## AMERICAN DAFFODIL SOCIETY (ADS) 2014 GOLD MEDAL RECIPIENT ANNOUNCED!

At the March 28<sup>TH</sup> annual meeting, held at the 2014 American Daffodil Society Convention in Little Rock, AR, Jan Pennings of Breezand, Holland was awarded the 2014 American Daffodil Society Gold Medal.

The American Daffodil Society Gold Medal is awarded each year for Meritorious Service in recognition of accomplishment of a preeminent nature in the understanding and advancement of daffodils.



The recipient of this award has been an enthusiastic, life-long ambassador for daffodils and has taken his role as daffodil ambassador and educator to all parts of the world where daffodils grow. Mr. Pennings has been active for many years with the American Daffodil Society, serving on the Board and as a speaker and panelist on many occasions. He has been a member of the RHS Daffodil and Tulip Committee for almost 20 years and this year became Chairman of the new Bulb Committee. He also served on the RHS Trials Committee for several years.



Mr. Pennings serves on the Board of Keukenhof, and was the Director for the past 5 years. He was Chairman of the Dutch portion of the 2008 European World Daffodil Convention. He is an accredited judge of daffodils, and was instrumental in presenting the ADS with the Dutch Trophy, to be contested yearly at the ADS annual daffodil show. He was accorded the honor as a "Member of the Order of Orange-Nassau" from the Queen of the Netherlands for his outstanding work for various social organizations.

The American Daffodil Society has a tradition of honoring individuals who have contributed to the betterment of daffodils and the American Daffodil Society. Mr. Pennings joins a prestigious group of individuals from around the world who continue to give their superior meritorious service to the American Daffodil Society.