

THE WASHINGTON DAFFODIL SOCIETY

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WDS SUMMER PICNIC 6/17/2017

WDS 2016 BULB ORDER DUE 5/31/2017

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The WDS Newsletter

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

Do you need to renew – see list on page 2 of this newsletter

Message from the President:

Dear Daffodil Friends,

Several long time and well-seasoned judges have remarked that this spring was absolutely the most dismal Daffodil season they could ever remember. Way too early days of heat, followed by snow, freezing rain and hail, ushered in the daffodils in a decidedly inhospitable manner. Were you anticipating a torrent of locusts next? Thundering hordes of frogs? Around the country, doom and gloom were voiced on Daffnet, and even a few Daffodil shows were cancelled because the flowers were finished blooming weeks before the day of the show. Even the best refrigeration system can only hold the flowers for so long.

Despite the dysfunctional season, WDS succeeded in throwing a beauty of a show. Loyal supporters went out of their way to pick blooms at optimal time, carefully store them, diligently groom them, and gorgeously present them on the show bench. In a season where a show of perhaps 400 blooms was considered an achievement, **we totally rocked it with 1,219 flowers** attending the party! There were 540 entries (this includes vases of 3 and collections) and 41 exhibitors. Photography is gaining in popularity, and 5 photographers entered 23 eclectically interesting photos. The flower arrangements were truly gorgeous as well. I love the conviviality of our show and how we successfully straddle the boundaries of expert show presentation and willingness to drop whatever you are doing to help another find a name, fill a bottle, stage a flower. Certainly there is ardent competitiveness, but it is good natured, well mannered, and lots of fun.

You have been sent the 2017 WDS Bulb Order, and I trust you are as thrilled with the selections as those who sent in their orders in record time. In order to ensure that our orders with suppliers are filled and no one is disappointed, we are firmly sticking to the deadline of May 31. Send it in now, if you haven't already, and look forward to all the new flowers that will delight you next spring. It will be very sad to disappoint you, so do it today.

If you have never been to Glenna Graves' beautiful home and gardens, or even if you have, do not ignore the invitation to the WDS Summer picnic there. Details are given in this newsletter, all are invited, and all are very much welcome.

Many thanks for all you do. Karen Cogar, WDS President kcogara@gmail.com

WDS Summer Picnic & Meeting

Saturday, June 17, 2017

at the home of Glenna and Wes Graves

Board Meeting 10:30Am

Potluck Lunch at 12 Noon, followed by short business meeting & Program

See Next Page for Details

YOU ARE INVITED TO THE WDS SUMMER PICNIC!

I am pleased to invite you to our WDS summer picnic at my home in Harrisonburg, VA. It is about a two-hour drive from Fairfax to Harrisonburg to give you a time frame. Glenna Graves

DIRECTIONS:

From Northern area: Rt. 66 West then Rt. 81 South

From Richmond- Charlottesville area: Rt. # 64 West, then Rt. 81 North.

Exit at Exit # 151...then turn Left onto Rt. # 11 South (called North Valley Pike).

Go South on Rt.11 for about 1 ½ miles ---past Harpers Lawn Ornaments (concrete pots etc.) then as come up small incline our house is at the top of this "hill" on the LEFT....large white brick house with columns and white board yard fence. Parking lot is just past the white fence. If you pass our house, turn at the cemetery on the Right just across the road from the house.

If you follow GPS it will guide you onto **2621 Smithland Road, Harrisonburg VA 22802** and to the back of the house parking area. Either works. I will have balloons out as a guide!

WDS Picnic;

Saturday, June 17th, 2017

Board Meeting – 10:30 AM – all welcome

Picnic lunch - 12:00 noon

Followed by short business meeting and program

Chicken, drinks, plates, cups, utensils provided. Bring a "dish" to share and special diet if necessary. May bring extra chair too! H- 540-434-8587 C – 540 421 6765 **RSVP to glennamgraves@comcast.net**

Membership Dues Needed

If your name is listed below, your membership expired on 1/1/17. If you have sent in your dues, thank you!! If not, please send check made payable to WDS to Kathy Welsh, 10803 Windcloud Ct, Oakton, VA 22124. 1 year \$15, 3 years - \$40 for individual and Garden clubs. \$20 – 1 year and \$50 – 3 years for households. Feel free to mail your dues with your bulb order!

