

1996 Gold Medal



This year's recipient of the Gold Medal, which the Society gives in recognition of creative work of a preeminent nature in the understanding and advancement of daffodils, is a quiet, unassuming individual, who has been a long time member of the Society. He has served the Society in many capacities as president, director and Chairman of the breeding and selection and nominating committees. He has encouraged amateur hybridizing in the United States. His few registrations are a testament to his super critical eye, having registered only seven seedlings. His best known registrations include, 'Pops Legacy', considered by some as the best 1 W-Y in the world. 'Conestoga' 2 W-GYO is one of the 'top ten' most winning daffodils in the U.S. 'Parnell's Knob' 1 Y-Y, won the national gold medal; and 'Absegami' 2 Y-YYR, one of the best in its class. He has contributed thousands of bulbs to parks and public gardens and has distributed the Phil Phillips open pollinated seed to many members.

It is with a great pleasure that the ADS presents the 1996 Gold Medal to Dr. William Bender of Chambersburg, Pennsylvania.

—Marilynn Howe