

1997 ADS GOLD MEDAL AWARDED TO ELISE HAVENS

The Gold Medal of the American Daffodil Society is available for someone who has made a meaningful contribution to the genus *Narcissus*, usually (but not always) an advancement in breeding. This medal is not awarded every year. The 1997 recipient has not only continued the significant work her father began in creating fertile daffodil hybrids in the higher divisions, reversed bicolors in many divisions, and pink flowers, but has also produced some of the smoothest and brightest modern pinks. Her pinks and yellow-pinks take frequent honors on the show table and are a delight in the garden. 'Pink Silk' is the world standard for pink trumpets, and nobody has created pink splits with finer perianth segments. Her small cup pinks are without equal.

To continue introducing her father's flowers might have been enough, but she has shown her creative ability in going far beyond the nurturing duties of a legacy care-taker. We shall look for more intermediates of her breeding and miniatures from her sister. We will be joyful to see the brilliant cyclamineus hybrids welcome spring and we will delight in the choice fragrant jonquils at the end of the season. These new American daffodil creations are the genius of our own Elise Havens.