

# THE WASHINGTON DAFFODIL SOCIETY

NEWSLETTER, FALL 2017

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## Fall Meeting, Bulb Exchange October 28, 2017 – see page 2 Board meeting 10 am, General Meeting 11:30 am

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Mary Anne Barton/Glenna Graves/ Genie Applegate

##### 2017 Bulb Order:

Scott Bally/  
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### Message from the President:

#### Dear Daffodil Friends,

*"I long for the bulbs to arrive, for early autumn chores are melancholy, but the planting of the bulbs is the mark of hope and always thrilling." - Mary Sarton*

*"You're supposed to get tired planting bulbs. But it's an agreeable tiredness." - Gail Godwin*

*"Good gardeners are always young in spirit, for their minds are fixed on spring when others feel only the bitter sting of winter." - Mary Fanton-Roberts*

Right? Hopefully, these words will serve to further inspire you to join your fellow (sister?) WDS members as we prepare our soil for fall planting and eagerly anticipate the spring.

There are several opportunities for you to enjoy WDS this fall, which are described in this newsletter. Our Fall Meeting is NOT TO BE MISSED!! Save the date, October 28. We are currently collecting all sorts of unique bulbs for our live and Chinese auctions, and treasures are always found in the bulb exchange. Plus, it's really a fun event.

We are excited to tell you more about our new show site for 2018. It will be on April 14 and 15 at The Scottish Rite Temple in Alexandria, and many thanks to the team that searched widely for a new site that should work well for all.

Finally, the Bulb List bulbs will be arriving soon, and there will be much to do to ensure their delivery by October 28. When you see Scott Bally and Kathy Welsh, please thank them for the very many hours they have devoted to the project so far. I am looking for a few good volunteers to devote several days to help me sort and bag the bulbs. Please let me know if you can help.

We are just now starting to receive donations of bulbs for our auctions. Nial Watson, owner of the much missed Ringhaddy Daffodils, is continuing to hybridize and has promised us some beauties from his exceptional stable. There will be no lack of entertainment -we will be treated to maestro Richard Ezell as our auctioneer!

Thanks for all you do to keep WDS a very special group.

Good digging, Karen Cogar, President  
[kcogara@gmail.com](mailto:kcogara@gmail.com)

Auction Bulb from Nial Watson Cut Crystal 11aW-W



**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

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

Saturday, October 28, 2017

The WDS Annual Meeting, Bulb Exchange, and Bulb Order Pickup is scheduled for Saturday October 28, 2017 at Trinity United Methodist Church, 1205 Dolley Madison Blvd, McLean, VA 22101

**10 am: WDS Board Meeting** – All members Welcome to Attend!

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

**11:30 am: WDS Annual Meeting, Bulb Exchange and Bulb Order Pickup**

Thanks to Scott Bally, Bob Huessman, Kathy Welsh and Karen Cogar, our 2017 bulb order is a good one. Thanks to all who purchased. 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; Richard Ezell as auctioneer. **You do not have to bring bulbs to get bulbs!** This location has ample parking, is easily accessible, so please come and join us!!

W129 1Y-R sometime flushes orange here.  
Already has had 1st prizes



W715 4Y-Y



W763 3W-P small, might be an intermediate with you, but is not with us.



W818 11aY-O intermediate.

W432 7W-P



**Auction bulbs from Nial Watson**



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## To 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. Choose locations with good drainage. Remember a lot of water in the fall and early spring are essential for great blooms in the spring. You can use fertilizer when you plant (put in the fertilizer first and cover with dirt so it does not touch the bottom of the bulb). Fertilizer for daffodils should be low in nitrogen. Some fertilizer formulations to look for are labeled 5-10-10, 0-10-10 or 0-0-50. High-nitrogen fertilizer should be avoided. Check the ADS website for more growing information.

## **Report of Nominating Committee**

According to the WDS Bylaws as amended, President Karen Cogar selected a Nominating Committee to be chaired by Glenna Graves. The following slate of Board members is being presented for election at the October 28, 2017 Annual Meeting

### **WDS Proposed slate of Officers for-- 2018**

President - Karen Cogar      Vice President - Genie Applegate  
Directors (3 year term) Mary Schwegler (second term) Leigh Koonce (first term) Joy Duncan (Second term)  
Other recommendations for above slate please contact Glenna Graves, Nominating Committee Chairman  
[glennamgraves@comcast.net](mailto:glennamgraves@comcast.net). Please have permission of nominee before adding to the slate.

