every year, hopes of big, beautiful 100 point blooms abound, even as the ubiquitous catbirds land on my shovel and mockingly call me a fool. But, every year I mostly hope that this will be the year that every bulb is correctly named, stays put, and that I don't have to spend half of April out in the patch with my iPad and Daffseek trying to figure out what in the world that 2Y-Y is.

For some absurd reason, losing my car keys or forgetting names is not a fraction as upsetting as a misnamed flower. (My husband says there's a pill for that). The battle planting plan includes planting by division alphabetically, except when there are two identical codes, a waterproof buried label, strong long stakes with P-touch labels, a new map, and an old map saved of the bed in case some long forgotten baby bulb finally grows up-surprise. The soil has been turned with compost added, and each bulb rests on an inch (or three if it's white) of Granni grit, with my own blend of bulb food several inches under that. The gardener hopes to be worthy of her bulbs.

Speaking of worthy bulbs.....the WDS bulbs are starting to roll in to my garage, and some really extra special bulbs from our extra special suppliers will be offered at a live auction at our Fall meeting. **Kate and Mitch Carney**, generous owners of South Mountain Flower Farm, excellent hybridizers, growers and exhibitors, **have offered some very unique and exquisite New Zealand varieties.** **Nial Watson** is sending some of his fabulous seedlings, some shown **here, from Northern Ireland.** He has recently sold his Ringhaddy Daffodils, so who knows if these will ever be available again. There will be more surprises, but we will keep them under wraps until our meeting on October 29. I hope you will come!

Karen Cogar, President kcogara@gmail.com

**WDS Annual Meeting,
Bulb Exchange
& Bulb Order Pickup
Open to Everyone – EARLIER TIME!!!!
Saturday October 29, 2016 in McLean VA
Board Meeting 9:30 am/General Meeting 11:00 am
See Page 2 for Details**



Seedling From Nial Watson: W818 11aY-O, Parents unknown,
but very nice early intermediate.

WDS Fall Board Meeting, Annual Meeting Bulb Order Pickup & Bulb Exchange

Saturday, October 29, 2016

The WDS Annual Meeting, Bulb Exchange, and Bulb Order Pickup is scheduled for Saturday October 29, 2016 at Trinity United Methodist Church, 1205 Dolley Madison Blvd, McLean, VA 22101

EARLIER TIME!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

9:30AM -10:30AM: WDS Board Meeting – All members Welcome to Attend!

Board Members please bring finger foods, chips, cookies, fruit etc. to share at the general meeting. Drinks are provided by WDS.

11:00 AM – 2:00PM: WDS Annual Meeting, Bulb Exchange and Bulb Order Pickup

Thanks to Bob Huessman, Karen Cogar, Amelia Abrahams and Martha Best our 2016 bulb order looks to be a big success. And thanks to the 75 who placed their orders. If you paid to have your order mailed, they will be sent to you before the Fall Meeting.

We will have a report of the WDS board meeting, Election of new officers, Bulb Sales, Door Prizes, Bulb Raffle and Bulb Exchange. Special Bulbs for auction from Nial Watson of Ringhaddy Daffodils, Oakwood Daffodils, Mitch and Kate Carney of South Mountain Farm, plus others. **You do not have to bring bulbs to get bulbs!** This location has ample parking, is easily accessible, so please come and join us!!

When Should You Plant Your Bulbs

As most of you know, it is best to plant your daffodil bulbs after the soil has cooled off to about 55 degrees F. It appears our fall will be a warm one which means that you should wait until probably mid-November to start planting. Remember a lot of water in the fall and early spring are essential for great blooms in the spring.

Some of the bulbs from Nial Watson:



Left: W789 11aY-YYO Angelito x Pampaluna. Mid-season. Intermediate to be named Wee Cracker It has already had a 1st at RHS in 2014 and was best Any Other Division in Ballymena show this year. Small and consistent here

Right: W785 3W-Y Limpopo x Evesham Big flowering
Mid- Late Season. To be named Congratulations.



Left: W763 3W-GWP Parksprings x Newcomer. Lovely flower smallish, not an intermediate here. Early-mid season.

