

## AMERICAN DAFFODIL SOCIETY (ADS) 2015 PRESIDENT'S MEDAL RECIPIENT ANNOUNCED!

**Williamsburg, VA** – Mary Lou Gripshover of Milford, OH was awarded the American Daffodil Society President's Medal on April 10, 2015 at the American Daffodil Society Convention in Williamsburg, VA.

The American Daffodil Society President's Medal is awarded to people who can only be described as extraordinary. They continue to make substantial contributions to our daffodil world above and beyond what is normally expected of any one person. Because of their presence we have a far richer environment than would have been possible without their participation.



The new ADS President's Medal is awarded very infrequently and only if a worthy recipient as well as a donor to bear the cost of the medal can be found. It is called the President's Medal and is solid white gold. The medal needs NO letters of nomination because the worthiness of the recipient must be self-evident.

Ms. Gripshover has had an extraordinary career with the American Daffodil Society. She has held many positions in the Society, including Executive Director, The Daffodil Journal Editor, American Daffodil Society President, and has filled countless other positions and offices as well. She has studied daffodils in the wild and in the garden. She is the person responsible for scanning thousands of pages for DaffLibrary.org, which is now the most visited website that ADS supports. Ms. Gripshover is also the liaison between the ADS and the Royal Horticultural Society for registering new hybrids. Paramount in her thoughts is always doing what is most important for the well-being and health of the American Daffodil Society.

The American Daffodil Society has a tradition of honoring individuals who have contributed to the betterment of daffodils and the American Daffodil Society. Ms. Gripshover is an extraordinary individual who cares and continues to give her superior meritorious service to the American Daffodil Society.