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President's Message

When I look back at April's hugely successful show, I remember most ... how much fun everyone there seemed to be having. The venue most certainly helped create excitement; one was surrounded by floral and photography displays, by boutique curiosities and of course rows and rows of daffodils. Old daffodil friends from all over could reconnect, attendees seemed inspired by their lecture topics and our volunteers and visitors seemed really to be enjoying themselves too. I received many compliments on the show; you all should be very proud of your hard efforts!

The Fall meeting of the Maryland Daffodil Society is just around the corner. I would like to encourage you all to attend and to please let others in your garden clubs or other organizations know about this meeting. There will be a business meeting to elect new officers, more discussion of MDS support of a daffodil demonstration garden at the Ag Center, and of course, our traditional bulb sale; see notice at right.

Thank you for remitting dues promptly and for considering how you (and your garden club!) can help with the April 16 - 17, 2013 Show, which is returning to The Shops at Kenilworth in Towson. Also, please remember to visit our website for the latest information on MDS activities.

- Meredith McDonagh

2012 ADS Convention and Show, 'Bawlrner' Style

- Julie Minch, Convention Chairman:

All eyes were on us as we hosted the 2012 American Daffodil Society Convention and Show. Local members worked together for years to make sure

the show and convention ran smoothly. As daffodil lovers from all over the world descended on the Sheraton Hotel in Towson, we stepped into gear.

It all began with staging, which ran throughout the night. Ask **Lissa Williamson** about that! She was on duty to help weary travelers as they arrived to set up their blooms. Photography walls went up, and **Joanne Diamond** and her crew worked until late to get all the beautiful photos up on our new display panels. **Linda Masland** coordinated designs placed throughout the lobby for everyone to see. Her lovely Maryland display was featured at the ballroom entrance to the show.

Anne Donnell Smith led the judges on Friday morning through 1,063 entries totaling 2,212 stems from 98 exhibitors. It was wonderful to see [continued on p. 2]

MDS FALL MEETING AND BULB SALE

with tour of the new Agricultural Center

Saturday, October 13, 2012

11:00 AM

Baltimore County Agricultural Center

1114 Shawan Road

(Shawan and Cuba Roads)

Cockeysville, MD 20130

2012 - 2014 Proposed Officers for Election:

President - Hilles Whedbee

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ADS Convention 'Bawlmer Style' [continued from p. 1]

so many flowers when the season came earlier than usual. Show Co-chairmen **Joan Bender and Nicki Schwab** greeted many guests as doors opened to the public. They did a great job representing MDS -- looking refreshed when they had to have been exhausted! **Susan Palmer** worked tirelessly as registrar and handled it with grace and poise. Many thanks to **Kirby Fong and Tom Stettner** for their photographs of show winners.

A side addition to the long weekend was the workshop for first graders from Stoneleigh Elementary. Mrs. Thompson and some of her students created arrangements that were displayed throughout the hotel. They filled baskets with flowers which featured daffodils (of course). We also had a lovely boutique where buyers found many daffodil-themed gifts. **Jane Lynn** worked the MDS table as **Rebecca Brown and Scott Bally** coordinated other vendors.

With the staging and judging of the show finished, we next prepared for the awards banquet. MDS President **Meredith McDonagh**, dressed in full 'Hon' attire, delivered remarks in Bawlmer-ese to the delight of guests. Everyone wanted a photo with her (I think it was the pink beehive hairdo that did it; see picture at right)! She was a superb host on behalf of the Society. **Pat Parker** was most diligent as food and beverage coordinator, making time to put together many of the creative centerpieces at each meal as well.

The next two days featured wonderful speakers, tours of Ladew, Cylburn and Hampton and time to catch up with friends. **Joan George, Helen Couch and Hilles Whedbee** did an amazing job organizing tours and buses. **Richard Ezell** made great choices in speakers for our lecture series, and **Lucy Rhame** set up informative lunch and dinner speakers a year in advance. **Brent Heath** spoke about the commercial end of the flower business, Michael Raupp spoke on bugs and had us all laughing; Fran Flanagan delivered an inspiring talk on the environmental importance of the Chesapeake Bay watershed.

Many thanks to everyone who helped, exhibited and attended the convention. It took many hands to make it a great success. Thank you.

- **Linda Masland, Design Chairman:** As the proud host of the 2012 American Daffodil Show, MDS decided to forgo our usual flower show component in favor of a design display showcasing special places and events throughout our State. Designers -- either individuals or teams -- selected a photograph and presented their floral interpretation alongside the chosen photo. Our goal was to give our National and International show attendees a pictorial and floral overview of what makes Maryland a wonderful place to live and visit -- AND IT WORKED! We received a plethora of positive and enthusiastic comments on the display. The designs were amazing, unique and over the top, with participation from all five Districts of Federated Garden Clubs of Maryland. My hat is off to **Lissa Williamson and Marie Coulter** (Inner Harbor Fireworks);



Above: **Meredith 'Bawlmer Hon' McDonagh** welcomes attendees to the April 20, 2012 banquet. Below, **Christine Kelly's** floral interpretation of 'Marble-Stepped Rowhouses'.



