

ADS GOLD MEDAL: GEORGE TARRY

The Gold Medal is awarded to an individual for “recognition of



Bob Spotts presents ADS Gold Medal to George Tarry in England

Ian Tyler photo

creative work of a pre-eminent nature in the understanding and advancement of daffodils.” The recipient this year has been a friend to the American Daffodil Society for many years. He has contributed faithfully to our *Journal*, relating the details of the British show season. Our photo library has been enriched by his slide contributions. He has served in many capacities in his native The Daffodil Society in Great Britain and has always been an enthusiastic ambassador of the

daffodil. This gentleman has served for more than ten years on the Daffodil and Tulip Committee. He has also served during that tenure on the Trials subcommittee and is responsible for assessing daffodils for the Award of Garden Merit in the trials held at Wisley.

His list of honors in the daffodil world includes The Daffodil Society President 1994-2001 (retiring), Daffodil Society Chairman 1983-1994, and recipient of the RHS Peter Barr Memorial Trophy 1992-3. And he is the only overseas holder of a Life Membership in the National Daffodil Society of New Zealand.

Our Gold Medal winner is a great ambassador for the daffodil and has traveled worldwide. He has attended many ADS conventions and has made many visits to Australia and New Zealand, where he has served as a discerning judge at shows. Our distinguished winner of the Gold Medal Award is a daffodil exhibitor and hybridizer. He has won the New Zealand, Australian, and American classes with daffodils from his extensive international bulb collection. His breeding program for red trumpets is legendary and he is credited as having 12 cultivars in the ADS Data Bank.

He is a generous and humble individual. He never seeks the limelight and is much more of a background facilitator. The American Daffodil Society is pleased to present the ADS Gold Medal to the very worthy English gentleman, George Tarry, who has accomplished so much and who has made an international contribution to the daffodil world.

(Ian Tyler, from Lancashire, Great Britain accepted the award for George Tarry. Bob Spotts presented the award to George in England the following month.)