

# David Jackson

## Peter Barr Memorial Trophy

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The Peter Barr Memorial Trophy was instituted in 1912 and is awarded annually on the recommendation of the Narcissus and Tulip Committee of the RHS to someone who "has done good work of some kind in connection with daffodils". In 1996 the trophy was awarded to David Jackson, a gentle, genial, giant of a man from Surges Bay on the southern coast of Tasmania. Next landfall south is Antarctica and the South Pole. This most southerly address to which the cup has been awarded is an indication that distance and remoteness are not a barrier to recognition and appreciation of exceptional achievements in the development of daffodils.

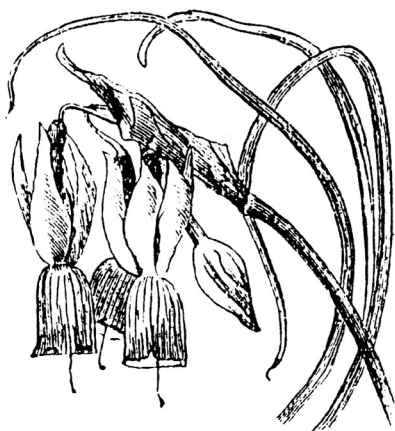
Born in March 1936 David Jackson has an impeccable daffodil breeding pedigree. His father Tim Jackson was at the forefront of developing pink double daffodils and over many years bred a wide range of impressive flowers in Divisions 1-4. Even earlier, his grandfather Dr William Jackson raised daffodils in Tasmania from 1929 to 1948. Such family continuity in daffodil breeding is unusual and has resulted in the development of many first class exhibition daffodils which have a recognisable "Jackson imprint". Pinks which open pink, and blooms with impeccably broad shapely and flat perianths are the hall-marks of Jackson daffodils. David Jackson is modest to a fault and readily acknowledges the help and support of his charming wife Robin. He pays tribute to the skill and efforts of his forbears whilst refining, and hopefully, improving on his great legacy of family bred daffodils. Indeed, what more can any breeder do?

Unquestionably the outstanding hybridizer and exhibitor in his part of the world, David Jackson and his daffodils have been almost unbeatable in the Southern Hemisphere for many years. Having conquered "Down Under", David now has a selection of his bulbs growing in Oregon from which to challenge the other half of the world. Indeed, at his first attempt in 1994 he won the International Hybridizers Trophy at the American Daffodil Society's Convention in Portland, Oregon. This was quite an achievement considering the relatively small sample of bulbs which had been moved to America. Now that the rules have been changed perhaps we can look forward to an Engleheart Cup entry in the near future.

From so many good daffodils it is difficult to select those worthy of special mention; 'Compute' 1W-Y, 'Impeccable' 2Y-Y, 'Nonchalant' 3Y-GYY, 'Pzaz' 3Y-R and 'Chortle' 3Y-W are impressive examples of their type. In addition there are other 1W-Y and 1W-P flowers worthy of trial for exhibition and as a source of new genes. 'Skykoski' 4W-W, a frequent show champion, and 'Fortescue' 4W-R are beautifully formed doubles and one or two split-corona daffodils give promise of such flowers enhanced by that Jackson perianth.

A past-president of the Tasmania Daffodil Council; a determined contributor to the formation of the National Daffodil Association of Australia; a willing source of advice to less knowledgeable growers and a good friend and companion - David Jackson makes an unselfish contribution to the daffodil fraternity.

Having already been awarded the Gold Medal of the American Daffodil Society in 1994, all his friends will rejoice in this worthy recognition by the Royal Horticultural Society. Much has been achieved at Surges Bay, Tasmania; it is likely that the best is yet to come and our best wishes go to David and Robin for continued success in their life's work.



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