

THE WASHINGTON DAFFODIL SOCIETY

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WDS Spring Lunch Meeting on February 24, 2018 NEED TO RENEW? – See List on Pg 2. 2018 Daffodil Show April 14-15, 2018 – New Location!

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2018 Daffodil Show:

Mary Anne Barton/Glenna Graves/ Genie Applegate

The WDS Newsletter

is published in the Spring, Winter and Fall for members of WDS, with information on the activities of the 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

What daffodils would you like to plant in your garden this fall? What new daffodils will you want to have for the WDS show April 2019? Please take some time these cold days to consider a new direction of collecting you might enjoy. Over the years , I have concentrated each season on different aspects of the species, and have eventually acquired enough multifarious daffodils to ensure that I usually can enter something throughout the show season, despite the whimseys of our weather.

One year, it was only whites on my list, at least one from each possible division. Other crazes have included Intermediates, miniature cyclamineus, down unders, really early and really late varieties, and on and on. If a particular mania strikes your fancy this season, share your desire list with me or with Scott Bally, and we will try to add some from your wish list to our 2018 Bulb Order.

This year, we have a wonderful new venue for our WDS show, which has won rave reviews from all who have visited it. The show will be on a weekend, April 14 and 15, at the Alexandria Scottish Rite Temple. We will visit the site on February 24th after our Spring Lunch meeting, so please try to come. We still have need of some assistance to ensure that the show is another big success, and would welcome your giving us a hand. Many thanks for all you do,

Karen Cogar, WDS President kcogara@gmail.com

WDS Spring Lunch Meeting

Saturday February 24,2018
At the home of Karen Cogar
320 1/2 Mansion Dr. Alexandria VA 22302 - (703) 548 8637
Board Meeting 10:30AM (all members welcome)

General Membership Lunch at 12 Noon Followed by tour of new show location.

Directions:

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-house between 320 & 322 Mansion Dr.

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, we will help.

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The WDS Board will meet at 10:30 AM – all members are welcome to attend. A box lunch will follow at 12 pm. Price: \$15.00 per person

Deadline for Lunch Registration: February 20, 2018 Registration (form at end of newsletter) mailed to Genie Applegate

You may attend the meeting and program without eating lunch. RSVP either way.

Lunch will be followed by a short Business Meeting

Program: Everyone is invited to tour the new location for the 2018 WDS Daffodil Show-just a short distance from Karen's home

Any questions about the luncheon, please contact: Genie Applegate

genie.applegate@gmail.com tel: 703-533-7676

Renew Your WDS Membership

A number of memberships are due as of January 1, 2018. The list below is everyone that needs to renew. Please send in your dues with the Membership Form on the next to last page (before WDS Calendar). If you don't need to renew, but need to update your address, phone or email, email Kathy or fill in the form and send to: Kathy Welsh, 10803 Windcloud Ct., Oakton, VA 22124.

Garden Clubs that need to Renew:

Indiana Daffodil Society Windflower Garden Club

Members who need to Renew:

Genie Applegate	Mary Anne Barton		
Katherine Beale	Dianne Bowditch	Judy Bruner	Bridget Bryant
Carol Collins	Candace Crosby	Carolyn Griffin	
Joe Hamm	Mary Hessler	Celia Jones	
Susan Kroner	Chris D. Lay	Jane Lynn	Marjory Melnick
Sally Nash	Shirley Nicolai	Anne Owen	Diane & Budne Reinke
Danilo Romero	Carey Schneider		
Mary B Schwegler	Patricia Sharp	Mary Ann Streeter	TomTaylor
Jocelyn Thayer	Mary Ann Thompson	Barbara Van Over	Erless Waldschmidt
Linda Whitton	Suzanne Worsham		

You already belong to WDS. You should think about joining American Daffodil Society, too.

Join the ADS today for more great articles about daffodils! Your membership includes 4 award winning issues of "The Journal" each year. https://daffodilusa.org/

WDS 2018 Daffodil Show

NEW LOCATION & NEW TIMES

Friday April 13 (staging & entries)
Saturday and Sunday, April 14 & 15, 2018
Alexandria Scottish Rite, 1430 W Braddock Rd, Alexandria, VA 22302,

Schedule of Events for WDS 2018 Daffodil Show

We will be setting up early on Friday, April 13 -- Open for Entries from 3–7 PM!

