



Nancy Mott
ADS Silver Medal 2006

The Silver Medal of The American Daffodil Society is presented to someone who has given outstanding service to the ADS.

Our recipient this year has served on the National Nominating Committee on several different occasions, has served several terms as a Regional Director, and has served as a RVP from her region. A Life Member, she is also an Accredited Judge of daffodils.

She has a tireless and passionate devotion to growing and showing daffodils and encouraging others to do the same. She has arranged workshops to educate new growers about the different divisions of daffodils and guides them in exhibiting their blooms.

In addition, she was instrumental in starting a Youth program in which bulbs are provided to several private and public schools to plant on the school premises. The teachers incorporate science lessons for 2nd and 3rd graders in conjunction with the plantings. In April, the children select and cut blooms to enter in the show.

One letter writer said, "She is deserving of recognition not because of her success as an exhibitor but for her constant encouragement and support for new growers and prospective judges. There is a generation of us who would not have been involved at all in ADS were it not for her unstinting efforts."

She has been the mainstay of the Greenwich Daffodil Society for decades, where during show week she manages all the organizing, judging, awards presentations, the clearing up and taking down, the storage of props, the hospitality for visiting judges, entering flowers – and still gracefully answers questions from novices to help them enter their own flowers.

Recently she realized a need for a new daffodil show in the New England area. Almost single-handedly she established the Tower Hill show, a favorite destination for growers in New England whose bulbs bloom so late in the season.

For this dedication to the daffodil and the work of the Society, the ADS is proud to award the ADS Silver medal to her. All regions should have at least one Nancy Mott. ❀