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AMERICAN DAFFODIL SOCIETY (ADS) 2022 SILVER MEDAL RECIPIENT ANNOUNCED!

Gettysburg, PA – Janet Hickman of Lynchburg, VA, was awarded the 2022 American Daffodil Society Silver Medal on April 29, 2022 at the American Daffodil Society Spring Convention in Gettysburg, PA.

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.



Janet has had a life-long appreciation of daffodils. In her home garden she raises over 2000 varieties, and continues to search for new varieties and especially Historics.

Janet has served key roles on the board of the Hillside Garden Club in Lynchburg, Virginia. Working with this group, Janet was instrumental in researching and restoring the Historic blooms for the Anne Spencer House Garden, a Virginia landmark on the National Register of Historic Places. Janet has also held key roles on the board of the Old City Cemetery Museums and Arboretum, an official ADS Display Garden in Lynchburg, Virginia.



She has served on the Garden Club of Virginia's daffodil committee for over ten years, with most of those years as the daffodil committee chair. She organized daffodil workshops biannually for 47 GCV club daffodil chairmen and members. She chaired the special selections of the GCV test collections each year for all 47 clubs to grow and show. Each year she selected a theme such as Wister, Div. 4-8, Pannill, all-white, etc. for those just learning about daffodils to have fun with these educational collections.

Preparations for her garden club's hosting of the Virginia Daffodil Society's annual Daffodil Show, the mentoring of friends, and her first blue ribbon drew Janet to the American Daffodil Society. She has been an active member since 2008, and always looks for ways to recruit new members. Janet has been previously recognized with the GCV Horticulture Award of Merit in 2016, and the ADS Mid-Atlantic Region Leadership and Service Award in 2020. Blessed with a mastery of Parliamentary Procedure, Janet served as ADS Secretary 2013-2018.

During the daffodil season, Janet attends almost all the seven or eight Mid-Atlantic Region shows each year. She attends shows along the East coast as well. Her good pal and travel companion Glenna Graves observes "Her car always seems to be filled with blooms." Janet often flies to California to visit family and to participate in daffodil shows there. Janet is always ready to coach and mentor the inexperienced, and to pitch in where help is needed. For the 2019 spring convention in Minnesota, Janet worked late into the night to stage the numerous blooms sent by couriers from the gardens of Dr. John Reed and Joe Hamm.

Janet chaired the ADS Fall Forum 2019 in Lynchburg, Virginia. One aspect of its success was the inclusion of a lunch/seminar open to garden enthusiasts without requiring full attendance at the ADS

event. This creative addition to the Fall Forum enhanced the appreciation of daffodils in the local community, and also bolstered the budget for the Fall Forum.

When the COVID-19 pandemic forced the cancellation of the GCV show in 2020, Janet responded with a virtual photography display of blooms from her own garden, with varieties representing each letter of the alphabet from A to Z. This whimsical collection was widely shared on the ADS website and in *The Daffodil Journal*.

While serving as ADS First Vice President during the height of the pandemic, Janet led the daffodil auctions very smoothly and effectively within the parameters of both the virtual platform and the blended live and virtual events. She took the daffodil auctions even farther, working closely with Executive Director Frank Nyikos to post numerous extended auction sessions on eBay.

With the Gettysburg 2022 convention, Janet has stepped into the position of ADS President. We will all benefit from her superior skills of organization and deep understanding of all things daffodil, but even more from her reassuring strength, her charm, and her grace.