Saturday, April 14 – Entries 7 AM – 10 AM

Judging 10:30 A.M. (Clerks and Record Keepers needed!)

Open to Public: 2 PM - 7PM

Sunday, April 15 - Open to Public: 9 AM – 1:30 pm

Take Down: 1:30 PM!

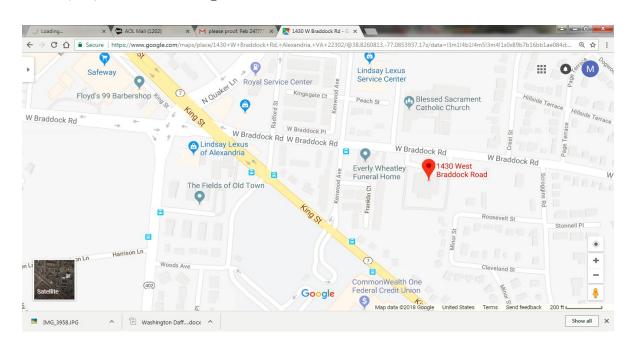
Please volunteer to help with our show. We need help in all areas, especially in the morning on Friday to Set Up and Sunday for the Take Down. There are many areas to help and we will find the perfect place for you.

To enter Artistic Design, contact Mary Anne Barton - (see contact info below) To enter the Photo Section, contact Robert Darling: darlingr@aol.com

Schedules should be ready by the February 24 lunch meeting.

If you can help in any way (set up, take down, helping exhibitors make their entries, be a clerk or record taker during judging, etc.) please contact Show Chairmen:

Glenna Graves: (540) 434-8587 glennamgraves@comcast.net Genie Applegate: (703)-533-7676 genie.applegate@gmail.com Mary Anne Barton: (703)273-8641 wbill@bellatlantic.net





2017 Mid-Atlantic Region Leadership and Service Award for WDS Member - Jim Taylor

Anne Donnell Smith standing in as the representative of Julie Minch, VP Mid-Atlnatic Region of the ADS, attended our Fall Meeting to present the Regional Award for Leadership and Service to long time WDS member, Jim Taylor, shown in this picture with Anne Donnell Smith on the left and Glenna Graves on the right. Anne Donnell read Julie's congratulation speech to everyone:

"As the Regional VP I have the honor to announce the recipient of the 2017 Leadership and Service award that is given to a person living in the Mid-Atlantic region who has demonstrated leadership and service to promote the ADS and growing daffodils. I am sorry I cannot be there in person.



This year's recipient is truly deserving of this award. This member not only supported his local show for many, many years but has also traveled to other shows and other fall meetings across our region. He has supported shows, meetings and even conventions in our region. He is willing to "step up to the plate" when needed. He is polite and reserved. He quietly comes in and gets the job done. He is willing to help others and gently offers support to new exhibitors. What a blessing he is to all of us. If you haven't guessed who I am describing it is James Taylor. Thank you James for supporting the ADS and many local societies too. Congratulations!"

2018 National Daffodil Convention

The Middle Tennessee Daffodil Society will celebrate their 60th anniversary by hosting the ADS National Convention from April 5-8, 2018. The convention and show will be located at the Franklin Marriott Cool Springs, Franklin TN. To register for the convention visit the ADS Website at www.daffodilusa.org

There will be a judging school III offered on Thursday ---pre register for that,-- Brent Heath will offer a session Daffodils for Beginners, Part 1; Michael Berrigan, ADS President, will present Daffodils for Beginners, Part 2 – choosing and preparing daffodils for a show. Of course the workroom will be open all night for the lovely daffodils that will arrive from all over the country.



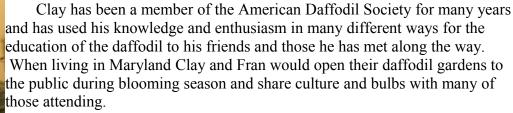
Friday will be Judging and open show to follow, but meanwhile for those not involved with judging etc, a bus tour of The Parthenon and The Hermitage is offered. The Hermitage is the presidential mansion and gardens of Andrew Jackson the seventh president of the US. There is HISTORY everywhere and I know you would enjoy.

