

The Capens Of Boonton Honored For Work Breeding Flowers

Elizabeth and John Capen were honored recently at the Annual Meeting of the New Jersey State Council of Garden Clubs at the Aspen Hotel in Parsippany.

The prestigious Dr. W.T. Somerville Hybridization award was presented to them for outstanding work in the field of daffodils and daylilies.

Mrs. Capen is a charter member of the Rockaway Valley Garden Club and the American Daffodil Society. She served many years on the Club Board and is a certified Horticulture Judge. One of the first bulbs developed by Mrs. Capen and registered with the Royal Horticultural Society was a pink-cupped jonquil named "~~Baby Doll~~." The registered name of a new miniature was announced for the first time at the Aspen meeting. The flower, "Alec Gray," was named by Mrs. Capen in honor of the late eminent English hybridizer and originator of most modern miniatures.

The Capen home, Springdale, is an internationally recognized test garden for daffodils and features over one thousand varieties. Members of the Royal Horticultural Society of England and Europe are frequent visitors each spring.

Mr. Capen is a recognized hybridizer of daylily and has produced many registered plants. His garden is the only daylily garden in the metropolitan area to be appointed by the Board of the American Hemerocallis Society as its Official Display Garden. Mr. and Mrs. Capen received a standing ovation from the nearly 500 guests at the Aspen. The Rockaway Valley Garden Club recently presented Mrs. Capen with a Certificate of Appreciation and bestowed Honorary Membership for her many years of service.

*Did you happen to see their
they made some mistake
but they did "spell our
name right" - though they
got Ronnie's wrong,
When we returned from
the hospital, a visitor
then propped on a sofa &
exclaimed, "Oh I thought it
was a doll." She did look like one*

became "Doll Baby"...