



2008 ADS Gold Medal

Peter Ramsay

The Gold Medal of the American Daffodil Society is given to someone who has done pre-eminent work in the advancement of the daffodil.

The 2008 Gold Medal was awarded to Peter Ramsay of Hamilton, New Zealand. It was presented to him by ADS President Rod Armstrong during the World Convention in London.

Peter Ramsay is an outstanding hybridizer, exhibitor, administrator, writer, and speaker, truly “an ambassador for the daffodil.”

He is past president of the New Zealand Daffodil Society and involved closely with its administration for more than thirty years. He is presently editor of the New Zealand *Daffodil Annual* and author of interesting, authoritative articles in many daffodil publications.

A key speaker at ADS conventions, he is also a respected judge, and has judged daffodils in the USA, Britain and Australia, as well as in his native New Zealand.

With his Koanga Daffodils partner, Max Hamilton, Peter has been a successful exhibitor for many years. He is a consummate exhibitor of beautiful daffodils grown and staged to perfection, so that the public becomes aware of how daffodils can be grown.

The latest Koanga catalog is a testament to the success that Peter has had as a hybridizer.

In 1976, when the first ever World Daffodil Convention was held in Lower Hutt, New Zealand, Peter was on the Executive Committee. That experience led him to appreciate the great benefits of bringing daffodil people from around the world to share their love of their favorite flower. It was also an opportunity to bring the wonderful world of daffodils to the general public.

This led him to take on the staging of a World Convention show in Hamilton. Springworld '84 was a huge success, and as one American visitor commented, “an ambitious plan – a dream that was realized magnificently.” ❁

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