



# Midwest Daffodil Society

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## Bulb exchange and election of officers held

Members met to “exchange” bulbs and other gardening-related material, October 25, at the Chicago Botanic Garden.

Most of the bulbs given out this year were from the garden of our vice president, Nancy Pilipuf. Others were donated by MDS member John Reed of Oakwood Daffodils, Niles, MI; Elise Havens of Mitsch Novelty Daffodils (mitschdaffodils.com), Hubbard, OR; and Steve Vinisky of Cherry Creek Daffodils, Sherwood, OR. We also distributed some bulbs remaining from the sale the previous weekend.

At the business meeting, George Dorner was elected president for 2010. Nancy Pilipuf, Carol Champ and Alan Champ were reelected as vice president, secretary and treasurer respectively. Irene Vass was elected to a three-year term as director.

Marilyn Messel was appointed to a two-year term as director to replace Stephanie Lindemann, who resigned. Patricia Hessel will continue as a director, as her term has not expired. Mary Dorner will continue on the board as immediate past president.

George, our new president, will complete a two-year term as president of the American Daffodil Society in March, 2010.

## MDS upcoming events

- Late February/early March, 2010: next newsletter.
- April 11, 2010: Midwest Daffodil Society meeting, 2 p.m. Place TBA.
- April, 24 and 25, 2010: show at the at the Regenstein Center, Chicago Botanic Garden.
- October 16 and 17 2010: bulb sale iat the Regenstein Center, Chicago Botanic Garden.
- October 24, 2010: Bulb exchange and annual meeting, 2 p.m. Place TBA.

## President's Message

We have completed a successful year in spite of poor weather conditions on the days of each of our events.

On March 29, the day of our spring meeting, there was a major snowstorm. It rained on April 24 and 25 for our combined MDS/American Daffodil Society national show, holding down attendance at the Garden. And it rained again last month on the weekend of our bulb sale.

I'm wrapping up three one-year terms as MDS president, being *constitutionally prohibited* from carrying on. The MDS constitution, that is. Daffodil enthusiast extraordinaire George Dorner will return as your president in 2010. One could say he is back by popular demand, if you know what I mean.

Thanks so much to everyone who participated in the Midwest Daffodil Society these years. It has been a pleasure working with the board and other members of this organization.  
Sincerely, Mary

## Botanic Garden attendees brave uncooperative weather to buy MDS bulbs

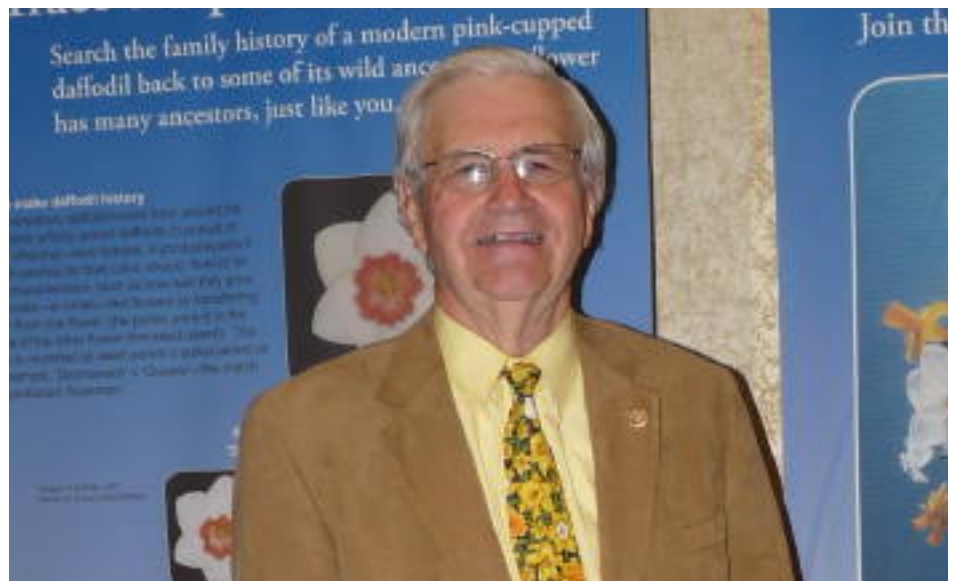
The Chicago area should have a beautiful spring in 2010 when the bulbs purchased from us at our sale bloom.

The bulbs offered were from the Oakwood Daffodils, the Niles, MI, farm of Dr. John Reed, an honorary member of our club. He, lets us dig bulbs at his property in exchange for the labor of several of our members.

Most of the bulbs we sell are not available in local stores. Most bulbs are named, but some are not, and customers enjoy buying these by the handful in a “grabbag” arrangement.

This event is our main source of funding for the year's activities, so a successful sale is important.