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## **Selection of Site for the Spring 2018 WDS Show**

By Genie Applegate

At the June 2017 Board meeting of the WDS, several members agreed to form a committee to look for a site for next spring's show because our current Fairfax site had scheduling conflicts. Robert Darling, Genie Applegate, and Donna Clausen were the main committee members with others helping as their time permitted. At that same meeting members suggested the committee look at Brookside Gardens, Glen Echo and the Alexandria Scottish Rite facility. The committee formalized the selection criteria to include dates available, accessibility, parking, access to display and work spaces, water, spaces for judges, the potential to encourage the general public to attend, and many others.

Genie made her maiden trip to Brookside and found much to recommend the facility. However, they could not accommodate our preferred weekend dates. They could offer only a weekday slot, with only display space--no classroom, kitchen or work space available. Thus it was found to be unworkable. Genie, Robert, Scott Bally and Steve Morrison visited the Glen Echo site, and also found that it would be a wonderful site--fun, accessible and with many of the general public there. There were a number of issues that would need to be managed, such as availability of water, WDS would have to vacate certain spaces at night to accommodate the other users of the facility and cost. The staff was easy to work with, and perhaps this site could be reconsidered for another show.

Lastly, with Donna's help, we and Karen Cogar visited the Scottish Rite site in Alexandria and found it to be highly desirable: the right weekend dates were available, the main display space was large and well laid out, a good kitchen and water source nearby, additional spaces for judges, copious parking, it is in a commercial area from which we might be able to attract other visitors from the general public etc. The staff was also very gracious and the cost fit our budget. The committee all agreed it was the right spot for the 2018 WDS Show.

**Thank you to all on the show site search committee for your good work!**

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### **WDS 2018 Daffodil Show**

**April 14 & 15 2018, (set up Friday April 13) at Alexandria Scottish Rite Temple,  
1430 West Braddock Rd, Alexandria VA 22302**

This is a great location and we know all of you will love it. Since we will be in a new location next April, there will be some adjustments to make to our logistics for the show. On Friday, we will have to end entries earlier on Friday night due to the location requirements. Our Saturday schedule should be the same as previous years. On Sunday, however we plan to open the show to the public earlier- at 9 am but will close about 1:30 pm. This is needed so that we have time for the movers to drive the properties back to the Fair Oaks location of Merrifield Garden Center to our storage facility and unload before 5 pm. Otherwise we would have to pay the movers for overnight storage, to unload on Monday morning and find a WDS member to meet the movers on Monday to unlock the storage barn. Even with these changes, we will have plenty of time and space for our show.

