

2002 GOLD MEDAL: SALLY KINGTON



**Sally Kington holds Gold Medal
presented by Mary Lou Gripshover**

Brian Duncan photo

The Gold Medal is awarded to an individual for "recognition of creative work of a pre-eminent nature in the understanding and advancement of daffodils." The 2002 Gold medal recipient, Sally Kington, holds the post of RHS Daffodil registrar. When she is not at her desk compiling research for an RHS project, she can be found bicycling around the bulb fields in Holland as well as searching the hedgerows for historic cultivars in Guernsey. She is responsible for

compiling in less than three years the International Daffodil Check List. Her next project involved nine years of research as well as the learning of new computer skills. The completed project gave us the first International Register. During this time the Classification system was changed, and she pioneered work on the boundaries between red and pink and orange daffodils. Then in 1996 she added to her already busy schedule the duties of the secretary for the Narcissus and Tulip committee.

Sally has gained the respect of daffodil growers, both professional and amateur, and has established valuable links with daffodil registrars worldwide. She is a meticulous recorder of detailed information whose accuracy has resulted in a most reliable International Daffodil Register and Classified List 1998. This is known to the daffodilian as the "big yellow book," which contains listings of all known daffodils, with descriptions of many cultivars. It is most helpful when the correct naming of daffodils on the show table is called to question. Her latest guidance to registrants addresses the difficulties with finding a place in Division 7 for Jonquilla or single headed Apodanthi hybrids. The RHS awarded Sally the prestigious Peter Barr Memorial Cup 2000 for her work with the daffodil.

The American Daffodil Society is pleased to present the Gold Medal to Sally Kington, who has accomplished so much and has made lasting international contributions to the daffodil world.

(The Gold Medal was presented to Sally Kington on June 6 prior to a luncheon of the RHS Show Schedule and Narcissus Classification Advisory Committees, with the Director General of the RHS, Andrew Colquhoun, also in attendance. A very surprised and delighted Sally Kington expressed her thanks to the ADS. In her words, she was "bowled over.")