The following members helped with site arrangements, bulb acquisition, bulb preparation, and sales: Alan Champ, Carol Champ, George Dorner, Mary Dorner, Bruce Eckersberg, Stephanie Lindemann, Marilyn Messel, Nancy Pilipuf, John Reed, Ron Stutz, and Irene Vass.



Incoming MDS president George Dorner spoke about daffodils to the Garden Clubs of Illinois 2009 Central Region meeting on October 26. Photo courtesy of Meredith Schnelle

## Who's in this society, anyway?

Our current paid-up members are:

Nancy Akred, Lake Forest  
Martha and Norman Belew, Wauconda  
Margaret Bensen, Northlake  
Paul Bergmann, Lake Bluff  
Suzanne Boren, Lake Forest  
Carol and Alan Champ, Lake Forest  
Mary and George Dorner, Kildeer  
Carrie and Bruce Eckersberg,  
East Dundee  
Lou Emmons, Richmond  
Jan Gibson, Lake Forest  
Mary Grant, Highland Park  
Katie and Al Hackbarth, Glencoe  
Henry Heatly, Lakewood  
Patricia and William Hessel,  
Lake Zurich  
David Jewell, Evanston  
Evelyn and Hans Jodeit, Evanston  
Rita Joyce, Prospect Heights  
Jim Kochevar, Chicago  
Ron Korajczyk, Chicago  
Julia Lamken, Oak Park  
Jerry and Marian Landerholm, Lombard  
Stephanie Lindemann, Morton Grove  
Shirley and Davy McDonald, Glenview  
Marilyn Messel, Buffalo Grove  
Marylou Nunamaker, Fox River Grove  
Robin O'Neill, Lake Forest  
Joanne Phelar, Buffalo Grove  
Nancy Pilipuf, Garden Prairie  
Gail and Mike Raith, Skokie  
Bonnie and Jim Reese, Des Plaines  
Katherine Robinson, Rockford  
Nancy Rogers, Glen Ellyn  
Shelly Saifuddin, Chicago  
Gail Schaffner, Highland Park  
Meredith Schnelle, Antioch  
Marie Seaman, Bardstown, KY  
Jan Siudzinski, Green Bay, WI  
Ron Stutz, O'Fallon, MO  
Susan Sullivan, Winnetka  
Penelope TerHarr, Lake Forest  
Charlotte Tyksinski, Evanston  
Irene Vass, Chicago  
John Zimnie, Naperville

Our honorary member is:  
Dr. John Reed, Niles, MI

## It's time to pay annual dues

Those wishing to pay 2010 dues of \$5 per year may do so by sending a check made out to the Midwest Daffodil Society to Alan Champ, Treasurer, 1546 Willow Street, Lake Forest, IL 60045.

Please include your address, phone number and email address, if applicable.

New members are always welcome. Consider bringing a friend to the next meeting.

## 2009 Board of Directors

President: Mary Dorner  
Vice President: Nancy Pilipuf  
Secretary: Carol Champ  
Treasurer: Alan Champ  
Immediate Past President:  
Bruce Eckersberg  
Directors:  
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Patricia Hessel (2 years)  
Gail Schaffner (1 year)

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## Websites of interest

- [www.midwestdaffodil.org](http://www.midwestdaffodil.org) (Midwest Daffodil Society website; George Dorner, webmaster)
- [www.daffseek.org](http://www.daffseek.org) (for information about specific daffodils)
- [www.daffodilusa.org](http://www.daffodilusa.org) (American Daffodil Society website)
- Daffnet email list. See the ADS website for details



## Year-to-date Financial Statement As of October 26, 2009

<b>Checking account balance on 1/1/2009</b>	<b>\$5886.34</b>
<b>Income</b>	
Membership dues	155.00
Bulb sales (pre-sale)	263.00
Bulb sales (at CBG)	842.30
Bulb raffle	22.00
<b>Total income</b>	<b>1282.30</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	
Show	50.00
Bulb purchase	100.00
Meetings	88.53
Chicago Botanic Garden	134.23
NFP report	10.00
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>382.76</b>

**Checking account balance on 10/26/2009** **\$6785.88**

## Alan Champ, Treasurer

Note: our expenses were abnormally low this year because most of the expense of the spring show was borne by the American Daffodil Society.

## Join the Chicago Botanic Garden; benefits are many

MDS members who are not already members of the Chicago Botanic Garden may be interested in joining this world-renowned institution which generously provides space for our shows, sales, and meetings.

Members are entitled to park at the garden without charge; to receive discounts at the Garden shop, the Garden Cafe, and selected local regional nurseries and stores; to receive the Garden's quarterly magazine; and to gain free admission at selected botanical gardens, arboreta, and conservatories throughout North America.

Refer to [chicagobotanic.org](http://chicagobotanic.org) and click on "Support" for more information and to join on-line.

To save \$10 on membership, mention your Midwest Daffodil Society membership when you join at the membership desk at the Garden.