
CITATION FOR THE AWARD OF THE GOLD MEDAL OF THE ADS

The ADS Gold Medal is awarded for “creative work of a preeminent nature in the understanding and advancement of daffodils.” Quoting from the numerous nominating and seconding letters, taking excerpts from the *ADS Journal*, and adding a few personal observations, there can be no doubt that this gentleman is a deserving Gold Medal recipient for his outstanding contributions toward advancing the genus *Narcissus*.

Quoting from one of the letters, “He is probably the world’s foremost amateur hybridizer of daffodils.” Another referred to him as a “world class hybridizer.” He has shown and/or registered his originations in most of the divisions of the daffodil classifications. He has also successfully bred a number of useful miniatures, an uncommon feat for the hybridizer producing quality standard forms.

The success of his creative hybridizing over the past twenty years is attested by passing the supreme test—the show bench. In the 1972 Convention Show here in Portland, he won the Gold Carey E. Quinn Award. It apparently created quite a sensation inasmuch as that was the first time the Gold Quinn was awarded for a collection consisting entirely of seedlings—all twenty-four were his own seedlings. He has won a seemingly endless number of awards, dominating many of the largest shows in America. Others have also benefited from his work. In 1983, for example, his *Homestead 2 W-W* was the top winner in shows across the country.

A successful head of a corporation, he has somehow been able to devote a generous amount of his time to not only advancing the daffodil but also helping other daffodil-oriented individuals and groups. He has been an educator, has set up non-competitive exhibits, has taught in ADS Schools, has done programs at meetings, and is a Past President of the ADS—all examples of his unselfish gift of time. It’s hard to even guess how many people have become daffodil enthusiasts as a direct result of his efforts. His jovial manner and his ability to entertain have brought pleasure to us on countless occasions.

In 1976 he won the ADS Silver Medal, but tonight, on behalf of the ADS it is an honor to present the Gold Medal for 1984 to Mr. William G. Pannill of Martinsville, Virginia.



Mr. Erlandson presents the Gold Medal to Bill Pannill (left) and the Silver Medal to Mary Lou Gripshover (right).