There are many other Educational Seminars offered and of course wonderful dinners and meeting more wonderful daffodil friends! Being so close to Nashville – the Music City – of course that offers additional opportunities for those that can stay.

Check your calendars now and plan to attend –this is one show you won't want to miss!!!



Clay on left, juding



Although Clay became smitten with the daffodil fever through his Mother-in-law Mrs. Marie Bozievich it certainly didn't take long for him to become very interested in the culture, showing and hybridizing of the flower. The Washington Daffodil Society was perhaps the first influence of his enthusiasm for the show floor but he was also eager to participate with the other Daffodil Societies in the Mid Atlantic Region and beyond.

The goal of the American Daffodil Society is to stimulate and encourage wide interest in the daffodils through education, exhibition and dissemination of

information. I think Clay has shown his many capabilities in all of these areas. As mentioned before Clay and Fran opened their gardens to the public years ago. Clay has also been a speaker for many programs on the local, regional and national levels. His interest and competitive spirit carried him on to ADS conventions winning many ribbons along the way. Perhaps his top daffodil challenge has been to establish a daffodil society in North Carolina. In partnership with the Master Gardeners of the area they have had successful shows for several years now and in turn Clay and Fran have become Master gardeners as well. Without the help of Fran I am not sure Clay could have gotten everything done himself. Fran was the writer, the cook, the head clerk organizer and "go-to" person when another job presented itself. Clay and Fran were also responsible for the establishment of an ADS Student judges' three- year school program in NC. Many new judges throughout the East coast were able to attend and become certified.

Clay has grown both miniature and standard daffodils. He has shared seed and bulbs at daffodil meetings and on the daffnet website encouraging those that may be interested in the

and on the daffnet website encouraging those that may be interested in the yellow flower and also getting some interested in hybridizing. The electronic age has allowed for much expansion of information and often Clay has been able to answer questions asked by a 'newby' or often asks questions for himself about culture from someone in another part of the world.

Time and energy catches up with all of us and this past fall Clay retired the North Carolina Daffodil Society but continues to grow daffodils, but cut back on the number, continues to hybridize and will continue to be at many of our shows---showing and judging. Of course Fran can be found at all the shows and usually clerking!

Fran on left, laughing

We thank them for all their encouragement, show participation and also for all the bulbs they share with us for our WDS Bulb Exchanges each year!!! by Glenna Graves

Dwindling Membership? – What You Can Do by Janet Noland

The American Daffodil Society has been printing articles in the past several issues of the quarterly journal about dwindling membership numbers. It is my opinion that each of the members in WDS should take it upon themselves to find a friend, relative or neighbor who has daffodil varieties blooming in their garden and encourage them to bring some of their favorites to our spring show.

I first became interested in exhibiting because the Upperville Garden Club's poster announcing their annual daffodil show said, "Public Invited to Exhibit".

The first time I took flowers to exhibit, I had no idea of all the various divisions and other complexities of completing exhibitor tags correctly. A wonderful volunteer practically met me at the door, took me under her wing and made the identification process and completing exhibitor tags effortless for me.

I was fascinated that she knew some of the varieties instantly by name that I brought. I'll never forget that one of the varieties the first year I exhibited was "Red Hill". There was so much to be fascinated about – all of the different divisions, the collections, the miniatures – varieties I had never seen before. But, let's face it, it could be a little daunting to a newcomer who isn't fortunate enough to have such a good volunteer take them under their wing to help them get started.

The second and third years that I exhibited, I was lucky enough to have Ginger Wallach help me with naming the varieties I had brought and completing my exhibitor tags. That also was a stroke of luck and helped me to continue feeling that I was getting started on the right foot. Other first-time exhibitors may not be that lucky with finding help so I feel it is important for us all to think about how to help someone get started.

