GOLD MEDAL TO ALEC GRAY, SILVER TO MRS. LAURA LEE COX

Citations awarding the 1966 Gold Medal of the ADS to Alec Gray of Camborne, England, and the 1966 Silver Medal to Mrs. Laura Lee Cox of Hot Springs, Ark., were adopted at the ADS Convention in Memphis.

Mrs. Cox received her medal at that time, and Mr. Gray's was presented to him and his citation read at the Daffodil Dinner of the Royal Horticultural Society in London on April 19 by Mrs. Howard B. Bloomer, Jr., and Prof. Larry Mains.

Mr. Mains and Mrs. Bloomer had been appointed to perform this pleasant task on behalf of the ADS, and after Mr. Mains read the citation Mrs. Bloomer pinned the medal on Mr. Gray's jacket. The citation to the English grower declared:

"The 1966 Gold Medal of the American Daffodil Society for outstanding contribution to daffodils is awarded to Alec Gray, in recognition of his years of work with daffodils and especially with the miniatures of the genus, which has given to gardeners a delightful series of little gems, including such things as the charming April Tears, Raindrop, and Tête-a-Tête.

"The award is given in recognition of the time and energy he has given through the years to make available to the trade certain unusual wild daffodils, thereby increasing the public interest in several items of real garden value.

"And finally, this award is made in recognition of his generosity in giving to gardeners and the public information on his many years of work, in the form of his book, Miniature Daffodils, and in the many articles written for the Daffodil and Tulip Year Book."

Presentation of the Silver Medal to Mrs. Cox was accompanied by a citation which said:

"The 1966 Silver Medal of the American Daffodil Society for outstanding service to the Society is awarded to Laura Lee Cox, a charter member of the Society who has served since 1954 in a variety of capacities: director, regional vice president, director at large, chairman of judges' committee, and chairman of nominating committee. She is an accredited judge and a judging school instructor.

"Locally Mrs. Cox helped form the Arkansas Daffodil Society and currently serves as its president. She has incited interest in daffodils and the American Daffodil Society by lectures, educational exhibits, accredited shows, and by opening her garden of 1,400 varieties to visitors.

"In 1963 she was hostess to the fall meeting of the Board of Direc-
tors. Her record of attendance at conventions and directors’ meetings has been nearly perfect.

"Twelve years of continuous, faithful and distinguished service to the Society merits the highest honor for service which the Society can bestow upon a member."

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**HYBRIDIZER’S FORUM**

*Seedlings in Shows*

As this is written shows are in full swing, and it has been encouraging to see or hear of new names among the entrants in seedling classes. We hope that winners of the Rose Ribbon will send us descriptions of their winning entries and other notes of progress; our reportorial staff is not large enough to cover all shows, and we sometimes fail to take notes on those we do attend.

*Midseason Thoughts*

This is the time for hopes. We know it is not likely that all crosses attempted to date will succeed, but so far only a few have definitely failed. The first blooms that have proved disappointing are soon forgotten in watching those buds about to open from still more promising crosses. Among these is my first from Honey Bells x *N. triandrus concolor*, from 1962 seed. — **ROBERTA C. WATROUS**

*From the Miniature Round Robin*

"My coldframe has been beautiful to behold this fall. The bulbocodiums were exquisite and still more are coming along. Our below zero weather the last couple of weeks has temporarily retarded the blooms, but a few warm days will bring them on again. *N. serotinus* and *N. viridiflorus* were lovely. I crossed them both ways and got seed from *N. serotinus x N. viridiflorus* but not the other way. I also crossed *N. serotinus* with poeticus pollen from Hancock (blooms sent from Australia to Des Moines for the October Board of Directors’ meeting) and got a large number of seeds in the pod. They were planted immediately, but have not been in long enough to tell whether they will germinate. I flipped a coin to help me decide whether to plant in frame or in the greenhouse; the coldframe won out.” — **HELEN K. LINK**

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