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 propagation.

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.
This gracious lady has been an ADS member for more years than a gentleman will say, is a life member, and accredited judge, and the keystone for her region. She has served on the Board of Directors as Regional Vice President, Regional Director, and Director At Large. While on the Board, she fulfilled her duties and obligations cheerfully and efficiently and, I am told, has never missed a meeting of the Board or a convention.

She has either acted as chairman or helped organize two ADS national conventions and one fall meeting of the Board of Directors. She was responsible for the first national daffodil show ever held in her region, has helped set up several judges schools, and has helped the other states in her region to organize shows.

An outstanding daffodil grower, she tries new cultivars yearly, and encourages and inspires others to do likewise.

The ADS is not her only interest. She is a member of the Federated Garden Clubs for which she is a Master Judge, a past President of the Hemerocallis Society, and the President-elect of the Dallas Civic Garden Center.

On behalf of the ADS it is an honor to present the Silver Medal for 1983 to Mrs. Royal A. Ferris, Jr., from Dallas, Texas.

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GARDEN CLUB RESCUES DAFFODILS

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At the February meeting of the Foxland Hall Garden Club, it was brought to the membership’s attention that several thousand daffodil bulbs, which had been naturalized years ago, were about to plowed under to make way for a new subdivision in Brentwood. The consensus of the membership was to see what could be done to save the bulbs, and at the same time, enhance the beauty of the neighborhood.

Foxland Hall subdivision is a planned community with 54 acres of common ground, including a pond in the middle. The club thought it would improve the appearance of the pond, a common ground area, by encircling the fenced area with daffodils. (We also could not stand the thought of all the daffodils being plowed under!)

We received permission from the developer to access the property and remove the daffodils before the land was cleared. Several members and their husbands dug up the bulbs to have ready for a Saturday morning work session at the pond on February 5. Many members and their husbands met to dig eight to ten holes between each of the eighty-five ten-foot fence lengths. Other members, met at the pond over the following three days to divide and replant the bulbs.

We are anxiously awaiting next year’s splash of yellow blooms. Our efforts have already been rewarded as many of the daffodils are already in bloom.

We feel that this project enhanced the beauty of our neighborhood, promoted a sense of community, and conserved almost 5000 bulbs from an untimely demise. Approximately 100 man hours were spent completing this beautification and conservation project. The only cost involved was our time. We all feel that it was time well spent.