

Awards to people and plants

PETER BARR MEMORIAL CUP 2014

Awarded to Ronald Scamp

Malcolm Bradbury

In 2013, Ronald (Ron) Scamp from Falmouth in Cornwall was awarded the Peter Barr Memorial Cup by the Royal Horticultural Society (RHS), on the recommendation of the Society's Bulb Committee. The award is for good work of some kind in connection with daffodils.

Ron began hybridizing daffodils as an amateur in 1969. After the retirement of his uncles Dan and Peter du Plessis as commercial daffodil growers, and with family encouragement, Ron and his wife Maurine founded *Quality Daffodils*, issuing their first catalogue in 1991. Since then Ron has raised 329 new cultivars. His introductions include examples of all but one of the divisions and comprise successful show flowers as well as excellent garden plants. It may be said that if he specialises in any divisions, it is in the doubles, the split coronas and other higher divisions, but he has also had success with cultivars registered in divisions 1–3.

Ron has served on the RHS Daffodil and Tulip Committee and its successor the Bulb Committee since 1994, is a member of the RHS Narcissus Classification Advisory Group and is a past chairman of the RHS Daffodil and Tulip Show Schedule Panel.

Ron's success as a daffodil hybridizer and the importance to both exhibitors and gardeners of the enormous range of old and new daffodils available from his catalogue were recognized by the American Daffodil Society, who awarded him their Gold Medal in 2006, and by the RHS, who awarded him the Reginald Cory Memorial Cup in 2009.

Quality Daffodils have been awarded 24 Gold Medals by the RHS, including awards in ten



Ron Scamp awarded the Peter Barr Memorial Cup for 2014
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successive years since 2005 at the Cardiff Flower Show. They were also awarded the prize in six of those years for the 'Best Exhibit in the Floral Marquee', thus creating terrific 'daffodil awareness' in Wales, where, of course, the daffodil is the national flower. In 2005 Ron's outstanding display of daffodils was awarded the Williams Memorial Medal by the RHS. Trade displays at many other shows, particularly in the West of England, have also done much to make enthusiastic gardeners aware of modern daffodils.

In 2013 the Springfields Horticultural Society awarded the Carlo Naef Trophy to Ron in recognition of his significant contributions to the United Kingdom's bulb industry.

All these awards are a richly deserved recognition of somebody who has actively promoted the daffodil and made a big difference to many people's enjoyment of them. Ron's son Adrian and daughter-in-law Sharon joined the family business in 2008, so hopefully we can look forward to yet more new daffodils from Falmouth for many years to come.

ADS GOLD MEDAL 2014

Awarded to Jan Pennings

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The American Daffodil Society (ADS) Gold Medal was awarded in 2014 to Jan Pennings of Breezand, Netherlands. The medal is awarded annually in recognition of accomplishments of a preeminent nature in the understanding and advancement of daffodils.