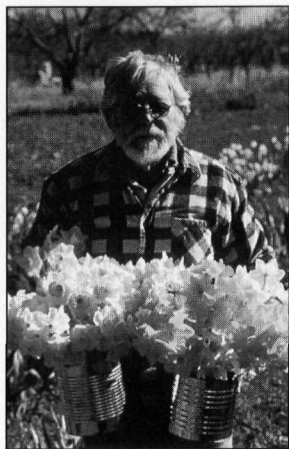


ADS GOLD MEDAL: SID DUBOSE



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The contributions to the advancement of the daffodil made by this year's ADS Gold Medal winner are truly unique. As a hybridizer, he has toiled where others have not: in a warm climate only marginally supportive of daffodils. For over thirty years he has maintained a breeding program to develop show-quality daffodils that will grow and bloom in warm climates. This work is unique to our daffodil world. His success in extending the range of modern daffodil cultivars into warm climates is a noteworthy contribution to daffodil history.

Our winner's initial interest was in Division 2 pink-cups. The result has been a series of show-winning cultivars (e.g., 'Dove Song' and 'Raspberry Rose') that grow and bloom early enough to avoid the mid-season wilting heat of the California Valley. As his pink-cup breeding began to show results, he expanded his program, first to other large-cups (e.g., 'Nob Hill' and 'Geometrics') and tazettas ('Bright Spangles' and 'Polly Anderson'), and then to jonquils ('Work of Art').

Most recently, he has worked toward producing quality smaller cultivars—intermediates (or elfins). His first contribution, named in memory of Brooke Ager, is exceptional in its vivid color and pleasing form.

The lasting impact of his work will be realized as daffodil growers living in other marginal climates throughout the world discover and grow these cultivars.

This Gold Medal winner is not just a daffodil hybridizer. He is a dedicated and effective promoter of the daffodil—and a mentor to numerous others dedicated to the daffodil. He is a living daffodil legend on the West Coast.

We in the U.S.A. know about Sidney DuBose. In presenting him the ADS Gold Medal, we are telling the rest of the world about his significant accomplishments.