Kathy Andrews Isabel Barbella Maxine and Paul Botting Carol Barrett Laura Anne Brooks Donna Clausen
Nancy Ellis Dolores Felch Chris Herbstritt Kassie Kingsley Jane Lynn Barbara Mertz Susan Middleton
Dane Morrell Trish Peters Chriss and Spencer Rainey Gail and Robert Reno Barbara Shea Kathleen Simpson
Linda Smith Ron Stutz Muriel Turner Chris von Kohn

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Garden Club of Twenty Holly Hill GC

Call for Volunteers for WDS Nominating Slate of Officers and Directors! 2017

As chairman of the WDS Nominating Committee I am calling for volunteers to serve the Washington Daffodil Society as Vice President or as a Director. This election will take place at the fall meeting 2017.

Our society is vital to the continued interest and success of our favorite flower THE DAFFODIL! The bulb order has gone out and by now you have placed your orders. Until this spring I had not realized just how people all across the US like and depend on our bulb order each year.

Each of us plays an important part in the Society and by working together we have fun as well as displaying our interest in daffodils and encouraging others. We do all help each other in whatever the project may be so please do call me or email and volunteer to support our WDS by being on the slate of officers for next year. Glenna Graves.

If you can volunteer for a position or wish to make any nominations (with the consent of the nominee) please contact me: Glenna Graves at glennamgraves@comcast.net 540-434-8587

President and V-President terms are 2 years. Directors' terms – are three years.

Current Officers (terms ends December 31, 2017):

President: Karen Cogar Vice President - Genie Applegate

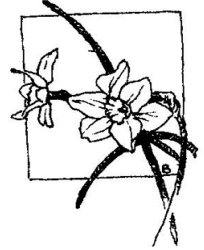
Treasurer and Secretary appointed by Officers and Directors:

Treasurer: Tricia Goins Secretary: Glenna Graves

Directors: Term ending 2017 - Joy Duncan, Mary Schwegler, Susan Miller, Lina Burton

Term ending 2018 – Robert Darling, Bob Huesmann, Glenna Graves

Term ending 2019 - Scott Bally, Lucy Rhame, Janet Noland



Back by popular demand!! Below are Bob Huesmann's comments:

A Walk through the 2017 WDS Bulb Order

- Remember to send in your order by May 31, 2017

(photos in this article are from Daffseek.org)

It is evident that a lot of thought went into compiling the 2017 Bulb Order. There are many varieties that are "tried and true", including a number that in my opinion could be considered as "must-haves", or at least "oughta haves". But the list also includes some very promising newer registrations as well as several excellent cultivars that I think are sometimes overlooked and may be underrated. And, with virtually all of the bulbs priced under \$10, the quality/dollar metric is very favorable. So, log onto Daffseek and load up! (But do it right away! Karen and Scott are determined to hold to the May 31 deadline.) I hope that the following observations, more or less in the order the bulbs appear on the list, will helpful to you in deciding what to order.

Lighthouse Reef, a Div 1 reverse bicolor, is an interesting choice for WDS Bulb of the Year. It is still arguably the best in its class, a must-have for those who covet Maroon ribbons. (Other superb reverses on the list include Carib Gypsy, Chesapeake Bay and Perpetuation.) Vera Robbins is not only one of a very few white Div 3 intermediates but also ranks highly among all the small-cupped white daffodils (look, Judge, no thumbs!). Cinnamon Ring is a must-have. It is one of the best growers in its class, very consistent and, usefully, blooms a bit earlier than others. Crowndale, one of my favorites, is registered as 4 Y-O, but the corona segments are nearly red--contrasting well with the rich yellow of the perianth. Crowndale is colorful, smooth and symmetrical, a superb bloom to perk up any collection. Vineland is somewhat larger than the easily-grown Rapture and it is of proven best-in-show quality.

