

Bob Spotts

When Bob Spotts wants to pay the highest of compliments to someone in the ADS, he will say, “She/he thinks about daffodils most days of the year.” This statement truly applies to the 2007 winner of the American Daffodil Society Silver Medal for Service to the Society.

Bob served as Pacific Regional Vice-President and as Awards Chairman. The highlight of his term as President was the ADS’ hosting the 2000 World Convention at Portland, Oregon, America’s first and so far only World Convention, Bob’s idea and one which he worked unceasingly to bring off successfully.

Since those years, he has served as Hybridizers chairman, and presently as Membership chair, in addition to chairing the National Nominating Committee. He was co-chair of the recent ADS convention in Tacoma, Washington, and will be chairman in 2010 of the national convention to be held at Ironstone Vineyard in Murphys, California.

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Gold Medal Winners

(l) Ben Blake (c) Nancy Tackett

Silver Medal Winner

(r) Bob Spotts

Bob is deeply concerned lest the work of great daffodil hybridizers be lost, and he has been active in organizing bulb digs and planning distributions and putting in long hours of hard digging, first for the seedlings of Bob Jerrell, and then Manuel Lima, and assisting Steve Vinisky in the saving of Sid Dubose's last seedling crosses. Exhibitors in future years will reap great benefits from these efforts.

He is a sparkplug of the Northern California Daffodil Society and of the entire Pacific Region. His frequent NCDS on-line newsletters are informative and challenging. He organizes and teaches Judging Schools up and down the Pacific Coast, and their roster of judges has increased considerably. He also helped to make possible the recent pair of shows in Utah.

He is a much sought-after judging instructor and frequent contributor of thought-provoking articles in *The Daffodil Journal*. He served for several years as our representative to the World Daffodil Council, and travels frequently to other continents to search out new daffodils and visit again with old friends.

Finally, as Phyllis Hess reminded us, "Don't forget that it was Bob Spotts who was responsible for bringing Nancy Tackett and Ben Blake into the ADS." ❀