

ADS SILVER MEDAL: MARTHA ANDERSON

The Silver Medal of the American Daffodil Society is awarded to an individual deemed by the Honors Committee as being worthy of “recognition of outstanding service to the American Daffodil Society.”



Martha Anderson on the porch at Whitehall in Louisville

Bill Lee photo

Our Silver Medal recipient is a lady who has accomplished great things in a very quiet manner and is now being properly appreciated by those of us who are the beneficiaries of those accomplishments.

Fifty years ago Martha Anderson entered her first daffodil show. Ever since, she has been growing and showing and judging and recruiting new growers, as well as helping to organize new societies and stage conventions. Mentoring new daffodil growers was, and continues to be, one of her major goals in life as she guides them in the showing and growing of our favorite flower, the daffodil. She is most generous with her BEST cultivars for she can make them all multiply and grow like weeds.

Martha is *the* authority on growing miniature daffodils in the Deep South. She shares her knowledge of miniature daffodils with many of those who live in the Deep South. She is a superb daffodil judge and was an excellent judging instructor. She put on a series of judging schools in Hernando and personally hosted at the family farm many potential judges who had come a great distance to attend judging schools.

She is constantly recruiting new members for the ADS and is the driving force in the continuation of daffodil shows. She is sought after as a speaker who heralds the miniature daffodil. Martha has served on the ADS board of Directors in several capacities over the years. She is the epitome of what every ADS member ought to be.

Martha is a gracious, hospitable, kind, and unassuming lady. Every region needs a Martha Anderson. The ADS is pleased to award the Silver Medal to Martha Anderson for her half century of service and dedication to the goals of the society.