Don't skip over the Connoisseur's Corner. Millennium Perfection is, as described, simply superb--and it has the added advantage of being a very consistent and superior grower. For me, it's a must-have.

Millennium Perfection



Washington Gold has the same pollen parent (Dream Prince), which tends to transmit the ultra-smooth perianth that judges love. The concessional \$10 price is a bargain. I have grown Changing Day for 3 or 4 years now. With a smooth corona and a richly-colored corona, it may well be the best in its class. I plan to order the Tuggle 8 Y-R seedling and Larry Weir's 1 W-P seedling. Both are intriguing. Larry tends to be conservative in

evaluating (and pricing) his bulbs, so this one looks like it may be a good show flower at a very reasonable price. The Tuggle seedling has been around for a while, but has escaped attention--maybe, I think, because nobody took the trouble to name and register it. With our climate becoming more amenable to tazettas, it is certainly worth a try at \$6. (Also on the list, consider Royal Connection 8 Y-O, another Tuggle cultivar. Before it froze this year, mine was smoother than any of the pictures in daffseek.).

The Foundation/Starter collection is loaded with award winners. All five have been given the Royal Horticulture Society Award of Garden Merit, and three are Wister winners among other awards. Brooke Ager is an intermediate. The collection is varied and well-chosen. So is the Miniature collection. Both collections would make superb gifts, and at their reasonable prices it would make sense to buy 2 or 3.

The following observations apply to bulbs on the open list.

---Div 1. All of the 1 Y-Y class are worthy competitors. Beaulieu and Disquiet have won gold. Newer Golden Peak has the famous Impeccable as pollen parent. Maker's Mark and Mineral Wells are less- widely marketed, underappreciated and under-priced--very discriminating choices. I find the pastel coloring and the wrinkle-free perianth of Mongo to be very attractive. Lemon Cocktail looks like a useful addition to the rather sparse class of Div 1 reverses--it's a smart (Daydream x Goldfinger) cross. If you keep losing Div 1 whites, as I do, any of those on the list would be welcome replacements. Note that Prime Target 1 W-O is not available.

---Div 2. I am partial to Tristan's Memory 2 Y-Y--and why not? Where I have it planted, it grows smoother flowers than the daffseek pictures and won gold twice. With a neat, somewhat narrower corona and wide perianth segments I find it quite distinctive. The very beautiful Acumen would be an excellent component in a Downunder collection. Corby Candle seems to be the currently reigning monarch of the big 2 Y-O/R class in the U.K. these days. If you missed it on the WDS list a few years ago, don't pass it up again at the new lower price. Cameo Flush has been the most reliable and consistent of my 2 O's for some years now. I wouldn't be without it, although sometimes I wish the orange flush in the perianth were stronger. Cape Point should probably be in most "pink" collections. It has been a consistent winner ever since its introduction. All American is a Div 2 flower and should have been listed in the 2 W-P category on the list. The cup color in the daffseek pictures varies, but I remember well the superb example Kathy Welsh showed some years ago which was closer to the intense red of its Magician parent. If you like unusual and lovely colors, try the well-named Terracotta.



Tao

Tao 3 Y-O is another of those daffodils that has been winning consistently since its introduction. Jenna is a more recent and worthy competitor. Although registered some 20 years ago, both Badbury Rings 3 Y-YYR and Cedar Hills 3 W-GYY still belong in serious exhibitors' collections. As the climate warms, late bloomers like Cedar Hills (must-have quality) become more useful. Dr. Hugh 3 W-GOO is another of those "golden oldies"--just ask Jim Taylor! And, speaking of must-haves, be sure you have Killearnan 3 W-GYR. It was a category-killer as a Div 9 and since being reclassified has won a good share of gold ribbons. Merlin's Pal is big, eye-catching and blooms a bit earlier than some others in its class.

---Div 4. I was glad to see Brindabella on the list. Never touted highly, it seems to persist in winning collections. Night Music 4 W-P is among the best American-bred cultivars in its class.

