He is a generous and humble individual. He never seeks the limelight and is much more of a background facilitator. The American Daffodil Society is pleased to present the ADS Gold Medal to the very worthy English gentleman, George Tarry, who has accomplished so much and who has made an international contribution to the daffodil world.

(Ian Tyler, from Lancashire, Great Britain accepted the award for George Tarry. Bob Spotts presented the award to George in England the following month.)

ADS SILVER MEDAL: MARTHA ANDERSON

The Silver Medal of the American Daffodil Society is awarded to an individual deemed by the Honors Committee as being worthy of “recognition of outstanding service to the American Daffodil Society.”

Our Silver Medal recipient is a lady who has accomplished great things in a very quiet manner and is now being properly appreciated by those of us who are the beneficiaries of those accomplishments.

Fifty years ago Martha Anderson entered her first daffodil show. Ever since, she has been growing and showing and judging and recruiting new growers, as well as helping to organize new societies and stage conventions. Mentoring new daffodil growers was, and continues to be, one of her major goals in life as she guides them in the showing and growing of our favorite flower, the daffodil. She is most generous with her BEST cultivars for she can make them all multiply and grow like weeds.

Martha is the authority on growing miniature daffodils in the Deep South. She shares her knowledge of miniature daffodils with many of those who live in the Deep South. She is a superb daffodil judge and was an excellent judging instructor. She put on a series of judging schools in Hernando and personally hosted at the family farm many potential judges who had come a great distance to attend judging schools.

She is constantly recruiting new members for the ADS and is the driving force in the continuation of daffodil shows. She is sought after as a speaker who heralds the miniature daffodil. Martha has served on the ADS board of Directors in several capacities over the years. She is the epitome of what every ADS member ought to be.
Martha is a gracious, hospitable, kind, and unassuming lady. Every region needs a Martha Anderson. The ADS is pleased to award the Silver Medal to Martha Anderson for her half century of service and dedication to the goals of the society.

NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Congratulations and thanks to the KDS (Kentucky Daffodil Society) for an outstanding convention. All reports have been positive. Diversified tours gave attendees once-in-a-lifetime opportunities. The Kentucky team gave one the feeling that it was their pleasure to share Kentucky with their ADS family. Thank you, Kentucky, for this memorable occasion.

Many concerns are being addressed through the ad hoc committees noted at the end of the ADS Board Listing in this issue. Bylaws are being updated. An updated Convention Manual will be ready by the fall board meeting. The ADS hopes to have its Miniature Booklet ready to be introduced at the 2002 convention in Cincinnati, OH. Olivia Welbourn has been appointed as the Regional Directors Liaison to assist in the exchange of successful promotions as well as regional needs within each region.

Accolades to the South Western Ohio Daffodil Society (SWODS) for winning the prestigious American Horticultural Society Award, the Bole Memorial Gold Medal, and Cincinnati Horticultural Society Award for Best Single Genus Display. The requirement for the Gold Medal requires a “Presentation of a collection of fifteen related species or cultivars of cut flowers or container grown plants.” The daffodil season was at its end during the Ault Park Garden Show but the SWODS members persevered and ADS members from the north and the northwest answered their call for daffodils. Noted horticulturists from several states judged this educational display and awarded the exhibit 97 out of a possible 100 points. Communication, cooperation, and education were at its best. The ADS congratulates you and thanks you for once again giving the public a view of the daffodil world with an invitation to join.

Congratulation to the ADS Journal editor and all those who contribute to the Journal. The voice of The Daffodil Journal is heard throughout the world. The Daffodil Journal, 1999 issues, received the National Council of State Garden Clubs (NCSGC) Award of Merit for a Plant Society Publication. This award was announced at the NCSGC 72nd convention on May 5, 2001 in Chicago, Illinois. The following was read at the Awards banquet: “The award recognized the ADS Journal as a quarterly publication offering culture, hybridizing, pest controls, and information on up-coming flower shows, as well as conventions and