Report of Nominating Committee

According to the WDS Bylaws as amended, President Karen Cogar selected a Nominating Committee to be chaired by Glenna Graves, Donna Clausen and Robert Darling. The following slate of Board members is being presented for election at the October 29, 2016 Annual Meeting:

Washington Daffodil Society Slate 2017

President- Karen Cogar (2nd term)
Vice President - Genie Applegate (1st term)
Directors: (3 year term)
Scott Bally
Lucy Rhame
Janet Noland

Other recommendations for above slate please contact Glenna Graves Nominating Committee Chairman glennamgraves@comcast.net. Please have permission of nominee before adding to the slate.

It's time again to have fun at Merrifield Garden Centers and help the WDS

Its time to repay Merrifield Garden Centers for letting us store our properties on their property. We volunteer in their bulb sections and answer questions for their customers. This year they need us on Saturdays October 1 and October 8, from 11 – 3 pm, at the three locations: Merrifield, Fair Oaks & Gainesville. Its easy and fun. One person can do each shift. Call or email us for details:

Mary Anne Barton – wbill@bellatlantic.net, 703-273-8641

Karen Cogar – kcogara@gmail.com

WDS 2016 Summer Picnic

For those unable to attend our Summer Social meeting at the Worshams' barn you missed a wonderful treat. If history is your interest, there was a LOT of history there dating back to the 1700's. To turn a charming barn into a wedding event destination has been a lot of work but the results are amazing. Thank you Suzi and Travis for all your generosity in making our day special!! (Thanks to Janet Noland for the pictures)



WDS Daffodil Show

Saturday & Sunday April 15 & 16, 2017 (Fri April 14 set up & entries)

Once again we will have our Daffodil Show in 2017 at The American Legion Hall – Fairfax Post No.177 –3939 Oak Street, Fairfax, Virginia 22030, but this time it will be over a weekend. We are hoping for more visitors. Please spread the word. Our dates will be: set up and entries on Friday April 14; judging on Saturday April 15; open to the public Saturday afternoon and Sunday April 16. In addition to horticulture classes, we do anticipate having the artistic flower arranging section as well as the photography section.

The building is very attractive, easy access for handicapped as well as those carrying buckets of daffodils. There is plenty of parking space, good access to water, a covered porch that is great for extra workroom providing we have good weather, and very accommodating people to work with. In addition, the Post Social Quarters downstairs sells great breakfasts and lunches. The location is also very close to Merrifield Garden Center at Fair Oaks where our properties are stored.

This year again we have multiple chairmen to share the work: Glenna Graves, Mary Anne Barton and Karen Cogar. We will be contacting you very soon, if we haven't already, about your possible duties with the show. Thank you in advance. Please remember that setting up and taking down are also a very important part of any show so please offer your assistance for those periods. We will hire some professional movers to help with the heavy properties. Many Hands Make Light Work – and Lots of Fun!

Please contact us to volunteer to help (host table, set up, clerking, take down etc.):

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WDS Meeting Minutes

June 12, 2016 Meeting

President Karen Cogar called the meeting to order at 11:05AM in the lovely barn at Suzy and Travis Worsham.

Those present for the board meeting were : Lina Burton, Mary Ann Barton, Bob Huesmann, Suzi Worsham, Lena Huesmann, Jim Taylor, Glenna Graves, and Karen Cogar.

The Treasure's report was presented by Karen Cogar as sent by treasurer Tricia Goins. The report was discussed and accepted as given.

Our 2016 Daffodil Show expense was \$4,550.34 which was in line with previous years. We did hire men from the Chazco Moving Company to help with setting up our properties in addition to picking them up from Merrifield Garden Center and then taking them back as well. We appreciated their 'muscle' power. Membership dues income from January 1, 2016 to June 1, 2016 was \$1,465.00. A full accounting of Treasurer's report may be obtained from Tricia Goins.

Arboretum Update: Although Robert Darling was not present he had submitted he had made contact with a person at the National Arboretum as to having a meeting there in the future. Robert will follow up on this possibly for our 2017 June picnic.

Bulb Order- Mary Ann Barton reported there have been 56 orders with the deadline extended until the end of June. Some calls will be made to those not placing their order yet. So far there have been 1500-1600 bulbs ordered and few selections have been sold out. Martha Best and Amelia Abrahams will continue making the labels for all bulbs ordered for this year. Bob Huesmann has been very hands-on with the bulb orders and bulb availability. It was noted that Bob Huesmann had put colored dots on several of the show flowers at the daffodil show indicating they were on out bulb order this year. A further explanation "card" may be made more prominent next year.