---Div 5. The classic (1953) Ice Wings is an Award of Garden Merit winner, still competitive--and cheap! New introductions Abbey Road and My Belle are both very fragrant (attn: Steve Morrison). Chipper has a very light yellow perianth and a neat, deeper yellow corona. It is the seed parent of My Belle. These two would be excellent choices for members who wish to enter the Mary Koonce (parent/child) class in the WDS show.\\ --- Div 6. In my book, Arrowhead 6 Y-R is a must-have. It always yields multiple show-quality blooms. As it

grows in my garden, it could well be registered as 6 O-R. If you didn't order Inca 6 YYW-WWY last year, do so now--it's lovely. Sorry that Abracadabra isn't available this year, but it's a dandy, and we'll try again next year.

---Div 7 and 9. Among the larger ADS collections, my personal favorite is the Throckmorton, mainly due to the diversity it requires. If you agree, you should be pleased with the wide range of color codes listed in these divisions.

---Div 11. This, too, is a diverse and interesting group. The well-named Drama Queen is very attractive. Jodi's Sister is one of the best in the 11b class. A very successful exhibitor told me along time ago that if you already had Trigonometry you didn't need another 11 W-P. It was only a slight exaggeration then, and only slightly more so these days. Multi-floreted Tripartite is unique, beautiful and late. For exhibitors and gardeners alike, it is a must- have.



---Classics and Historics. In these categories, I think Dainty Miss (so neat!) and Beryl (so graceful!) would be considered at least "oughta-haves." I really like Chinita 8 Y-YYR (it won blue this year). It is smooth and still quite competitive with more modern varieties, but pick it early before the rim fades.
Jodi's Sister

---Intermediates. It's hard to go wrong here. The list looks like a collection of "Best Intermediates." So choose according to your needs.

---Miniatures and Species. It's hard to wrong here, too. If you're just beginning to grow miniatures, buy a couple of the collections first. Then select almost any from the open list. Note that Dainty Monique Div 5 and Mary Poppins Div 10 are the only ones listed in these divisions. Flomay 7 W-WWP has been very scarce until now. It's beautiful but hard to grow. (That's not going to stop me from trying again, though.) Tete Boucle is one of a very few miniature doubles. Mite is a very good grower, and a graceful and welcome early bloomer. I would think everybody would want to have it. Of the species on the list, I grow only *n. poeticus hellenicus*. It is a very good grower and has produced many neat, small poeticus blooms. It's lovely in the garden and, as a Div 13, I've found it to be a very useful flower in Throckmorton and other collections.

I do hope these comments are helpful. And please remember to adhere to the May 31 deadline!

Reflections of the 2017 WDS Daffodil Show

by Glenna Graves

Each year with the arrival time of the WDS show we all get excited about the season and how our daffodils will bloom – will the blooms open in time, will they already be bloomed out, will the chairman positions of the various committees be filled, will the public come to see our show, etc?

On my drive home following the show I like to reflect on some of the “happenings” of the show, the people I met and of course how smooth our show went. Several points of interest stand out for the 2017 show after the questionable start of the season.

This year everyone was concerned about the season---would we have blooms or not? Would the design group have daffodils to use in their floral arrangements? Of course we did have plenty of flowers as many growers brought and shared their extra blooms. In the end we had over 1200 blooms entered in the show.

Katherine Beale – what a lady! Who else would prepare fresh cucumber sandwiches for the exhibitors workroom? Katherine is not also a wonderful standard and mini daffodils grower, shower and judge but also an excellent cook. Come to shows starting with the Barco NC show and you will see what a gracious lady she is.

Clay Higgins – just how big is his daffodil garden and refrigerator? He started entering blooms in the Barco, NC show and continued as the shows moved up the Mid Atlantic Coast.....and he said the “majority” of his daffodils bloomed in February!

Another avid grower and show winner is Janet Hickman. She arrives with a car load of crate after crate of blooms to many shows from Barco and on up to the Chambersburg show the latter part of April. Janet began showing blooms at the ADS convention in CA March 10th....with her grandchildren's blooms. I know there were at least seven shows she attended and showed and maybe more.

