



ADS Silver Medal 2012

Tom Stettner

Phyllis Hess photograph

The Silver Medal is awarded to someone who has given meritorious service to the American Daffodil Society.

Our honoree has served the ADS in various positions, serving his Region as a Director, and as Chairman of the Photography/Slides Committee.

He is also a skilled exhibitor and a budding hybridizer with many Rose Ribbons to his credit. He has registered two of his own hybrids along with several rescued from his friend Robert Jerrell's plantings. Ask him what he most hopes to win at a show, and he's likely to say the Red-White-and-Blue five-stem collection. And he usually does!

His lasting contribution, however, has been the beautiful photos which appear on Daffnet, in DaffSeek, and in *The Daffodil Journal*. As one letter writer put it, "He has a gift, a hobby, an avocation, about which he is passionate." He is always willing to share his knowledge, having given programs at several conventions.

Though he is still employed by a major corporation, he plans his springtime so that he travels not only to the national convention, but to many shows large and small throughout the mid-section of the country. Many times the winning flowers are his own entries. When he posts photos of winning flowers to Daffnet, he always gives credit to the exhibitor—except when he is the exhibitor. We've figured out that if no exhibitor is mentioned, it must have been his!

His consummate skill at photography makes it possible for all of our members, even the hundreds who never get to a show, to see daffodils at their most beautiful—and to realize that daffodils are grown and shown beautifully east of the Rocky Mountains. They are captured for us today, and will be a lasting pictorial resource for the future.

The ADS is proud to present the Silver Medal for 2012 to Tom Stettner, of Cincinnati, Ohio. ❁