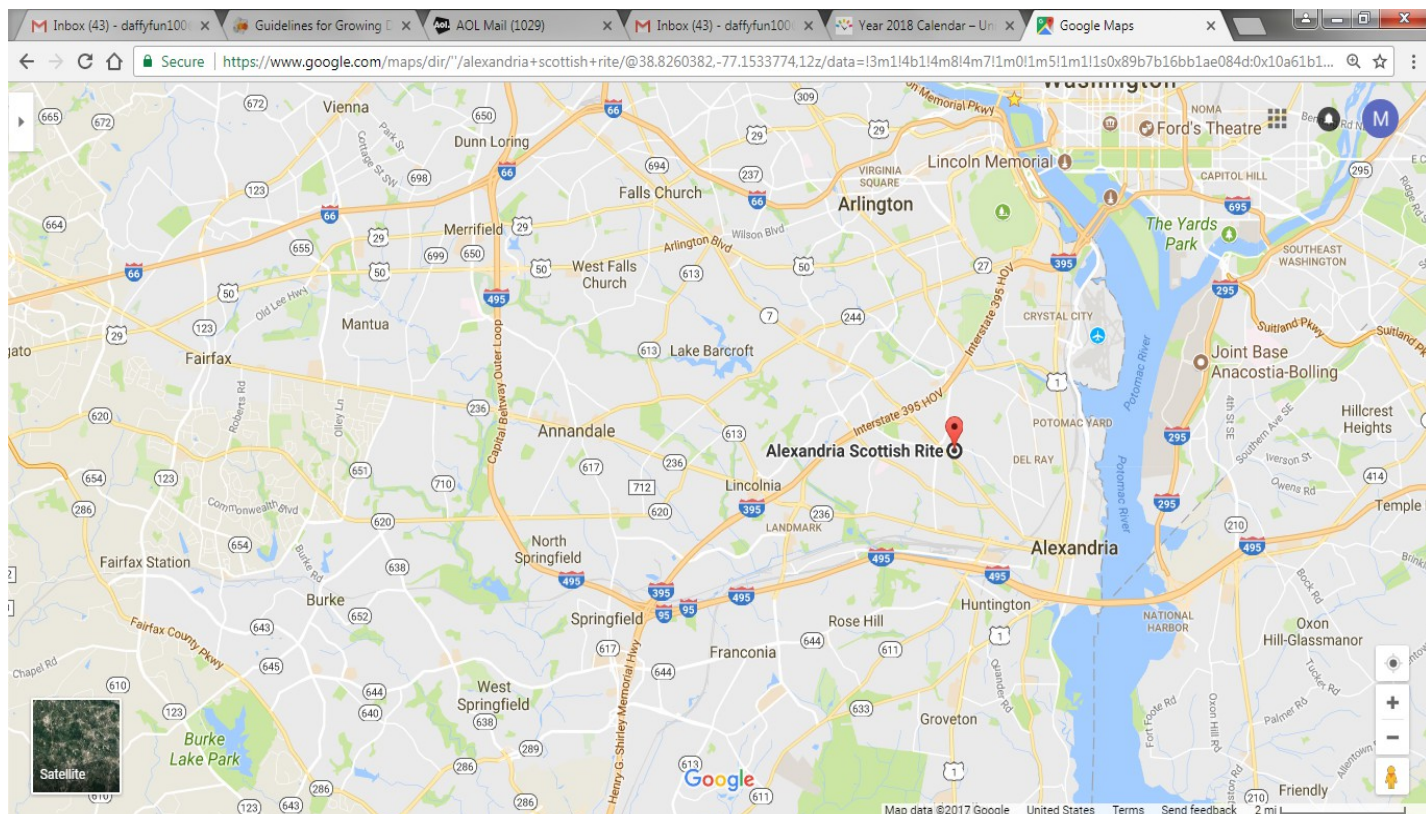
We are also going to **revise the Show Schedule** to follow the new ADS template and numbering system. This system will make staging **much easier** and has been tried for some time at ADS national shows. None of us likes change, but this format is not difficult to learn and understand. The types of exhibits will not change. So prepare to spend a little time next spring reviewing the new schedule format before the show.

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## WDS Spring Lunch Meeting and Field Trip

We are planning to have our Spring Lunch Meeting on Saturday February 24, 2018, at the home of Karen Cogar. We will have our board meeting, enjoy our box lunches. Our program will be a visit to the Scottish Rite location for the 2018 show which is just about 2 blocks from Karen's house. More details to come in the 2018 Winter Newsletter.

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Location of Alexandria Scottish Rite. Location of 2018 WDS Daffodil Show

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## Thank you Clay and Fran Higgins

As many of you already know, Clay and Fran Higgins will no longer be leading the NorthEast North Carolina Daffodil Society and that the society is dissolving. We want to congratulate Clay and Fran on their wonderful work and leadership in North Carolina these many years. Clay is a former WDS member, a current ADS judge and wonderful Daffodil hybridizer. Clay and Fran have been wonderful to work with and we hope they will continue to join us at Daffodil events. Thank you Clay and Fran, and good wishes on the next stage of your lives.

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## Friends Gardens and Memory Gardens

By Glenna Graves

I am certain everyone has a “friends” portion of your garden---an area where bulbs, plants, and shrubs are planted that were gifted to you or received in a type of plant exchange. I enjoy touring my garden to check on a certain bloom, shrub, etc. and remembering the person and perhaps the circumstance when you received that particular flower or plant.

My poet's laurel shrub has grown from a small slip I received as a judges gift the first time I judged the Virginia Daffodil Society show. My miniature dahlia, just loaded with beautiful orange blooms, was given to me by Jim Taylor in a WDS plant exchange. Various daffodil blooms are very special in that I received them from good friends, maybe the ADS convention bulb auction, bulbs dug from Grandmothersgarden, and especially one that I won Gold Ribbon with at the ADS Convention.! One special little boxwood start was given to me this past spring by a friend that now lives in PA. We were in nurses training together and years passed after graduating until just a few years ago we ran into each other while judging at the Chambersburg Daffodil show....I was judging horticulture and she was judging design. Amazing how paths cross again and again. There are many other garden memories and I cherish each one.

