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AMERICAN DAFFODIL SOCIETY (ADS) 2024 GOLD MEDAL RECIPIENT ANNOUNCED!

Herndon, VA– Lawrence Trevanion, from Canberra Australia, was awarded the 2024 American Daffodil Society Gold Medal on April 12, 2024, at the American Daffodil Society Convention in Herndon, VA.

The Gold Medal of the American Daffodil Society may be awarded once each year to recognize creative work of a pre-eminent nature in the understanding and advancement of daffodils. The ADS Gold Medal for 2024 was awarded to Lawrence Trevanion who is known for his advances with daffodil breeding in the upper divisions, his extensive work in understanding and testing daffodil fertility, and regularly communicating his insights to the public.



Lawrence Trevanion grew up in Snowy River country during the 1960's where the only remnants of early European settlers are the daffodils they planted. As a youth he planted these daffodils along the fences where they flower to this day. In the mid 90's he started daffodil breeding in Perth, Western Australia.



There he benefited from an immense collection of older and newer varieties owned by Marie Parton and others. He soon moved to Canberra and was able to expand his activities to a 20-acre property near the neighboring town of Yass. That property has been sold and he is now trying to organize the bones of this collection at his large house block in Canberra.

Mr. Trevanion has been a member of the American Daffodil Society for 30 years, during which time he has been a featured speaker at National Conventions and a recent zoom program during February of 2024. He has 50 cultivars documented on DaffSeek.org, a unique daffodil photo database which is a query system sponsored by the American Daffodil Society for the purpose of providing useful information and photos to our Internet visitors.

He also has been especially responsive with suggestions and answers to questions in the newly active ADS Hybridizers' Information Exchange listserv.

One of his nominators praised "his work in understanding and testing daffodil fertility, his advances in daffodil breeding in the upper divisions, and regularly communicating his insights to the public."

The American Daffodil Society has a tradition of honoring individuals who have contributed to the betterment of daffodils. Lawrence's Gold Medal is well deserved and long overdue. His time and service to the American Daffodil Society has expanded our knowledge and the possibilities for daffodil breeding. Mr. Trevanion joins a prestigious group of individuals from around the world who continue their creative work towards the understanding and advancement of daffodils.