

ADS GOLD MEDAL RECIPIENT

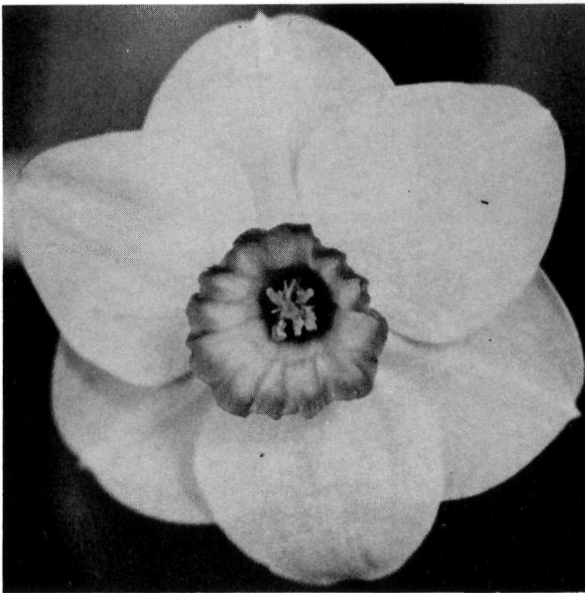
1989

Mr. John W. Blanchard

This year the recipient of the ADS Gold Medal is a second generation daffodil enthusiast who began working with his father in the Daffodil Society in 1954. He became a member of the Editorial Committee of the R.H.S. Narcissus and Tulip Committee in 1969 and has been a yearly contributor to its publication ever since, documenting his trips to the Iberian Peninsula and Morocco to study the species in their natural habitat and clarifying the mysteries of miniature daffodils. He has grown the species at his home in Blanford, Dorset, using them to create many new, choice miniatures. Pequenita and Sabrosa are among his most recent introductions.

His hybridizing program has not by any means been limited to miniatures. His keen eye has selected such best-of-show winners as Purbeck and Ashmore. We look forward to a new line of refined doubles from his garden.

Since 1984, he has served as Chairman of the RHS Narcissus and Tulip Committee, guiding this prestigious organization with the knowledge acquired through association with the daffodil world for many years. It gives me great pleasure to present the 1989 ADS Gold Medal to the man who took the 1989 ADS Convention in Columbus, Ohio, by storm, John W. Blanchard.



Purbeck