Christine Kelly (Marble-Stepped Rowhouses); **Loan Thahn Tran** (Artistic Gardens); **Mary Jo Robey** (The Naval Academy); **Judy Slaughter** (Crossing the Chesapeake); **Beverly Jones and Ginny Mitchell** (Fishing Our Mountain Streams); **Cary Plamondon and Susan Ruili** (Riding to the Hounds); **Joyce Fletcher and Shahla Butler** (Symphony Sounds); **Cindy O'Connor, Eileen Yarmolyk and Donna Farrow** (World-Class Sailing); and **Eleanor Oster and members of Lake Hills Garden Club** (Amazing Blue Crabs). You far exceeded my expectations and made Maryland shine. Thank You So Much for a Job Well Done!!

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- **Joanne Diamond, Photography Chairman:** The 2012 ADS Photography Show chaired by MDS members **Joanne Diamond and Muffin McAfee** brought in 140 photo entries from California to Maine. But it was the local Maryland entries that took home the majority of blue ribbons, winning seven of the eleven photography classes.

Classes had a Baltimore theme with titles such as *Café Hon* for the abstract category, and *Edgar Allan Poeticus* for photos of division 9 daffodils. Our own **Susan Palmer** won the ADS Wells Knierim Ribbon for Best Photograph in Show with her *Star Spangled Still Life* of N. 'Ceylon' and a garden glove. MDS's newly acquired two-sided panels made an impressive display for all of the entries, and allowed for easy viewing by visitors.

The Privilege of Being a Show Chairman

by 2012 ADS National Show Co-Chairmen Nicki Schwab and Joan Bender

The 2012 National ADS Convention and Flower Show were attended by daffodil lovers from all over the country at the Sheraton Hotel in Towson, MD. What a privilege it was for MDS to welcome our attendees to Maryland and give them a taste of the land of pleasant living!

The welcoming display featuring our beautiful Maryland, as well as the photography, and daffodil exhibits were brilliant and so popular with our attendees.

Our fabulous committee of enthusiastic volunteers was able to set up a daffodil show that showcased the most perfect daffodils that are grown throughout our country.

Our ever faithful Lissa Williamson stayed up all night to classify, and we Co-Chairmen did our best to keep up with her! It was so great to work with some of the best daffodil growers on the floor and learn even more about classification.

As we worked the floor, it was also a major highlight to meet in person the many distinguished ADS members, who have worked throughout the years in our organization. The officers, judges, hybridizers, growers, and photographers were there in full force. It was terrific to put a face to a name and meet a new daffodil friend.

In the end, it was gratifying to see so many beautiful stems and superior collections displayed throughout the ballroom! After the judging, it was a real treat to see the best winners in the country and the ecstatic faces of our friends who had won on a national level!

The prestigious and priceless trophies from the American Daffodil Society were displayed in the center of the ballroom. Our visitors were astounded with the beauty of these awards, and the trophy table was a highlight of the show.

Where can we begin to tell you what a privilege it was to be a part of a national show! We met and worked with wonderful daffodil lovers. And not to be overlooked, we laughed! We enjoyed our own Meredith McDonagh as a Baltimore Hon, and Julie Minch, who is our ray of sunshine. With these ladies, who cannot grow more as a better friend and volunteer!

To all our helpers, thank you for your help and support. It was a team effort, and we could not have done the show without you. It was a superior privilege for us to work with you, and it is our hope that you too will enjoy all the rewards of commitment, friendship, and enlightenment that comes with being a show chairman! We need your leadership! With the members in MDS to support you, how can you say no to the privileges and benefits of being a Show Chairman!!!

PARTIAL LIST OF 2012 ADS NATIONAL SHOW WINNERS

Horticulture: 1,063 entries • 2,212 stems • 98 exhibitors

Photography: 140 entries • 41 exhibitors

Space doesn't allow us to list all award winners. Please see the September 2012 ADS Journal for complete results.

Gold Ribbon	Jennifer Brown	Banker 2Y-O
Rose Ribbon	Mary Lou Gripshover	Grace Note O.P.
Mini Gold	Mitch and Kate Carney	N. triandrus 13W-W
White Ribbon	Leone Low	Sp-2 9W-GGR
Mini White	Susan Hawes	Sun Disc 7Y-Y
Matthew Fowlds Award	Michael Berrigan	
Olive Lee Trophy	Don Caton	
Grant and Amy Mitsch Trophy	Mary Lou Gripshover	
John and Betty Larus Award	Leone Low	
Youth Best Bloom	Abigail Clarke	Pink Wonder 11aW-YYP
Small Grower Award	Susan Palmer	Hot Gossip 2Y-O
Beck Medal for Best Historic Bloom	Hugh Earnhardt	Dreamlight 3W-GWR
Historic 3 stems	Jennifer Brown	King of Diamonds 9W-P
Classic Best Bloom	Mitch and Kate Carney	Pewee 3W-GWP
Classic Best Single Stem	Barbara Mertz	Estrella 3W-YYR
Classic 3 stems	Mitch and Kate Carney	Pewee 3W-GWP
Intermediate Award	Peter Timms	Lissome 2W-W
Purple Ribbon	Anne Donnell Smith	
Lavender Ribbon	Olivia Welbourn	
Carey Quinn Award	Richard Ezell	
Silver Ribbon	Mitch and Kate Carney (16 blue ribbons!!)	
Wells Knierim Ribbon for Best Photograph in Show - Susan Palmer		

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