The ADS Gold Medal is awarded for “creative work of a preeminent nature in the understanding and advancement of daffodils.” This year’s Medal is only the 14th to be awarded since 1959, an indication of the high standard the Society established. This year’s recipient without doubt has met these standards after devoting much of his life to the daffodil.

The nominating and seconding letters were justifiably glowing in praise of the outstanding contributions this gentleman has made toward advancing the genus *Narcissus* through his hybridizing and scientific work.

He is discerning hybridizer; his seedlings are scrupulously culled and chosen with a remarkable eye for the special distinction that makes the bulb worth introducing. In addition to originating many new cultivars now grown throughout the daffodil world, he has supplied quantities of open-pollinated seed for many amateur hybridizers.

With boundless energy, he has been an active and faithful member of the ADS and served on the Board of Directors, helping wherever and whenever he is able. He has never failed to be more than generous in sharing his knowledge, experience, and scientific achievements with others. He will enthusiastically help the amateur anywhere from giving the simplest tips on how best to exhibit a flower to demonstrating his latest experimental technique of twin scaling a bulb to speed propogation.

Even though he has specialized in growing and hybridizing daffodils, I can say from personal observation that his knowledge of botany goes far beyond the *Narcissus*. And it may surprise some of you that his daffodil work has been primarily a hobby. He does it purely for the joy of it.

His achievements received worldwide attention when the Royal Horticultural Society in 1979 awarded him the Peter Barr Memorial Cup for his work with daffodils.

His energetic leadership in organizing and promoting World Daffodil Conventions has attracted many enthusiasts, thereby helping to make daffodil a world-wide household word.

On behalf of the ADS it is an honor to present the Gold Medal for 1983 to Mr. Phil Phillips from Otorohanga, New Zealand.

The ADS Silver Medal is awarded for “outstanding and distinguished service to the American Daffodil Society.” This is the 16th Medal to be awarded. The list of recipients reads like the Who’s Who of the ADS and this year’s choice is a worthy addition to that select group.