

## **ADS SILVER MEDAL: DELIA BANKHEAD**

Awarding the ADS Silver Medal to this year's recipient will be a most popular decision, as evidenced by the sincerity and persuasion of the numerous letters the winner received in support! This year's Silver Medal winner typifies the word "dedication." Dedication both to the daffodil and to the ADS. When she discovered serious daffodil growing and the ADS, she brought to this hobby the same unrelenting quest for perfection that she applies to every responsibility she undertakes.

Early on, she worked hard learning to grow daffodils better and to select daffodils for growing, showing, and hybridizing. She became a judge, despite having to travel great distances to judging schools. An excellent judge and judging school instructor, she feels a missionary zeal for recruiting new ADS members and helping those in the ADS become more skillful in our hobby. As work and finances have permitted, she has traveled to other countries to learn, observe, and enjoy.

In the ADS, she has held a multitude of responsible positions. She has served on the National Nominating Committee and the ADS Goals and Objectives Study Group. She has been RVP, National Convention Chairman, Round-Robin Chairman, and Miniatures Chairman. In recent years she has become increasingly committed to miniature daffodils. As Chairman of the Miniatures Committee, she has led a systematic study of similar-appearing cultivars to determine if several are now commingled, has led research on older miniature cultivars to determine which of those might be extinct, and has prompted improvement of the process for adding cultivars to the ADS Approved List. She has corresponded with daffodil societies worldwide toward the goal of a single standard for use by all societies for the recognition of a miniature daffodil.

In the midst of all this, she continues to encourage new members, new growers, and potential new judges. The Society has greatly benefited from her unceasing efforts in its interest. Delia Bankhead is truly deserving of the ADS Silver Medal for past and continuing service to the American Daffodil Society.