The ADS Gold Medal is awarded for "creative work of a pre-eminent nature in the understanding and advancement of daffodils." Fifteen Gold Medals have been awarded since 1959.

The deserving recipient of Gold Medal number sixteen is one of the world's foremost hybridizers. He has made many contributions to the daffodil and its culture and is recognized wherever daffodils are grown. He has won the Gold Medal for the best trade exhibit at the Royal Horticulture Society Daffodil Show in London for many years. Last year he added the coveted Engleheart Cup to the list of his achievements.

In 1985 he also won first prize for twelve seedlings in the R.H.S. Competition, the Championship of Ireland, the Guy L. Wilson Trophy, and the Royal Mail Trophy.

He has been an officer of the Northern Ireland Daffodil Society and a Director of the ADS. For the past twelve years he and his associate have operated Rathowen Daffodils and have given the world some excellent pink cyclamineus hybrids; e.g. Elizabeth Ann, Swing Wing, and Urchin. Other introductions of note are Pink Paradise, Mount Angel, Premiere, Fragrant Rose, and there are more yet to come. His 1985 Engleheart Cup entry included six seedlings under number. The 1986 Rathowen catalog lists twenty new introductions.

On behalf of the ADS it is an honor to present the Gold Medal for 1986 to Mr. Brian S. Duncan of Northern Ireland.

(Word has reached us that he won the Engleheart Cup again in 1986.—Ed.)