Ernesta Ballard, president of the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society, who presented that group’s award to Mrs. Andersen.

Another highlight of Friday evening was the presentation of the American Daffodil Society’s medals, the Silver for service to the Society to Bill Pannill and the Gold for service to the daffodil to Matthew Zandbergen.

Bill Roese read the letter which nominated Bill Pannill for this honor: “Bill is one of a kind and gives a rich, different dimension to our society. He is without doubt the speaker most in demand by daffodil groups around the world. Attendance at conventions or meetings is increased because Mr. Pannill is billed as speaker. His fine southside Virginia drawl, rollicking sense of humor, and thorough knowledge of daffodils make his talks entertaining and useful and long remembered. Bill stands out in the public eye for his winning show entries and his talks; but he draws no attention to his many, many kind and considerate acts. He has shared untold bulbs with promising beginners and talked daffodils to many small groups. In addition, he has served our Society well as president and for many years on the board of directors. Bill has done much to please our membership; they should now return the compliment.”

Dr. Tom Throckmorton, in presenting the Gold Medal to Matthew Zandbergen, said, “There can be no question of his service to the daffodil. His has been a lifetime of daffodils. He bridges the daffodil world of P. D. Williams through the years of Wilson and Richardson to the daffodil world of Evans, Mitsch, Lee, Pannill and Watrous. He is the Peter Barr of today, who travels the world and publicizes the beauty and charm of the daffodil. Not a hybridizer himself, he has taken the fine bulbs of others and increased and made them available, not only to us but to all gardeners awaiting spring. How much poorer would we be without Armada and Peeping Tom? How many ribbons have we all won with Suzy and Tête-a-Tête and Jumblie? All that we have of these great daffodils come from the stock that Matthew propagated. “Matthew also bridges the gap between the great commercial growers and us novelty daffodil raisers. He sells bulbs to us by the one or two and by the ton to others. Genial, knowledgeable and devoted, Matthew has dedicated a long lifetime to daffodils and daffodil people. Let us honor him now with the Gold Medal of the American Daffodil Society.” Dr. Throckmorton then asked for the personal privilege of presenting a brief slide show depicting Matthew Zandbergen as “a man of many hats, and the happiest guy in the world.”

The report of the nominating committee was presented and accepted by the membership. William O. Ticknor was elevated to the presidency of ADS, saying that he felt himself to be “first servant of you all.” He noted that the society which he heads is a thriving group of 1,461 members from 45 states and 13 foreign countries.

The lovely table decorations on Friday night were created by the Philadelphia Area Daffodil Society. For each person there was a special gift: a rooted Aucuba japonica grown from seed by Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Gruber of Norristown, Pa. Aucubas do beautifully in Mississippi and I look forward to years of remembering the 1976 convention with this thoughtful living gift. I was interested to learn from others at my table, all from the Columbus area, that aucuba also survives the winters of northern Ohio.

Saturday morning’s workshops began with a scholarly session on basic science by members of the Pennsylvania State Extension Service. Dr. James