

GRANT MITSCH HONORED WITH MGCA GOLD MEDAL

The Gold Medal of the Men's Garden Club of America was awarded earlier this year to Grant E. Mitsch of Canby, Ore., an outstanding hybridizer of daffodils and other flowers, at the MGGA's 1964 convention in Atlanta.

An article in the May issue of the MGGA publication said:

"Mr. Mitsch became interested in growing daffodils as a hobby in 1933 and a year later did his first hybridizing.

"By 1945 he had developed many attractive seedlings and decided to sell his gladiolus business and devote all his commercial efforts to daffodils. He has grown more than 600 named varieties of daffodils and has introduced nearly 100 of his own seedlings, many of which have won top awards in North America and England.

"Mr. Mitsch was a charter member of the American Daffodil Society and presently has a reputation as one of the world's great daffodil hybridizers.

"Ten years ago, Jan DeGraaff, himself a noted grower and hybridizer, was asked his opinion of Grant Mitsch as a hybridizer of daffodils. DeGraaff said, 'Grant Mitsch ranks among the 12 outstanding hybridists in this field in the world. In addition to his skill and patience, he has a real love for work and that is a necessary quality for a hybridist.'

"Since then, Grant Mitsch has risen even higher in the ranks; he now is accepted as one of the few top hybridizers in the world."

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Recipient in 1964 of the Gold Medal of the Men's Garden Clubs of America, Grant Mitsch is pictured in one of his daffodil fields. Details of the award will be given in our next issue.

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