

GOLD MEDAL TO ALEC GRAY, SILVER TO MRS. LAURA LEE COX

Citations awarding the 1966 Gold Medal of the ADS to Alec Gray of Camborne, England, and the 1966 Silver Medal to Mrs. Laura Lee Cox of Hot Springs, Ark., were adopted at the ADS Convention in Memphis.

Mrs. Cox received her medal at that time, and Mr. Gray's was presented to him and his citation read at the Daffodil Dinner of the Royal Horticultural Society in London on April 19 by Mrs. Howard B. Bloomer, Jr., and Prof. Larry Mains.

Mr. Mains and Mrs. Bloomer had been appointed to perform this pleasant task on behalf of the ADS, and after Mr. Mains read the citation Mrs. Bloomer pinned the medal on Mr. Gray's jacket. The citation to the English grower declared:

"The 1966 Gold Medal of the American Daffodil Society for outstanding contribution to daffodils is awarded to Alec Gray, in recognition of his years of work with daffodils and especially with the miniatures of the genus, which has given to gardeners a delightful series of little gems, including such things as the charming April Tears, Raindrop, and Tête-a-Tête.

"The award is given in recognition of the time and energy he has given through the years to make available to the trade certain unusual wild daffodils, thereby increasing the public interest in several items of real garden value.

"And finally, this award is made in recognition of his generosity in giving to gardeners and the public information on his many years of work, in the form of his book, *Miniature Daffodils*, and in the many articles written for the *Daffodil and Tulip Year Book*."

Presentation of the Silver Medal to Mrs. Cox was accompanied by a citation which said:

"The 1966 Silver Medal of the American Daffodil Society for outstanding service to the Society is awarded to Laura Lee Cox, a charter member of the Society who has served since 1954 in a variety of capacities: director, regional vice president, director at large, chairman of judges' committee, and chairman of nominating committee. She is an accredited judge and a judging school instructor.

"Locally Mrs. Cox helped form the Arkansas Daffodil Society and currently serves as its president. She has incited interest in daffodils and the American Daffodil Society by lectures, educational exhibits, accredited shows, and by opening her garden of 1,400 varieties to visitors.

"In 1963 she was hostess to the fall meeting of the Board of Direc-

tors. Her record of attendance at conventions and directors' meetings has been nearly perfect.

“Twelve years of continuous, faithful and distinguished service to the Society merits the highest honor for service which the Society can bestow upon a member.”