

## SILVER MEDAL: KATHRYN S. ANDERSEN



**Kathy Andersen**

*Bill Lee photo*

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."

Our Silver Medal recipient is a lady who has many talents and has liberally shared them with the ADS. She is today being properly appreciated by all of us, who are the beneficiaries of her many accomplishments.

Our honoree holds a doctorate in chemistry and was involved in pharmacological research at the University of Michigan while her husband was in medical school. When they moved to Wilmington, Delaware, she became involved with lilies, daffodils, and chrysanthemums, the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society and Wilmington Garden Center, United Way and the School Board. The Delaware Daffodil Society lists her as a founding member. She has served as president of the National Chrysanthemum Society and North American Lily Society. At a National Council of State Garden Clubs convention she received the Award of Horticulture Excellence. I mention the above so that you will be informed of her many interests in the field of horticulture and community service.

Fourteen years ago our Silver Medal recipient was installed as president of the American Daffodil Society, having previously served as a Regional Vice President and for twelve years as the ADS recording secretary. In 1988 a trip to Spain opened up an entirely new challenge, "replication of the exact microclimates for the successful growing of

species." In 1995 she became the ADS Species Conservation Chair and has returned to Spain each year in search of new species and the preservation of those already recorded as existing. Over the years she has won a Gold Watrous, more than one Gold Quinn, the Simmonds Medal in London, two Larry Mains, three Tuggles and other National Awards.

She hybridizes both daffodils and lilies.

The ADS is pleased to award the Silver Medal to our Kathy Andersen for her many years of devoted service to the goals of our society.