Newsletter- Mary Ann reported everything has been running OK with the Newsletter. Everyone appreciated the color pictures of our show included. Mary Ann would appreciate anyone having an article or photo to share in the Newsletter, please send to her.

Membership – No report.

Daffodil Show- 2016 show was very successful. It was smaller than usual and did not use the risers actually providing a much “prettier” show. Everyone worked together to make the show a success. We are asking for volunteers to step forward to assist as show chairman. You will have helpers. Discussion was held at to an alternate site for the show so we could have our show on weekends. We feel we may have more participation of helpers as well as visitors to the show. Some private schools will be explored as well as Brookside Gardens and possible weekend at the American Legion Hall.

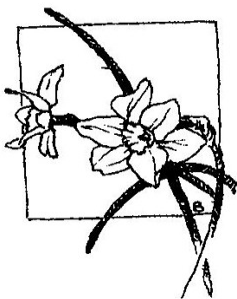
Nominating Committee : We are asking for President and Vice President nominees. Please help our Society to remain viable. Scott Bally and Lucy Rhame are nominees for position of Directors. Please send suggestions of nominees to Glenna Graves. glennamgraves@comcast.net.

Fall meeting and Bulb Exchange. - Karen Cogar will check with the Methodist Church in McLean to see if we could have our meeting there again. Tentative dates are October 22 or 29th. This is same location of our meeting last year. The board meeting was adjourned at 12:00 noon.

Following a delicious pot- luck lunch in the amazing barn of Suzi Worsham we had a brief general meeting. Additional members present were Kate Carney, Janet Noland, Steve Morrison, Genie and Chris Applegate, Amelia Abrahams, Martha Best, Wes Graves, Jim Taylor, Danny Abramson. Total of 17 members were present.

- Business:
- Discussed the future of the Washington Daffodil Society as to getting more participation and members.
- Bulb Order – Everyone encouraged to place their order if they haven’t already. Phone calls will be made.
- Nominating Committee – asking for nominees for President, Vice President and director.
- Discussed a possible weekend location for our daffodil show to encourage more member participation and visitation by public.
- Tentative dates for Fall meeting and bulb exchange – October 22 or 29th .

Submitted by Glenna M. Graves



Other Fall Daffodil Meetings

October 8th The Virginia Daffodil Society Covenant Woods, 7090 Covenant Woods Drive, Mechanicsville, VA 23111.

October 16th The Delaware Valley Daffodil Society, Jenkins Arboretum.

October 22nd The Maryland Daffodil Society and ADS Regional Meeting
Maryland Agriculture Center, 1114 Shawan Rd. Cockeysville, MD 21030. Contact

Hilles at hwhedbee@ix.netcom.com

A **judges refresher** is being offered. Contact Julie Minch, julesmin@gmail.com

October 29th Northeast North Carolina Daffodil Society (NENCDS) NCSU Cooperative Extension Center, 120 Community Way, Barco, NC 27817. Contact Clay Higgins (252) 491-9268 or Clayhiggins@centurylink.net

November 11-13th The ADS Fall Board Meeting in Indianapolis, IN

WDS Calendar -- check these websites for more information!

American Daffodil Society website:

www.daffodilusa.org

www.Daffseek.org

2016

October 29

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See previous page for more Daffodil Society Fall Meetings

2017

TBD

March 10-12

April 15-16

TBD

WDS Spring Luncheon Meeting

2017 National Daffodil Convention & Show, Sacramento, California

WDS Daffodil Show, Fairfax VA

WDS Summer Picnic



Seedling from Nial Watson, Ringhaddy Daffodils

W740 11aW-Y Pampaluna x Trumpet Warrior. Flowers early-mid season to be registered but no name as yet. Opens with a pale yellow corona with a deep yellow rim but fades as it matures to a slightly deeper yellow with a less obvious rim.

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3707 Burrows Avenue
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WDS Fall Meeting October 29, 2015- Earlier Time!!!!
Annual Meeting, Bulb Exchange & Bulb Order Pickup