I know we all have what I call Memory Gardens as well. There are just certain people and events that occur that make a great impact on you in some way. During the past few months my daffodil memory garden has changed by the passing of four of my daffodil friends. They each had very significant impact but in very different ways.

Petie Matheson from Gloucester, VA. was the Garden Club of Virginia Daffodil Chairman when I first became seriously interested in daffodils. She knew all the in-and outs of putting on a daffodil show and was always eager to answer questions from anyone about daffodils. I worked very closely with her on the Daffodil Committee and was inspired with her daffodil knowledge and pleasant personality as I became the Daffodil Chairman of the GCV.

Rodney "Rod" Armstrong was a mainstay of the ADS. He lived in Texas but his love of daffodils was learned from his Mother, a Virginian and a very strong daffodil supporter and grower. This definitely became a family affair for daffodils when his son also became a judge. Although Rod lived in Texas each spring he would come to his family home near Clifton Forge, VA, pick daffodils from his gardens there and share in the Mid Atlantic Daffodil shows whenever he could. I will always think of Rod when I see the beautiful Sugar Rose 6 W-GWP...(especially a vase of three), he won several blue ribbons with this bloom among many others as well.

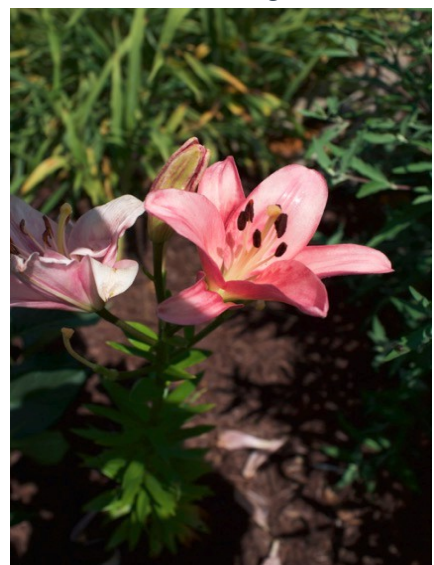
Mr. Bill Gould of South Carolina was a painter, hybridizer, photographer and watercolorist. He specialized in White-Pink hybridizing. He wanted to develop a strong W/P that would grow in the "hot" south. One of my very first GCV daffodil shows in Roanoke, Mr. Gould was there with the most beautiful W-P and I cannot remember its name but I think that was the beginning of my love of the pink cups. He would also offer a beautiful painting or watercolor of daffodils for auction at ADS conventions. I was never lucky enough, or bid high enough, to get one but they were beautiful! He was such a gentleman! He was 98 year of age.

And then there was Dottie Sable from Dallas ,Texas! No one that ever met Dottie would forget her. She had a heart and smile the size of Texas. She was full of energy, charismatic personality and that resolve to get things done. Dottie was 95 years old at her passing and she was truly a Southern lady with a wonderful Texas accent. She was a business lady, loved her cattle ranch,she was always a willing force behind the daffodils and especially the ADS. One of my fondest memories of her was at the 2008 ADS convention held in Richmond, VA...she danced the evening away and enjoyed every minute of it. Just a wonderful, lovely lady that is a great addition to my memory garden.

*Mary Anne Barton, Donna Clausen, Steve Morrison & Glenna Graves  
in Glenna's kitchen at the WDS Summer Meeting. Yum!*