After each of the first few shows that I attempted to exhibit, I was determined to learn more about the process so that I wouldn't rely on others to help me as much as they did in the first three years. I would delve into the information contained in the show program and by looking at various websites. I finally felt that I had crossed over into the ability to be self-sufficient with naming my varieties and entering at shows.

I think we all need to cast our memories back to the first few shows when we first attempted to exhibit and I think we can all agree that it can be overwhelming to a newcomer. If someone has an interest but is a novice, they are probably not going to meticulously know all of the varieties they have planted and have them labeled on a paper diagram of their garden. Maybe they inherited bulbs from the previous owner of their current residence or maybe they are someone like me, who saw a poster announcing that the public is invited to exhibit at a daffodil show. Let's face it, figuring out all of the names and completing the exhibitor tags can be a little daunting to a newcomer.

Each year after I learned how to be self-sufficient, I have felt it was an obligation to help someone get started with exhibiting and I have helped several people get started. I remember talking about the upcoming daffodil show to a friend. She mentioned that she had several varieties blooming in her garden but had no idea what they were. I asked her to take photos of what was blooming in her garden and e-mail the photos to me. I used DaffSeek and found that they were historic varieties. She was ecstatic to find out what the names were and that they were historic varieties. She exhibited several at the Upperville show.

The next year, I helped a friend who I have been friends with for over 20 years. Similarly, she has had daffodils blooming in her garden for years and had no idea of the variety names. When I helped her exhibit at the Upperville show, she won a blue ribbon and several other ribbons. She was giddy for three days and e-mailed photos from the show to all of her family and friends.

Because youth exhibitor numbers are truly dwindling at all flower shows, not just at daffodil shows, I helped my riding instructor's two daughters, ages 7 and 9, exhibit last year at the Upperville show. One of them won the Youth Division and was so excited about the show that her mother had difficulty getting her to get in the car to leave the show. They are very excited about exhibiting again next year and I helped them plant bulbs last fall.

About three years ago, I took my tablet with me to the Upperville show to look up those last few illusive varieties that I put in my bucket on the morning of the show. When other exhibitors saw that I was looking up images on DaffSeek, several asked me to assist them in naming some of their entries. I kid you not, I glanced up from the screen of my tablet and there was a circle of about 12 people surrounding me waiting for me to help them.

Yes, assisting others prevented me from completing the entries for those last few entries of mine but one woman I assisted won the Novice ribbon and to see her excitement at winning such an important ribbon was rewarding. Also, when I was in the Middleburg Safeway grocery store shortly after the show, two women who I completely did not recognize, hugged me and thanked me for helping them find the name for their entries. Think of people in your community – either friends, relatives or neighbors – who have daffodils growing in their gardens. It's a great reason to get together to have lunch and walk around their garden to see what they have and suggest that they bring a few to the next show. I am a firm believer in doing as many exhibitor tags in advance and it's easy to help them with their tags – and it's another reason to get together with them and have lunch.

I have had both a great experience with being helped and with helping others at daffodil shows. I feel that each of us should help a newcomer or someone who exhibited in the past to start exhibiting again. You'll know that you are doing something to boost membership in WDS and ADS and to help fill up the room with blooms at the next show.

More Youth Information HORTICULTURE

by Glenna Graves

We are very interested in keeping our Youth involved in growing, planting –gardening in general - so new things are being offered by the ADS.

There is a new award being offered at the convention this year and probably will be offered for our local show next year. It is called the The Brooke Ager Challenge Class. Each year the ADS Youth Committee will select a cultivar annually and supply that cultivar to all current ADS Youth Members. However the class will be open to any youth daffodil grower, not just the ADS members.

The cultivars chosen annually will be known to grow well in vastly different growing conditions in order to foster young growers' love, success, and knowledge of horticulture. The bulb selected for this year is Pink Charm so all youth entries of Pink Charm will be in same class for this Challenge Award. In order to support this new class all current ADS Youth members were sent four varieties of cultivars – Actaea, Bravoure, Pipit, and Pink Charm, supplied by Brent and Becky's Bulbs and ADS member Allen Hass. Please consider joining the ADS Youth membership (\$10 per year) and be on this list of receiving the free special bulbs each year.

