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

The 2008 Gold Medal was awarded to Phyllis Hess of Lewis Center, Ohio. Phyllis has served the ADS with quiet distinction for more than twenty years. She was Secretary for eight years, and recently served as the Regional Vice President of the Midwest Region. She is presently the Marketing/Public Relations chairman.

After the Silver Medal was presented to Phyllis at the banquet at Lewis Ginter Gardens by ADS president Rod Armstrong, further tributes were paid to the quiet but important contributions Phyllis has made to the ongoing work of the Society.

“Her very efficient service is always performed with a willing and cheerful attitude. The word ‘responsible’ describes Phyllis.”

“No one could be a better ambassador for daffodils and the ADS. Her inclusiveness to all is a treasured trait and is helping people maintain interest, by making them a part of the group. Her consistent helpfulness and outgoing personality is a boon to her group locally as well as the national group. We need many more like her to continue to bring us all together.”

“Phyllis has a great talent for the administrative details. While the rest of us at a show are busy playing with our own daffodils, Phyllis is in the back, making sure all the details are taken care of.”

“Phyllis is a superb hostess, with an international circle of ADS friends who are always welcome. She was in charge of a recent fall Board Meeting which let us meet all the daffodil people of Ohio, and visit in their homes and gardens.”

“Phyllis has a talent for ‘People Pictures’ which enriches the Daffodil Journal. For years to come, members will enjoy all of the photographs Phyllis indefatigably snapped, showing people enjoying being together, celebrating daffodil friendships.”

Phyllis Hess

2008 ADS Silver Medal