1998 GOLD AND SILVER MEDAL PRESENTATIONS
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(Text of Gold and Silver Medal Awards from outgoing President Jaydee Ager’s presentation at Richmond Convention.)

Tonight, we are going to award both the gold and silver medals. The silver medal of the ADS is awarded for service to our organization. The gold medal is awarded for service to the daffodil. These two high honors are not always awarded by the Honors Committee. Nominations are sent to the sitting ADS president, who serves as chairman without vote. And the nomination letters are copied and forwarded to the three surviving former presidents for their consideration. The vote must be unanimous before either of these two honors may be awarded.

SILVER MEDAL: PEGGY MACNEALE

Our silver medal recipient was the convention chairman at the first convention I attended in 1974. Our recipient has served the ADS for many years in the following capacities: miniature committee chairman, accredited judge, judging school instructor, regional vice president, frequent contributor to our ADS Journal, regional director, and member of the national nominating committee.

The contributions on the local level have been even more impressive. A founding member of the local daffodil society and known as a mentor of newcomers, our silver medal recipient tirelessly stages daffodil exhibits and displays, promoting daffodils in the community. In order to insure entries in her show’s container grown class, she organized a potting party, buying all the pots, soil and bulbs and hosted the event at her home. She will talk daffodils with anyone she can hem up. Resistance is futile. A few years ago, while checking out at her local grocery store, she noticed an outstanding vase of daffodils on the office counter. Our dynamo silver medal lady demanded to know to whom those daffodils belonged. She was told the
young man who grew them was off and would be back in the next day. Our silver medal lady returned the next day and promptly recruited our handsome, young ADS photography chairman, Tom Stettner. Tom was helpless to resist the lady who is described as "the first one to arrive at the daffodil event and the last one to leave." She is the effervescent lady from Cincinnati, Ohio who loves birds and daffodils. She is Peggy Macneale.

GOLD MEDAL: CLIVE POSTLES

Your president received many, many nomination letters for our gold medal recipient and the letters were very long. For there was much to say about our honoree. Known as an avid supporter of ADS, our gold medal recipient has graciously given bulbs and exquisite items of daffodilia for our fundraiser auctions. A frequent contributor to the ADS Journal, our honoree also attends as many ADS conventions as possible. But his greatest contributions to our daffodil world have been on the show bench as is evidenced by his seven Engleheart wins in the last twelve years. Here is a small list of some of his daffodil introductions: 'Carole Lombard', 'Chelsea Girl', 'Desert Storm', 'Moon Shadow', 'Heslington', 'Honeybourne', and 'Chateau Impney'. Yet, his contributions are larger than his own introductions for he preserved the daffodil legacy of the late John Lea. To quote one nomination letter, our gold medal recipient "did what no one else could have done, having been so familiar with all John Lea's plans and goals." Registrations in the name of John Lea continue. It is an extraordinary man who will share his own dreams with the world, while fulfilling the dreams of others before him. Our gold medal recipient is a multi-talented individual but we have seen one thing he is very poor at. For those of you who had the misfortune of seeing Clive Postles clogging at the 1990 ADS convention at Callaway Gardens, you know that Clive has no rhythm and no aptitude for clogging or Irish step dancing. Clive could never get a job with the cast of Riverdance! But we honor Clive Postles tonight with our ADS gold medal for his preeminent work in the advancement of daffodils on the world stage. And this is an honor that he is most deserving of. We regret that Clive could not be here personally to receive this award. But he and his lovely wife Astrid are home in England, preparing for the gala English Daffodil Society Centenary celebration. Our president-elect, Bob Spotts, will travel to England and will have the honor and privilege of personally presenting Clive Postles with our ADS gold medal. (See photo on page 233.)