PHOTOGRAPHY

The ADS has created a new Youth Class in Photography as well. The Youth photography class is available to ALL YOUTH and not just ADS Youth members. The wining entry of the Youth Award will be eligible for the Wells Knierim Ribbon as well...this is the top ribbon award for all the photos.!

Youth can also enter all open photography classes but those entries would not be eligible for the Youth Photography Award.

As a side note the winner of the Gloucester 2017 Wells Knierim Ribbon was 12 year old Josh Ward of Gloucester. His blue ribbon was judged against all the other blue ribbon winners and HIS WAS THE BEST!! So get your cameras ready and get ready for our show.

Minutes - Washington Daffodil Society -October 28, 2017

The board meeting of the Washington Daffodil Society was called to order at 10:00 AM by president Karen Cogar at the Trinity United Methodist Church in McLean, VA.

The minutes were accepted as printed in the Fall Newsletter, 2017.

The Treasurers' report was given by Tricia Goins, Treasurer. Income from June 1st until today October 28, 2017 is \$13,684. Reimbursements for some of the bulb nurseries still need to be paid from this total. Our current checkbook balance is \$22,622.37. For complete Treasurer report please contact Tricia Goins.

Membership: Kathy Welsh distributed a copy of our WDS roster to be checked for accuracy in addresses and phone numbers. She will email an updated roster to members soon and hard copies will be mailed to those as needed. Currently we have 136 individual members and 16 garden clubs as WDS members.

Arboretum; No report

Bulb Order: Thanks to many members the bulb orders have been completed, bagged and ready for pick-up today as well as some having been mailed. There were 72 bulb orders placed for 2017.

Nominating Committee: The slate for the 2017 officers was presented by Glenna Graves.

President: Karen Cogar – third term

Vice President : Genie Applegate - second term

Directors: 3 year term

Mary Schwegler (second term), Leigh Koontz (first term), Joy Duncan (second term)

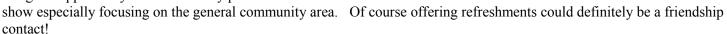
2018 Daffodil Show.

The 2018 show will be held in a new venue - the Alexandria Scottish Rite Temple, 1430 West Braddock Road, Alexandria, VA. 22302

This will be an exciting venue and we hope to have a great attendance both in entries of blooms as well as those attending the show. There is a garden center just across the street from the Temple so you may be able to garden shop as well as attending our show. The date is April 14 and 15, 2018. Set-up is on Friday, April 13th and show/judging on Sat. 14th.

Discussion was held as to various ways of increasing attendance to our shows as well as increasing membership. Janet Noland volunteered to make special contact with various garden clubs to encourage them to join us. We could also explore the idea of having a special section in our show just for general garden club entries. Another suggestion to encourage garden club participation was giving a special reduced price for clubs when placing their bulb orders. Inviting area club members to 'help' with our show could draw interest. Currently we have 16 garden clubs as members but would like to invite many more.

More signage around the community inviting the general public to enter their flowers in our show would be a great gesture. Having a new show venue for 2018 is a great opportunity to more broadly publicize our



Newsletter- Mary Ann Barton, as usual, does a wonderful job of getting our Newsletter published and distributed. She would still like to have some articles for inclusion concerning your daffodil experience. Perhaps you have some historic daffodils that your "grandmother" planted and you have continued to enjoy. That history would be most interesting. How did you first get interested in daffodils? One short paragraph would be of great interest to our "yellow fever friends". Robert Darling discussed the possibility of a shared show venue with another plant society such as a park service or having another late show to extend our daffodils in other areas.

The board meeting was extended in to the General WDS Membership meeting at 11:00AM.

Karen summarized the previous discussion concerning future show participation and membership. Tricia Goins gave the Treasurer report as stated above. Kathy Welsh again passed the membership roster to check for accuracy. Glenna Graves presented the slate of officers for 2018.

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The slate was accepted by majority vote..

Through the generosity of Kathy Welsh a public planting of daffodils at the Meadowlark Gardens in Vienna will be begin this fall. The collection of 25 cultivars will be planted donated by Kathy Welsh.

