2022 Fortuna Show - ADS Award Winners

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The 2022 Fortuna daffodil show was March 26-27 at River Lodge in Fortuna, a city near the coast about a five hour drive north of San Francisco. Various conditions conspired to make this year's show smaller than usual, and you'll see signs of prolonged storage in some of the exhibits shown below. There were 141 entries by 13 exhibitors for total of 354 stems. We'll go through all the ADS award winners in show report order. If an award is not mentioned, it means it was not awarded or there were no entries.

Gold Ribbon Winner

The Gold Ribbon is awarded to the best standard daffodil in the show excluding the container-grown classes. The winner was 'WOW!' 1Y-Y exhibited by Kirby Fong.

Miniature Gold Ribbon Winner

The Miniature Gold Ribbon is awarded to the best miniature daffodil in the show excluding the container-grown classes. The winner was 'Little Oliver' 7Y-Y exhibited by Susan Duncan.
White Ribbon Winner

The White Ribbon is awarded to the best set of three standard daffodils in the show. The winner was 'WOW!' exhibited by Kirby Fong. The center flower was the Gold Ribbon winner.

Miniature White Ribbon Winner

The Miniature White Ribbon is awarded to the best set of three miniature daffodils in the show. The winner was 'Little Oliver' 7Y-Y exhibited by Susan Duncan. The center flower was the Miniature Gold Ribbon winner.

Best Intermediate Ribbon Winner

The Best Intermediate Ribbon is awarded to the best intermediate daffodil in the Intermediate Section or in the standard collections. The winner was 'Scarlet Tanager' 2Y-R exhibited by Kirby Fong. An intermediate daffodil is a standard daffodil whose diameter is typically between 50 and 80 millimeters.
Best Intermediate Three-Stem Winner

The Best Intermediate Three-Stem Ribbon is awarded to the best three-stem exhibit in the Intermediate Section or in the Tuggle class. The winner was ‘Scarlet Tanager’ 2Y-R exhibited by Kirby Fong. The flower on the right was the Best Intermediate Ribbon winner.

Historic Bloom Ribbon Winner

The Historic Bloom Ribbon is awarded to the best bloom in the Historics Section. The winner was ‘Sweetness’ 7Y-Y (1939) exhibited by Maria Krenek. An historic daffodil is a cultivar in gardens or registered before 1940.

Historic Best Set of Three Ribbon Winner

The Historic Best Set of Three Ribbon is awarded to the best set of three in the Historics Section. The winner was ‘Dutch Master’ 1Y-Y (1938). Though registered later, it was in gardens in 1938.
Best Classic Ribbon and Best Classic Single-Stem Ribbon Winner

Classic daffodils are cultivars registered between 1940 and 1969 inclusive. An oddity of the Classics awards is that there is an award for the best bloom in the Classics Section and an award for the best single-stem exhibit in the Classics Section. In this show the best single-stem exhibit was also the best bloom. The winner was ‘Tahiti’ 4Y-O (1956) exhibited by Nancy Kirtley.

Best Classic Three-Stem Ribbon Winner

The best three-stem exhibit in the Classics Section was ‘Tahiti’ 4Y-O exhibited by Kirby Fong.

Youth Ribbon Winner

The best bloom in the Youth Section was ‘Pacific Rim’ 2Y-YYR exhibited by Wiley J. Vassel.
Small Growers Ribbon Winner

The best bloom in the Small Growers Section was 'Pastel Gem' 2Y-YPP exhibited by Betsy Stanfield. The Small Growers Section is for exhibitors growing 50 or fewer different cultivars and species.

Best Classic Collection of Five Ribbon Winner

The ribbon for the best collection of five different standard classic daffodils went to this exhibit by Susan Duncan. The flowers in the collection are: Back: 'Pipit' 7YYW-W (1963), 'Gigantic Star' 2Y-Y (1960), 'Goblet' 1W-Y (1952); Front: 'Bambi' 1W-Y (1948), 'Pueblo' 7W-W (1966).

Red-White-Blue Ribbon Winner

The Red-White-Blue Ribbon is awarded to the best collection of 5 different standard American-bred daffodils. The flowers in the winning collection are: Back: 'Pacific Rim' 2Y-YYR (Mitsch), 'Golden Dawn' 8Y-O (Oregon Bulb Farms), 'Canterbury' 5Y-Y (Havens); Front: 'Golden Echo' 7WWY-Y (Heath), 'Euphonic Bells' 5W-W (Havens). The exhibitor was Kirby Fong.
Purple Ribbon Winner

The Purple Ribbon is for the best collection of 5 standard daffodils in the show. The winner was a Division 2 collection consisting of: Back: 'Cape Cornwall' 2Y-YYO, 'Pacific Rim' 2Y-YYR; Front: 'Alto' 2W-P, 'Cameo Lady' 2W-W, 'Birky' 2W-P. The exhibitor was Kirby Fong.

Carey E. Quinn Award Winner


Lavender Ribbon Winner

The Lavender Ribbon is awarded to the best collection of five miniature daffodils. The flowers in the winning collection

There is also a Silver Ribbon which is awarded not to an exhibit but to the exhibitor who wins the most blue (first place) ribbons in the horticultural division of the show. The winner was Kirby Fong with 35 blue ribbons.