

THE PETER BARR MEMORIAL CUP 2006: AWARDED TO REG NICHOLL

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The Peter Barr Memorial Cup was presented in 1912 by the trustees of the Peter Barr Memorial Fund and is awarded annually by the Royal Horticultural Society on the recommendation of the Daffodil and Tulip Committee, to someone who, has "done good work of some kind in connection with daffodils". Recipients are selected on an international rather than a purely United Kingdom basis. In 2006 the cup was awarded to Reg Nicholl of Rainham in Essex.

Reg was born in Barrow-in-Furness, but moved to Essex at the age of 26. He quickly became involved with his local horticultural society in Rainham, where his interest in daffodils was first aroused and he went on to become their Show Secretary for 13 years before serving as Chairman for 18 years and is now an Honorary Vice-President. His involvement with daffodils has now spanned well over 40 years during which time he has grown, shown, hybridized, judged and written about them. Reg joined the RHS Daffodil and Tulip Committee in 1984 and has been a member of the Trials Sub-Committee for most of that time. He is also a long serving member of the Advisory Panel on Narcissus Classification and the Daffodil and Tulip Show Schedule Panel. Reg is currently President of The Daffodil Society having previously serving as its Chairman for 8 years, during which time he guided the Society through its busy, yet very successful Centenary celebrations in 1998.

Both novices and experienced daffodil enthusiasts have benefited from Reg's commitment, pleasant nature, diplomatic skills and enthusiasm. Reg excels as an ambassador

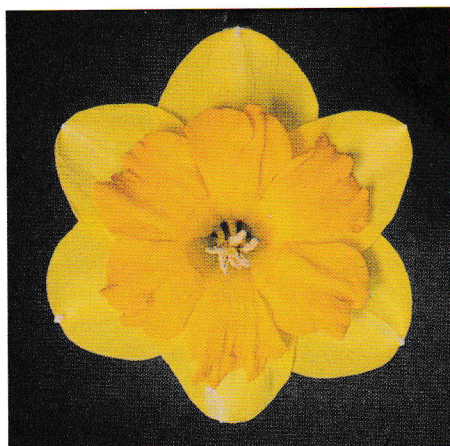
for the daffodil, where a great strength has been his ability to share his enthusiasm and extensive knowledge of daffodils with a wide range of people; whether to a small audience of general gardeners in a village hall or to knowledgeable enthusiasts at large events such as the several Annual Conventions of the American Daffodil Society that he has attended. Similarly, within the committees on which he serves Reg's contributions have ranged from modestly offering carefully thought out and widely respected solutions to difficult issues to spending many hours on daunting tasks such as helping to proof-read *The International Daffodil Register and Classified List 1998*.

A successful exhibitor in strongly contested single blooms classes Reg is a careful observer of shows and his reports and articles in both the *Yearbook* and the Daffodil Society's *Journal* are much valued by readers. He is also a respected and influential senior judge at daffodil shows. As an amateur hybridizer who grows his daffodils on a small nearby allotment Reg has always tried to raise something different from the norm. Examples include the successful green eyed exhibition flower 'Greenodd' 3W-YYW, 'Marion Pearce' 11aY-YYO, 'Spike Milligan' 11aY-Y and 'Duke Ellington' 11aY-YYO. A notable success, both as a hybridizer and as an exhibitor, was winning a strongly contested class for one stem each of five split-corona daffodils at the ADS National Show in Portland in 1995, with flowers of his own raising.

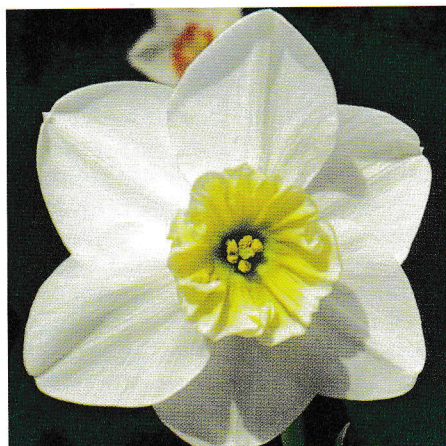
Reg Nicholl has "made a difference" to the daffodil world and is well deserving of the Peter Barr Memorial Cup.



Reg Nicholl (photo Ian Tyler)



'Duke Ellington' raised by Reg Nicholl
(photo Reg Nicholl)



'Greenodd' raised by Reg Nicholl
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