Kathy Welsh always brings beautiful blooms and has the wonderful assistance of her husband....also crates of blooms arriving.

Bob and Lina Huesmann are that dependable couple of the annual “work team”. How would we ever get the classes and sections set up without them? Who but Lina would iron the yellow ribbons to divide the classes? If all this was not enough they go home and bring blocks of mini and standard blooms ready to enter in the show the next morning. They must stay up all night!

The new Properties truck drivers were excellent, efficient, **STRONG**, and very pleasant. Thanks Mary Ann for locating them.

Although our judges/clerks lunches were delivered to the wrong American Legion Hall, it all worked out with Donna Clausen doing a great job of getting everything organized and in place in plenty of time for lunch. Donna just takes everything in stride. Glitches happen sometimes!

Photography had very nice display as usual with 23 entries this year. I, for one, need to get involved in the photography section. I love to see the photos everyone else has taken and think I could do that....so I need to get busy with the camera. Vicky Eicher was the Wells Knierim Ribbon winner this year with newbie Janet Noland, runner up.

Thank you to Mr. Ellis Rosenberg for judging the photography as well as taking many photos of our winning blooms. We will enjoy seeing some of those photos in our Newsletter.

Visitors – With this being a weekend show and Easter weekend we were not sure of just what the response of visitors would be. I was pleased that we had many walk in visitors.

Some special memories are of the elderly lady that just came to sit in the entrance area and ‘look’ at the tables of beautiful blooms. Daffodils were a favorite of hers—she just wanted to smell them! She could not walk the show room but just wanted to come and enjoy.

Three little girls who each chose a bouquet of their “favorite” blooms from the Extra bucket to take home and were thrilled to have a yellow ribbon tying them all together.

The two gentlemen who also chose a favorite daffodil with yellow ribbon to take home to the wife and date. They had a lot of fun and laughter with their selections...it was hard to make that choice!

There were many others that also took ‘extra’ blooms as well and it was a pleasure to see the smiles on their faces as they left the show.

Thank you Lina Burton for the bowls of jellybeans and chocolates on the information table—what a treat for everyone!



I know I haven't mentioned everyone that was essential in making the show a great success, but you are each valued and appreciated for all you do...how could the show go on without you.

Finally, Mary Anne Barton and Karen Cogar - thank you. We each had our individual area of responsibility and it all came together perfectly. Now on to thinking about the 2018 show!!!

WDS 2017 Daffodil Show Report

Below are some of the winners. Contact me, Mary Anne Barton, for a complete listing.

ADS

Gold Ribbon: Katharine Kingsley: Birchfield 9W-GYR
Rose Ribbon: Kathy Welsh: FO6-7 Spindletop x n. jonquilla
Mini-Gold: Bob & Lina Huesmann: Otaki Pearl 8W-W
Mini Rose: Kathy Welsh: MM001 Regeneration x OP 2W-P
White Ribon: Bridget Bryan, Misty Glen 2W-GWW
Mini White: Kathy Welsh: Shaw's Gift 9W-GYR
Wills Knieram Best Photo: Vicky Eicher

ADS

Small Grower: Beverly Shelly, Sir Winston Churchill
Best Historic: Karen Cogar, Daphen 1914
Historic 3 Stems: Lucy Rhame, Dreamlight 1934
Best Classic: Karen Cogar: Air Castle 1958
Classic 3 Stems: Nancy Johnson, Merglin 1956
Best Intermediate: Kath Welsh, Emerald Light
Intermediate 3 Stems: Karen Cogar, Pogo 3W-GYO
Silver Ribbon: A Tie! Mary Darling and Karen Cogar

ADS Collections

5 Historic: Eugenie Applegate	5 Classic: Mitch & Kate Carney
Maroon: Mitch & Kate Carney	Red, White & Blue: Karen Cogar
Purple: Karen Cogar	5 Intermediate: Mitch & Kate Carney
Elise Havens: Mitch & Kate Carney	Throckmorton: Bob & Lina Huesmann
Quinn: Glenna Graves	
Mini Red, White & Blue (also Lavendar) Mitch & Kate Carney	
Delia Bankhead: Kathy Welsh	Roberta Watrous: Mitch & Kate Carney