*In Glenna & Wes' garden*



## More Memory Gardens by Genie Applegate

I, too, have a special place in my daffodil garden, jokingly called my “Family Plot”, for loved ones I wish to honor, remember or about whom even gently poke a little fun. I have really enjoyed finding these, anticipating the flowers, and deciding if the flowers match the intended honoree. A number of them have turned out to be favorites and/or fabulous show flowers. Many can be sourced through Esker Farm Daffodils and Quality Daffodils in UK. Enjoy the list below:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Classification</u>	<u>Hybridizer</u>	<u>Honoree</u>
Frank 9 W-GYO Late		Sir Frank Harrison	my father Frank Mallinson and father-in-law Frank
Applegate (convenient they had the same name!); a			regular winner in The Daffodil Society Collection.
Mallee 11a W-YPP M		Brian Duncan	my niece Mallin, also called “Mallee”
Colin’s Joy 2 W-GWR M		Colin Crotty	my older son Colin
Taurus 11a W-YYP		W.J Leenen	my sister Constance and father Frank, the Taurus bulls in the family
Max 11a Y-YRR M		Ron Scamp	my grandson Max
Apple Pie 11a W-P M		P. M. Q. Pennings	my spouse’s nickname is “Apple”, and he would rather have apple pie than birthday cake!
Drama Queen 11a W-YPP M		Brian Duncan	for the endearing “charm” of my younger son Austen; he finds this amusing and even reminded me to order it!
Birthday Girl 2 W-GWW M-L		Brian Duncan	my mother
DupliKate 4 W-P VL		Brian Duncan	my sister Kate
Problem Child 2 Y-GYP M-L		Brian Duncan	my sister Constance
There are others I seek, but are likely a challenge to find:			
Jean 2 Y-WWY		D. J. Cooper 1960	my mother
Constance 2 Y-O		S. Backhouse 1914	my sister
Constance 3 W-YYO		W. Backhouse 1869	my sister
Empress Eugenie 3 W-Y		W. Backhouse	my father’s nickname for me
N. eugeniae 13 species, named by F. J. F. Casas			my vanity
I am sure more cultivars will pop up to remind me of others. Who said daffodils have to be serious business?			

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**Ed. Note:** *WDS member Vicky Eicher participates in Charlottesville Women's 4 Miler a fundraiser to fight breast cancer and Daffodils play an important role.*

## Daffodils for Hope

by Vicky Eicher

Each Spring our neighbors’ yards come alive with daffodils and more daffodils! And as I walk the streets, I can’t help but wonder how many of these beautiful flowers are the results of my efforts to fight breast cancer! You see, each year my summer project is training for the Charlottesville Women’s 4 Miler, and raising money to support the University of Virginia Hospital’s role in fighting breast cancer. My neighbors are very generous, and they receive daffodil bulbs as part of my ‘thank you’.

Obviously, my supply of bulbs for these folks does not go far enough. But Daffodil friends have stepped in and provided their extra or “no name” bulbs to help me with this effort. The American Cancer Society sells daffodil bulbs to raise money to fight cancer! And – approximately one in eight women will be diagnosed with breast cancer! Men also can be struck by breast cancer! I’m a double breast cancer survivor, and personally benefitted from an exercise/nutrition program funded by this race!

So - if the fight against breast cancer is one of your favorite charities, please contact me for more information: Vicky Eicher, 808 King William Dr., Charlottesville VA 22901. Thank you

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# WDS Meeting Minutes

June 17, 2017

The WDS board meeting was called to order by president Karen Cogar at 10:50 AM, at the home of Wes and Glenna Graves.

## Minutes:

-The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as printed in the Newsletter. Motion made by Mary Ann Barton and seconded by Genie Applegate.

**Treasurer's Report**-In the absence of the treasurer Tricia Goins, Karen Cogar presented the report as printed. There was discussion and comparison of the 2016 and 2017 bulb sale orders income. 2016 was \$14,323.05 and 2017 was \$12,769.30. The 2017 order did not offer as many bulb choices as previous but it was felt that everyone was pleased with the offerings. Of course the growers still have to be paid from the income amount after the actual bulbs arrive. We had over 60 orders placed.

It was also noted that we do file the 990 tax report each year.

## Committee Reports-

**Bulb Order**-Scott Bally, Karen Cogar, Kathy Welsh, Mary Ann Barton and Bob Huesmann have spent hours in preparing and administering the bulb order. 60 + orders were received by the May 31 deadline. More club participation would be appreciated when the bulb-bagging phase occurs in October. Contact Karen Cogar – [kcogara@gmail.com](mailto:kcogara@gmail.com) if you would like to help.

Karen reminded everyone to keep a “wish list” for bulbs you would like to see on the order next year. We were also reminded to check out the convention show winners for possible ideas of future bulbs desired.

The bulbs ordered will be passed out at the fall meeting unless they had been requested for mailing. Only those attending the fall meeting will receive bonus bulbs so be sure to come and pick up your bulb orders and also participate in the free bulb exchange. The fall meeting will be on Saturday October 28, 2017.

**Membership**- No report presented but was noted we did receive \$2,955 in dues since January. Be sure to check the last Newsletter to see if your name happens to be on the list of delinquent dues. We don't want to drop you from the membership and you won't want to miss the Newsletter and the free bulb exchange !.

