

AMERICAN DAFFODIL SOCIETY (ADS) 2018 GOLD MEDAL RECIPIENT ANNOUNCED!

Franklin, TN – Graham Phillips of Hamilton, Waikato, New Zealand was awarded the 2018 American Daffodil Society Gold Medal on April 6, 2018 at the American Daffodil Society Convention in Franklin, TN.



The Gold Medal of the American Daffodil Society may be awarded once each year in recognition of creative work, of a preeminent nature, in the understanding and advancement of daffodils. Nominees need not be citizens or residents of the United States. Our recipient, Graham Phillips, has a collection of achievements and contributions, including but not limited to, being recognized as a world renowned daffodil hybridizer, a talented entertaining and informative speaker, as well as an accomplished show judge.



Graham Phillips comes from a family with a sincere interest in daffodils. Graham, and his father Phil, together hybridized and named fifty-nine cultivars with most of these registered with the Royal Horticultural Society (RHS). Beginning in 1987, Graham started selecting and naming his own seedlings and now has more than sixty daffodils registered with the RHS. One of Graham's hybridizing goals is to incorporate more red into coronas. A few examples of his sixteen registered daffodils that have a red or red/orange corona are 'Ruby Duby' (2 W-R), 'Luvit' (2 W-R), and 'Red Raider' (3 Y-R).

With support from his wife Bronwyn, Graham founded and currently grows daffodils for [Clandon Daffodils](#). When Graham has not been able to personally breed daffodils to further his hybridizing goals, he has been able to collect these daffodils from many parts of in the world. Thanks to Graham and his dedication and passion to improving daffodils, Clandon Daffodils now has a huge collection (over 1000 varieties). He is one of the largest cut-flower growers in New Zealand and is a regular supplier to the big markets in Auckland and Hamilton, New Zealand.

Graham has developed many early blooming daffodils primarily to further his business. As a result, he is able to provide cut-flowers to the market much earlier than many other cut-flower providers. Growers throughout the world, with similar bloom seasons as New Zealand, grow Graham's early daffodils. Twenty-three of his registered daffodils bloom in an early to early medium season.

Graham Phillips travels extensively, always looking for interesting daffodils. He has represented New Zealand on a variety of panel discussions, effectively communicating his ideas in a manner that is informative as well as entertaining. Recently, the ADS video website [Dafftube.org](#) posted an interview with Graham which was recorded at the 2016 World Daffodil Convention. Graham often provides invaluable mentoring to individuals who want to start their own business of growing daffodils for commercial purposes.

The American Daffodil Society has a tradition of honoring individuals who have contributed to the betterment of daffodils and the American Daffodil Society. You will find Graham's daffodils are grown around the world. He is a distinguished daffodil ambassador and has been a strong advocate of daffodils to many growers. His interest in breeding and growing daffodils is contagious. Mr. Phillips joins a prestigious group of individuals from around the world who continue their creative work towards the understanding and advancement of daffodils.