CITATION FOR THE SILVER MEDAL

One particular member of the American Daffodil Society stands out for her service in promoting interest in daffodils over a period of many years. As a teacher in the Judging Schools, she has taught us to discern the merits of the blooms we judge and to examine each entry with fairness and appreciation. She has inspired many of us to be critical in selecting the varieties which we ourselves grow and to exhibit whenever the chance arises.

The American Daffodil Society has never had a more avid exhibitor and competitor. She knows and loves all her flowers, presenting each to its best advantage. She has successfully carried blooms to exhibit throughout the United States. We always look forward to her blooms at the National Shows.

She is the spirit of the Middle Tennessee Daffodil Society and has brought this organization to its present state of activity. Over the years she has been instrumental in planning for three National Conventions in Nashville. Her garden is always open to daffodil enthusiasts.

An international goodwill ambassador for daffodils, she is known, loved, and respected throughout the daffodil-growing world.

The ADS takes pleasure in awarding the Silver Medal to Louise Hardison.

CITATION FOR THE GOLD MEDAL

The Gold Medal of the American Daffodil Society is presented in recognition of creative work of a preeminent nature in the understanding and advancement of daffodils.

The American Daffodil Society has decided to bestow this award this evening to a remarkable person, who has devoted over a quarter of a century to our favorite flower.

During this time the person has been instrumental in producing a new range of flowers and had a strong influence on other hybridizers around the world. Hard earned knowledge has been freely and unstintingly shared and this will benefit all hobbyists in the long run. The flowers created by this breeder are not, however, very familiar to the average daffodil hobbyist but instead are destined to brighten the homes and bring joy to the heart of the everyday citizen.

The Gold Medal of the American Daffodil Society is not bestowed casually or lightly. Frequently many years elapse between its being given. It gives me much pleasure to announce that the American Daffodil Society wishes to recognize and reward services given to the horticultural world in general and to daffodils in particular by Miss Barbara Fry.

WALTER E. THOMPSON

Resolved that the Board of Directors of the American Daffodil Society, Inc., here assembled regrets to receive word of the sudden death of its beloved past president and loyal former board member, Walter E. Thompson, and hereby extends to Mrs. Walter E. Thompson its deepest sympathy and sense of loss.

—From the Board of Directors Meeting, March 28, 1981