

MRS. GOETHE LINK

Nominee for the ADS Silver Medal

Mrs. Goethe Link of Martinsville, Ind., is a charter member of the American Daffodil Society, Inc., and has attended all board meetings and conventions. She organized the Indiana Daffodil Society and served as its president for two years.

Mrs. Link acted as chairman of the ADS daffodil judging school for four years, setting up rules for holding the schools and outlines for instructors and school chairmen. Judges and Awards were also under her chairmanship for approximately two years and during that time rules for awards to flower shows were formulated. The same was true for the ADS Gold Medal.

Mrs. Link has also served as an instructor for several years in the daffodil judging schools, largely at her own expense. At one time, while vacationing in Laredo, Texas, she flew to Georgia to teach a part of the school so it could be an accredited course.

Mrs. Link has also lectured on daffodils to many garden clubs, never charging a fee. She has made a complete set of slides which she has loaned many times, and she has also given a number of slides to the ADS for its collection.

Through the years she has contributed several articles to the *ADS Yearbook* and *BULLETIN*, as well as one article to the Royal Horticultural Society's *Year Book*. She likewise wrote an article on daffodils for *Indiana Gardens*, publication of the Garden Club of Indiana.

Mrs. Link served as a regional director of the Midwest Region and the first newsletters for the region were issued during her tenure of office. Some of her other regional activities included a daffodil symposium, a regional show and the conduct of a series of daffodil judging schools. She is currently serving as second vice president of the American Daffodil Society.

Mrs. Link is an accredited ADS show judge and is growing approximately 1,000 daffodil varieties, both naturalized and in a display garden which is open to

the public each year during the blooming season. She hybridizes daffodils and has registered several originations. She is most generous about sharing her surplus bulbs with her friends or other persons who admire something in her garden. She contributed a collection of jonquilla hybrids to the test garden at Stone Mountain in Georgia, which is in charge of Mr. Thompson.

Aside from being a very efficient person in handling her ADS work, she is known for her good sportsmanship as an exhibitor. Having won the Quinn Medal once, she has not competed for it again so that others may have an opportunity to try and win it.

In view of the foregoing the Executive Committee recommends that the Silver Medal be awarded to Mrs. Goethe Link, for outstanding service to the society.

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