A special presentation of the Mid Atlantic Leadership and Service Award was awarded to Mr. James Taylor. In the absence of the Mid Atlantic VP Julie Minch, Anne Donnell Smith and Glenna Graves presented the award

The presentation remarks were as follows: As the Regional VP I have the honor to announce the recipient of the 2017 Leadership and Service award that is given to a person living in the Mid-Atlantic region who has demonstrated leadership and service to promote the ADS and growing daffodils. I am sorry I cannot be there in person.

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Julie Minch, VP Mid-Atlantic Region.

Following delicious snacks and checking out the possibilities in the bulb exchange room, Karen called the Bulb Auction to order. Mr. Richard Ezell was our auctioneer and we had great participation from all members. The Chinese auction (raffle) was next and there were even a couple double bulb winners for these great bulbs. There were MANY bulbs for the bulb exchange and no one left without many dreams of the blooms for our show next spring. There were 41 members in attendance

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00PM. Glenna Graves, Secretary



At the home of Karen Cogar See page 1 for directions and parking Registration Deadline: February 20, 2018 WDS Board Meeting 10:30 a.m. Lunch will begin at 12:00 p.m. Followed by a short Membership Meeting and Tour of show location The cost of \$15 / lunch **REMEMBER**: You may attend the meeting and program without eating lunch. **RSVP either way**. **CHOICES:** VEGAN: Grilled vegetable wrap with carrot hummus, Terra chips, Chinese cole slaw, Strawberry Bite **GLUTEN FREE:** Tarragon chicken salad on mixed greens, Melon balls with lemon and mint, Roasted rosemary potato salad, Assorted macaroons NO SPECIAL DIET: Black Forest Ham on whole grain with dill havarti cheese and honey mustard, Curried almond and pea salad, Fresh berries, Lemon Bar Beverages provided by WDS. For Information and to register: Genie Applegate: 3905 N Dumbarton St Arlington, VA 22207 Ph: 703-533-7676/ email: genie.applegate@gmail.com WDS Spring Lunch Reservation Form Mail to: Genie Applegate, address: 3905 N Dumbarton St Arlington, VA 22207 Make check payable to: "WDS" Registration Deadline: Feb 20, 2018 **Lunch/meeting/program:** Name : VEGAN GLUTEN FREE NO SPECIAL DIET ____ Name : VEGAN GLUTEN FREE NO SPECIAL DIET email: Check: \$15.00 x = \$NO Lunch, attend meeting/program only: Name : Name : ______ CUT HERE -----**WDS Membership** - Membership Year January 1 - December 31 Please Circle: NEW RENEWAL UPDATE CHANGES ONLY Name (s)____ Address: Phone No. (home) cell/work email: I am willing to receive my newsletter by email: Yes No 1 yr individual (\$15.00) _____ 3 yr individual (\$40.00) _____ 1 yr club (\$15.00) _____ 3 yr club (\$40.00) _____ 3 yr club (\$40.00) _____ 3 yr household (\$50.00) ____ 1 yr youth only (under 18) (\$5.00) _____

Registration for WDS Spring Lunch Information - February 24, 2018

WDS Calendar -- check these websites for more information! Washington Daffodil Society **www.thewashingtondaffodilsociety.org**

WDS Fall Annual Meeting

American Daffodil Society website: www.Daffseek.org

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<u>2018</u>	
Feb 24	WDS Spring Luncheon, Alexandria VA
March 24-25	Gloucester Daffodil Festival, Gloucester VA
March 28	Garden Club of VA Daffodil Show, Richmond, VA
April 4-5	ADS National Show and Convention, Nashville TN
April 7	Somerset County Garden Club Daffodil Show, Princess Anne, MD
April 9-11	Dist II Federated Garden Clubs of MD Daffodil Show, Severna Park MD
April 10	Upperville Garden Club Daffodil Show, Upperville VA
April 14-15	WDS Daffodil Show, Alexandria VA
April 17-18	MD Daffodil Society, Mid-Atlantic Regional Show, Towson MD
April 21-22	Tuscarora Daffodil Group&Chambersburg Garden Club, Chambersburg PA
TBD	WDS Summer Meeting



COME JOIN US AT THE SHOW!

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