

Peter Barr Memorial Trophy



On April 24 the announcement was made that Mrs Kate Reade had been awarded the Peter Barr Memorial Trophy in recognition of her outstanding contribution to the promotion of the daffodil. The news has given enormous pleasure to her wide circle of friends here and abroad.

Her interest in daffodils was fostered in the early days by her near neighbour, the late Guy Wilson, and it was not long before the name of Carncairn Daffodils joined the small band of specialist growers and hybridizers. Over the years many new cultivars have been raised by Kate Reade; the most notable being the famous 'Foundling' and the reverse bicolour 'Gin and Lime'.

Each year, very large exhibits have been staged by the Reade family at the RHS and the well grown flowers combined with Kate's artistic flair have resulted in a number of Gold Medals. In Northern Ireland Kate supports all the local shows and her flowers have won her many important trophies.

In 1989 Kate Reade was appointed a Director-at-Large of the American Daffodil Society; an honour well deserved as she is a regular visitor to the United States and her flowers are on display each year at the Society's Convention.

Many friends, including those from overseas, have enjoyed the hospitality of Kate and Robin at Carncairn Lodge. During the season, the immaculate beds in full bloom and the many seedlings growing on in the walled garden illustrate the volume of work undertaken. This Kate does with abundant energy and always with the greatest attention to detail.