



Mr. Erlandson presents the Gold Medal to Bill Pannill (left) and the Silver Medal to Mary Lou Gripshover (right).

CITATION FOR THE AWARD OF THE SILVER MEDAL OF THE ADS

The ADS Silver Medal is awarded for "outstanding and distinguished service to the American Daffodil Society." This year's recipient has indeed met these qualifications. The nominating and seconding letters were full of praise for her achievements and contributions to the Society.

This personable lady has quietly but effectively served the Society in many ways: Regional Director, Regional Vice President, Chairman of an ADS Convention, and more.

Her individual achievements include growing superb daffodils, both standards and miniatures, and hybridizing the latter. She is an accredited judge and a life member of the Society.

However, the membership of the ADS probably knows her best and benefited the most by her work as Editor of *The Daffodil Journal*. Since 1964, the Society has always been blessed with a quality *Journal*. The first two Editors had taken our publication to a height of literary and horticultural perfection difficult to equal or surpass—a hard act to follow. None-the-less, since 1978, when she became the third Editor, the quality of the *Journal* has risen to even new heights. It has become truly an international journal for the dissemination of daffodil information. She has guided the *Journal* to new excellence in many ways: a fresh look; articles on daffodil culture, pests, and diseases for everyone from the beginner to the hybridizer; travel reports; show reports; and interesting pictures including the newly added color.

Our *Journal* is probably the most important value received by every member of our world-wide membership and, to a great extent, our future depends on its continuing excellence.

Thanks to her talented and time-consuming efforts, the recent issues of the *Journal* have not gone unnoticed in other horticultural circles. For the past four years *The Daffodil Journal* has received the "Award of Merit" of the National Council of State Garden Clubs. This is a remarkable and much-deserved achievement which we can all share with pride. Now it's our turn to honor her.

On behalf of the ADS, it is an honor to present the Silver Medal for 1984 to Mrs. Paul J. Gripshover of Franklin, Tennessee.