

The Gold Medal has not been given for several years and this year we are going to award it. I could expound on the virtues of this person for several hours, but that would probably bore you, so instead I will read excerpts from one of the many letters that were received nominating this person. In part the letter says "He has been hybridizing for just over 20 years. Since then he has registered 71 different varieties of daffodils in the variety of colors, combinations, and forms that can be found in the first four RHS Divisions. To me the earmark of his daffodils is their purity of color and sharpness of color contrast, yet perfection of form is, I believe, his first standard. With no technical background in genetics or botany, he has the inherent talent to select for breeding eminently successful parents. Most difficult for any breeder is the selection process and putting on the market only truly superb plants. In this he has not only presented his countrymen and the world with magnificent new daffodils, but has set up a standard of perfection for all hybridizers. I fully believe that the originator of Celilo, Descanso, Marshfire, Showboat, Suede, and Wahkeena is most deserving of the Gold Medal." The committee agrees. Murray Evans!