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Culpeper (Best Standard White): Karen Cogar: Smooth Sails
Ticknor (Best 5-9): Katharine Kingsley: Birchfield 2000/1, 9W-GYR
Reserve Best Bloom: Janet Hickman: Cedar Hills

Crenshaw: Mary Darling	Battle: Mitch & Kate Carney
Mary Koonce Award (parent& child) Mitch & Kate Carney	Butterworth: Karen Cogar
Daffodil Society Medal: Eugenie Applegate	Div 5-9: Bob & Line Huesmann
King: Bob & Lina Huesmann	Lawler: Mitch & Kate Carney

WDS Design

Cahill Award: Jane Smith	Gates Award: Babs McClendon
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Paul Robillard and his family enjoyed the show and took beautiful pictures. You can access Paul's photos on Pixietest <http://pixietest.com> , Use Pin: 9774 to open the file.

Sherri LeJeune of National Capital Area Garden Clubs has more photos to share on the www.ncagardenclubs.org/ Scroll down the facebook like column to April 16, 2017.

Ellis Rosenberg, who was our photo division judge again, took more wonderful photos that he shared with us.

Very dependable worker, Kate Carney



Mary Anne Barton and our wonderful movers from Falls Church Movers



Pictures Below by Ellis Rosenberg



Karen Cogar: AirCastle,

White Ribon: Bridget Bryan, Misty Glen 2W-GWW

Old Satin – parent from Mary Koonce Award
Mitch and Kate Carney

**The Washington Daffodil Society
Minutes, February 18, 2017**

The Board meeting of the Washington Daffodil Society was called to order by President Karen Cogar at 10:35 AM at the home of Kathy Welsh. Those present were Mary Anne Barton, Karen Cogar, Bob Huesmann, Robert Darling, Lina Burton, Scott Bally, Genie Applegate, Joy Duncan, Glenna Graves, Janet Noland, Femma Lo and Lina Huesmann and Mary Darling.

Mary Anne Barton moved that we dispense with the reading of the minutes and accept them as written in the WDS Newsletter. Lina Burton seconded the motion. The treasurer's report was given by Karen Cogar in the absence of Tricia Goins. Of great interest was the report on the fall bulb sale which included the bulb order, live auction at the fall meeting and raffles. The total was \$5,580.13. Membership dues were \$1955.00 with more renewals to come. A complete treasurer report can be obtained by contacting Tricia Goins.. Purplefan24@cox.net

Committee reports:

Arboretum: Robert Darling had spoken to the assistant to Dr. Olsen at the National Arboretum, concerning the 'needs and wants' of the daffodil plantings. Signage seems to be a need but that will be provided by the Arboretum to maintain continuity of the signage.

There will soon be a new daffodil manager, Joan Freeley at the arboretum. Robert says the beds are neatly prepared but of course they always need more help with the gardens. He encourages everyone to go by to see the collections and give encouragement for a job well done. The daffodil collections were moved from Fern Valley to the present location about 10-15 years ago. The WDS volunteers were instrumental in the original collection plantings.

Some of the collections are the only known source of a few of the older cultivar blooms in the world. We are encouraged to support the arboretum – let them know we are interested in the collections and maintaining the collections for future generations.

There is an opportunity at the Arboretum for meetings and picnics. A classroom is available to rent adjacent to the visitors center and a picnic area out on the lawn. Robert will make contact for possibly having our June meeting at the National Arboretum.

Membership: Kathy Welsh reported we have 152 individual and family members; 51 members have not renewed yet; and 19 garden clubs (8 yet to renew) Kathy has sent out emails and letters to note status of membership and to encourage renewing. A high percentage of our membership does participate in the bulb order.

Newsletter: Mary Ann Barton thanked everyone for their help in getting information for the newsletter. She noted the colored daffodil photos are a nice addition and thanks to Mr. Ellis Rosenberg who photographed many of those blooms at the 2016 show.

