

Dr. Tom Throckmorton, in presenting the Gold Medal to Matthew Zandbergen, said, "There can be no question of his service to the daffodil. His has been a lifetime of daffodils. He bridges the daffodil world of P. D. Williams through the years of Wilson and Richardson to the daffodil world of Evans, Mitsch, Lee, Pannill and Watrous. He is the Peter Barr of today, who travels the world and publicizes the beauty and charm of the daffodil. Not a hybridizer himself, he has taken the fine bulbs of others and increased and made them available, not only to us but to all gardeners awaiting spring. How much poorer would we be without Armada and Peeping Tom? How many ribbons have we all won with Suzy and Tête-a-Tête and Jumblye? All that we have of these great daffodils come from the stock that Matthew propagated.

"Matthew also bridges the gap between the great commercial growers and us novelty daffodil raisers. He sells bulbs to us by the one or two and by the ton to others. Genial, knowledgeable and devoted, Matthew has dedicated a long lifetime to daffodils and daffodil people. Let us honor him now with the Gold Medal of the American Daffodil Society." Dr. Throckmorton then asked for the personal privilege of presenting a brief slide show depicting Matthew Zandbergen as "a man of many hats, and the happiest guy in the world."