Awards to people

PETER BARR MEMORIAL CUP 2010
Awarded to James and Wendy Akers
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In 1996, the existence of what is now the Daffodil, Snowdrop and Tulip Yearbook was threatened by the high cost of RHS staff time devoted to preparing camera-ready copy. This difficulty was solved by James undertaking the task for the thirteen years until 2009, when sales recovered enough to pay for professional help again. James was ably assisted in this task by Wendy's thorough proofreading.

James and Wendy also acted as stockholders and distributors for eight years. These unpaid voluntary commitments involved the equivalent of many weeks full time work each year and were critical to the survival of the Yearbook. Remarkably, James and Wendy also found the time needed to give many years' voluntary service to the Daffodil Society, as editor or as provider of the 'behind the scenes' computer services and proofreading needed for continued annual production of their journal and newsletter.

Since 1992 James and Wendy have made many journeys searching for wild daffodils, and have passed on their knowledge and experience to other enthusiasts. Importantly, they have added to our knowledge of the surviving wild distribution of N. cyclamineus and done much to raise awareness of the significant range of wild daffodils to be found in France.

James has been an active member of the RHS Daffodil and Tulip Committee since 1993, and until her resignation due to health problems earlier this year, Wendy was a member of the then RHS Daffodil and Tulip Show Schedule Panel. Both James and Wendy have also served as members of the Daffodil Society's committee, on numerous occasions.

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REGINALD CORY MEMORIAL CUP 2010
Awarded to Ron Scamp
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The Reginald Cory Memorial Cup is awarded annually by the RHS to a raiser whose hybridization programme within a particular genus or single species has resulted in the recent introduction and availability of new hardy hybrids of more well-known C. growing. Ronald (Ron) has had a career in retailing before commencing his professional life.

Ron has raised daffodils since 1973, and was Best Bloom in Show at the Tulip and Daffodil Meeting in the competition run by the RHS. He also has a well-deserved reputation for raising daffodils in the wild, and has made a number of introductions.

Ron has three major introductions, with Apodanthi warming relations in their plantings, and offers a number of daffodils in the commercial market through Apodanthi. Ron's hybridization programme in their plantings is also influenced by his interest in the small glockenspiel.

James and Wendy Akers receive the Peter Barr Memorial Cup (photo RHS)

Ron Scamp (left) receives the Reginald Cory Memorial Cup from Giles Bradbury (right) at the Blenheim Palace Tulip Show. (Photo RHS)
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