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AMERICAN DAFFODIL SOCIETY (ADS) 2021 SILVER MEDAL RECIPIENT ANNOUNCED!

ADS Virtual National Convention – Sara Kinne from Bloomington, IN was awarded the 2021 American Daffodil Society Silver Medal on February 26, 2021, at the American Daffodil Society Virtual National Convention.

The American Daffodil Society Silver Medal may be awarded to an individual deemed by the Honors Committee as being worthy of recognition for outstanding service to the American Daffodil Society.



Sara Kinne joined the American Daffodil Society in 1994 and served as Chair of the Membership Committee 2014-2017. Sara continues to serve on the Membership Committee with personal contact to new members, who respond very favorably to her telephone calls and unique handwritten notes in her lovely penmanship. Sara initiated the practice of mailing packages of gift bulbs to new members, as investment in retention and the future of membership. For example, in fall of 2020, Sara mailed out 160 packages of bulbs to new members. Sara devotes many hours to mentor newcomers, and especially Youth. In Spring 2019, Sara worked with the Indiana Daffodil Society to organize a Public Day concurrent with the IDS Daffodil Show, engaging children in fun activities. This event was a big hit with the public, raised awareness of daffodils, and garnered extensive media attention.

For many years, Sara has been the organizing force behind Indiana Daffodil Society bulb sales, personally giving many weekends to running sales booths at the Bloomington Farmers Market and at the Indiana State Fair. The substantial income from these sales has funded scholarships offered by Indiana Daffodil Society to college students each year. The scholarships honor the memory of founding members of IDS: the Sara Elizabeth Frey scholarship to Indiana University, and the Helen Link scholarship to Purdue University. The scholarships are formally awarded at university honor ceremonies, giving high visibility to the work of Indiana Daffodil Society in the community.

Sara has assisted in many daffodil bulb digs and planting-out activities to benefit both Indiana Daffodil Society and the ADS. She has helped immensely to protect and organize the daffodil stocks at the Libby Frey property and the Helen Link property. Sara has been unstintingly generous in sharing her bulbs and her knowledge. A fine exhibitor herself, she is always willing to step up and assist a newcomer or a child with entries at the shows.

A true connoisseur of the daffodil, and its best ambassador, Sara Kinne joins a prestigious group of individuals who have given exceptional service to the American Daffodil Society.