

GOLD MEDAL

Bailey, Benefactor, Columbus, Dalliance, Fireraiser, Forge Mill, Gin and Lime, Inniswood, Irish Linen, Menucha, Merlin's Castle, Pale Sunlight, Picasso, Rory's Glen, Timolin, Foundling . . . Kate Reade. Beautiful flowers, beautiful lady.

The ADS Gold Medal is awarded to Kate Reade, Mistress of Carncairn Lodge, Broughshane, Northern Ireland, in recognition of her pre-eminent creative work in the understanding and advancement of daffodils.

This award goes to Kate because of the beauty she has given to the world, and also because of the beautiful person she is: ever-friendly, courteous, and patient with expert and novice alike. Happily unpretentious, she takes daffodils seriously but not solemnly. She wears her knowledge and experience lightly, her infectious smile never long from her face.

In addition to her frequent attendance at ADS conventions, she has welcomed countless daffodil enthusiasts from all over the world to Carncairn Lodge, where her welcome is matched by that of her husband, Robin, an elegant host.

Kate's skills as a hybridizer and exhibitor are attested to by her many awards, from the Championship of Ireland to the Grant and Amy Mitsch Award at last year's ADS convention and, finally, by that most prestigious award of the Royal Horticulture Society: the Peter Barr Memorial Cup.

It is the hope and wish of the American Daffodil Society, in conferring upon her its highest honor, that the name Kate Reade may be remembered with appreciation and affection as long as her daffodils continue to brighten and enrich all the springs of our lives.



**Kate Reade with the
Peter Bar Memorial Cup**