wrong with this Loch Lundie?” as if they’d seen you last weekend instead of last year, I tried to be helpful. Since I’m a better track coach by far than a daffodil judge, my useful comments were mostly limited to, “There are already three Quinns. Take yours apart and put the best ones in the overseas awards,” and such profound notions as that.

Then I started watching Marie Bozievich stage her entries. With midnight upon us, she showed none of the nail-biting, chain-smoking, table-pounding, label-tearing anxiety I saw all around me. She was holding up a flower (not the Backchat which was later to win the two national-show awards I personally covet above all others; just something long-stemmed and white and green-eyed), and she said, “I just enjoy really getting acquainted with my own daffodils like this.”

About this time, a mini-commotion erupted in the doorway, signalling the arrival, with boxes of daffodils, of the Havens-Anderson-Tate-Robertson-Etheredge contingent, from Oregon by way of South Carolina and, most exasperatingly, the Philadelphia airport.

Now my headmaster or your kennel manager or the computer salesman in the Atlanta airport may not understand why you would come from California and Oregon to Philadelphia by way of Greenville, South Carolina. But we do.

And that’s what it’s all about—daffodils we love, and daffodil friends we treasure, and getting to know both of them better.

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CITATION FOR THE AWARD OF THE SILVER MEDAL OF THE ADS, 1985

The recipient of the ADS Silver Medal for 1985 has given outstanding and distinguished service to the Society. This distinguished and congenial gentleman has contributed to the Society in many ways and for a number of years. He has served as Publications Chairman, Second Vice-President, First Vice-President, President, and Executive Director. He is also an Accredited Daffodil Judge. He has worked with Dr. Throckmorton in publishing all three editions of Daffodils To Show and Grow. His achievements were well set forth by the many nominating and seconding letters of praise received by the Honors Committee.

He grows a large number of daffodils, exhibits his blooms, and has won many awards in shows. In spite of his busy schedule he has found time for hybridizing and lecturing to groups of people about the daffodil. Through all his years of service his wife has worked by his side. Since the ADS can give only one Silver Medal to one individual each year, perhaps the recipient will permit her to wear the medal part of the time.

On behalf of the American Daffodil Society, it is a pleasure to present the Silver Medal for distinguished service to the Society to Mr. William O. Ticknor, Tyner, North Carolina.