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AMERICAN DAFFODIL SOCIETY (ADS) 2021 PRESIDENT'S MEDAL RECIPIENT ANNOUNCED!

ADS Virtual National Convention – Jaydee Atkins Ager of Hawkinsville, Georgia was awarded the American Daffodil Society President's Medal on February 26, 2021, at the American Daffodil Society Virtual National Convention.



The American Daffodil Society President's Medal is awarded to people who can only be described as exceptional. They continue to make substantial contributions to our daffodil world above and beyond what is normally expected of any one person. Because of their presence we have a far richer environment than would have been possible without their participation.

The ADS President's Medal is awarded very infrequently and only if a worthy recipient can be found. This white gold medal needs NO letters of nomination because the worthiness of the recipient must be self-evident.



A native Georgian, Jaydee Atkins Ager joined The American Daffodil Society (ADS) at the age of 19 and has been a member for 48 years. Jaydee lives and grows her daffodils in the Coastal Plain of middle Georgia in the Southeastern USA. Her USDA Zone 8b makes for challenging conditions for growing daffodils – but Jaydee belongs to the '*Never Give Up Club*'! She is an Accredited Judge of ADS, and served as ADS Secretary, Second VP, First VP, and the 1996-1998 President. Jaydee also served the ADS as Executive Director for almost nine years and was awarded the ADS Silver Medal in 2005 for service to the Society. Jaydee considers her advocacy for and successful transition for ADS to divest itself of its library and archival documents to an appropriate venue as her greatest contribution to the organization.

Jaydee has chaired past ADS conventions and successful fall board meetings. Jaydee has also chaired important ADS task forces/ad hoc committees including the Convention Oversight committee and the Regional Realignment and Restructuring committee. Jaydee was recently the Chair of our first ever virtual Fall Forum, Visionary Venture – hosted by the ADS. This was a new venture for the ADS and a monumental endeavor that would forge new paths of engagement with the ADS membership, and anyone interested in daffodils. Jaydee gathered an extraordinary team of people and piloted them towards a successful 2020 ADS Fall Forum that was on time, on budget, and done with grace and style.

The American Daffodil Society has a tradition of honoring individuals who have contributed to the betterment of daffodils and the American Daffodil Society. Ms. Ager is an exceptional individual who cares and continues to give her superior meritorious service to the American Daffodil Society.