**Newsletter**-Mary Ann does an excellent job of compiling a Newsletter for us each quarter, however she would be delighted to have you send in an article for printing. How have you furthered interest in Daffodils over the years? Have you shared bulbs with family and friends, special group, special plantings? Have you taken photographs to enter in photography section? It doesn't have to be a long article....just letting us know how you are enjoying your bulbs and blooms..

We note that our Newsletter is sent to the National Arboretum gratis and also to the ADS on-line DaffLibrary. Do check out this library as it contains MANY articles from all over the world, written by very well known daffodil growers and hybridizers as well as articles from the ADS Regions. There are some books that have been downloaded as well and hundreds of articles on diseases, culture, various discussions of hybridizing and also just interesting fun articles etc.

**Nominating Committee** –Slate for the 2018 officers.:

Karen Cogar, President

Genie Applegate – Vice President

Directors: Mary Schwegler, Leigh Koonce, Joy Duncan

If you would consider an office position on the WDS slate or wish to nominate someone else (with their permission) please let me know. ([glennamgraves@comcast.net](mailto:glennamgraves@comcast.net)) . All candidates welcome. Election will be held at the fall meeting October 28, 2017.

**Arboretum** –Robert Darling has been keeping in contact with the National Arboretum as to their progress with gardens and also to let them know we are very interested in the Daffodil Collections. Anyone visiting there during the blooming season please take some photos to share with all of us and note the size and condition of the daffodil collections.

**2018 Daffodil Show**-Time and place to be determined.

## General Membership Meeting;

The general membership meeting was called to order by Karen Cogar. Karen gave a review of the board meeting information.

- Treasurer report – presented as printed in absence of Treasurer. Noted that 2017 bulb order was comparable to 2016 order in that we had less variety offerings this year.
- Membership – No report but noted some names have been purged after multiple contact attempts concerning delinquent dues.
- Daffodil Show- Donna Clausen, Genie Applegate and Robert Darling are investigating other possible sites for the Daffodil Show to be held. We like the American Legion Hall but there are often date conflicts so we are looking for options. We would like to have a weekend show but no date has yet been established. We would also like to have some “new” co-chairs for show committees. We are very willing to work with anyone and guarantee you will not be alone on this venture. It really is fun and you get to know your membership on a whole different level.
- **Judges Refresher**– A judges Refresher is planned in conjunction with our spring meeting – tentative date of Feb. 24, 2018. Place to be determined.

Meeting adjourned at 12:10PM.

Following our meeting, a delicious “indoor picnic” was shared by all. Glenna gave a brief history of the Graves home and then took a walk thru the gardens.

We were pleased to have 21 members join us in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia.

Glenna Graves, Secretary

**WDS Calendar -- check these websites for more information!**

American Daffodil Society website:

**[www.daffodilusa.org](http://www.daffodilusa.org)**

**[www.Daffseek.org](http://www.Daffseek.org)**

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**Oct 28**

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**WDS Fall Annual Meeting, Bulb Exchange and Bulb Order Pickup, McLean VA**

**ADS regional Fall meeting and The Maryland Daffodil Society Fall Meeting and Bulb Sale** 10:30 AM at the Maryland Agriculture Center, 1114 Shawan Rd. Cockeysville, MD 21030. Contact Hilles Whedbee at [hwhedbee@ix.netcom.com](mailto:hwhedbee@ix.netcom.com)

Oct TBD

**Fall 2017 ADS Judges Refresher:** The Judges Council of the Federated Garden Clubs of Maryland will hold a Daffodil Refresher in **October 2017**. At the time of this printing a location and date are being rearranged. Dottie Howatt will present the program. The cost of the refresher is \$10.00 for credit. Contact Dottie Howatt for date and location and registration – 302-235-1462, [dehowatt@aol.com](mailto:dehowatt@aol.com)  
Topic: The Three E's of Successful Daffodil Judging – Ethics, Etiquette and Evaluation. - Checks should b

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**Feb 24**

April 5-8

**April 14-15**

TBD

**WDS Spring Luncheon Meeting, Alexandria VA**

2018 ADS National Daffodil Convention & Show, Nashville, Tennessee

**WDS Daffodil Show, Alexandria VA**

WDS Summer Picnic

2018 ADS National Convention &  
Show, 4/5-4/8, Nashville TN



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