• Full member of the RHS Narcissus Classification Advisory Committee

To balance her activities she hybridizes daffodils, promotes daffodils though a column (Suite101.com) on the Internet, judges and exhibits in shows, and travels to see her many daffodil friends overseas.

Worldwide, should one ask what current American is the most significant contributor to the daffodil world community, the answer might well be unanimous: Mary Lou Gripshover!

Mary Lou, please accept this prestigious and most deserved award.

ADS SILVER MEDAL

The Silver Medal is awarded to an individual for distinguished service to the American Daffodil Society. This year's recipient has a unique record of exceptional, continuing service to our Society. Amid a busy professional life, he has served as Regional Director, Regional Vice-President, and Board Parliamentarian. But his most critical contributions have been as ADS Legal Counsel, a position he has held for thirty years! He has never asked for compensation for his legal advice, advice which has certainly smoothed the rough terrain over which the ADS has sometimes traveled. Every ADS President, the ADS Executive and Finance Committee, and the ADS Board have sought his expertise to cope with myriad legal and financial issues.

Still, it is not only his legal knowledge that is valuable to the Society. He is a natural "facilitator" of group action. He has a knack for distilling an issue under discussion into its essence--assimilating the pros and cons--and succinctly proposing a course that all can accept. How much lengthier our Board Meetings would be without his participation!

Dick Frank--Richard H. Frank, Jr--recognition of your service is long overdue. The ADS Silver Medal is a small measure of thanks for your contributions to the ADS.

CONVENTION VIDEO

Rich Noel, a member of the Daffodil and Hosta Society of Western Pennsylvania, made a memorable video tape of the 1999 Pittsburgh convention. You can order a copy directly from him for $20.00 Postpaid. To order, you can contact him directly: Rich Noel, 2280 Cremona Drive, Pittsburgh PA 15241, or phone him at: 412/835-3254. Checks should be made payable to Rich Noel.