Daffodil Show 2017: Our daffodil show will again be held at the American Legion Hall, Fairfax Post No. 177, on April 15 -16, 2107. Please note this is **Easter Weekend**. We anticipate having more community visits and society participation with a weekend show.

Karen Cogar, Mary Ann Barton and Glenna Graves will again be the co-chairs of the show. Karen asked for committee sign up duties. Lina Burton reported that publicity articles have been sent to magazines, organizations, newspapers and for TV announcements. Posters were handed out to be placed in the community.

Kathy Welsh will contact Adrian Higgins for possible article to again be in the Washington Post and Robert Darling will contact Scott Akers at the National Arboretum for publicity.

Nominating Committee - No report.

Bulb Order - Scott Bally and Kathy Welsh will coordinate the bulb order this year. Bob Huesmann will be a consultant. Scott and Karen Cogar will choose the bulbs for the order, Kathy Welsh will tally the orders and Karen has offered her garage again for receiving and packing the bulbs. Members are invited to assist in any way you can with this process. There was a lot of discussion about the future of the bulb order. It was suggested we reduce the number of collections offered as well as reducing the number of bulb selections offered. Shipping fees were discussed as to flat fee boxes vs, fee price for # of bulbs mailed. Gratis bulbs will be given to those members attending the fall meeting and picking up their orders. Group orders will be mailed to a single address and then distributed to their society members from there.

New Business: Robert Darling asked permission for the Tuscorara Daffodil Society to borrow our photography screens for their show. Permission granted.

Mary Darling offered for consideration that many of the ADS societies are paying a partial fee for their members to attend the conventions. We may want to consider this in the future. Janet Noland offered to represent the WDS at the Dullus Expo Garden Show this fall. This event is held in spring and fall and if we participate we should get a lot of exposure. She will check on more information.

Meeting adjourned at 12:05 P.M.

General Membership Meeting-

Following a delicious box –lunch, socializing and looking for daffodil blooms in Kathy Welsh garden, the General Membership meeting was called to order at 1:15PM.

- Treasurer's report was given by Karen Cogar. The report was accepted as presented.
- Robert Darling reported on his communication with the **National Arboretum** personnel and encouraged all members to visit the Arboretum when you can. Some of the collection cultivars planted in the arboretum are perhaps the last known of their kind in the country or world. Robert will again contact the arboretum to see if we could have our WDS June picnic there.
- **Bulb Order** - Report of our extensive discussion at the board meeting was given. We plan to offer fewer collections, fewer bulb selections on the order form, encourage people to pick up their bulbs at the fall meeting to help with the shipping/ mailing expenses; recommended that group/society orders be sent to one person and then given out from there.
- **Membership** –Kathy Welsh reported we have 152 individual and family members; 51 members have not renewed yet and 19 garden clubs, 8 of which have yet to renew. Kathy will send out another reminder for renewal.
- **Daffodil Show** – President Cogar encouraged everyone to attend and help in some way with the show. Robert Darling asked everyone to bring their daffodil photographs to enter in one or more of the five categories for Photography. The show will be held April 15-16, 2107 at the American Legion Post No 117 again this year. Please note the show will be held on Easter weekend and we hope to have more community attendance and society participation. Show schedules were handed out to those present.

Following the business meeting, a short program was given by Karen Cogar, Kathy Welsh and Glenna Graves, on preparing your blooms for a show. Methods of refrigeration was discussed, techniques of 'encouraging' your blooms to stand tall and look you in the eye and how and when to determine what classes you may be entering in a show. Crystal clear added to the water helps to preserve the blooms.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:50PM.

There were 21 members present.

Glenna Graves, Secretary

WDS Calendar -- check these websites for more information!

Washington Daffodil Society: www.thewashingtondaffodilsociety.org

American Daffodil Society website:

www.daffodilusa.org

www.Daffseek.org

2017

SATURDAY, June 17, 2017

WDS Summer Social, Harrisonburg, VA

TBD

WDS Fall Annual Meeting



Kathy Welsh: FO6-7 Spindletop x n. jonquilla
ADS Rose Ribbon from the WDS 2017 Show

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