

The John and Gertrude Wister Award

The American Daffodil Society recognizes outstanding garden daffodils with the John and Gertrude Wister Award. This award was first presented in 1985.

Criteria for this award are:

1. That the cultivar must be a good grower. It should have a floriferous habit (many bloom stalks).
2. It should have long lasting bloom with clean color, showy at a distance and reasonably sunfast.
3. Foliage should be vigorous, resistant to disease and frost damage.
4. Stem should be taller than foliage, strong and sturdy.
5. Bulb should be resistant to basal rot and not prone to splitting up. (Too rapid increase can be a problem, such as in a cultivar where the blooms deteriorate dramatically in size and substance after being down two or three years.)
6. Emphasis should be on garden performance, although it may be of show table quality.
7. Cultivar should be readily available.
8. The award may be given annually.

The following daffodils (Narcissus) have received the Wister Award (bulb sources are noted):

1. **'Stratosphere'**, 7 Y-O, a yellow and orange jonquil hybrid, several blooms per stem, **1985**.
2. **'Accent'**, 2 W-P, a white and pink large-cupped daffodil, **1987**.
3. **'Ice Follies'**, 2 W-W, a white large-cupped daffodil which opens with a yellow cup, **1992**.
4. **'Sweetness'**, 7 Y-Y, an all yellow, fragrant jonquil hybrid, **1993**.
5. **'Ceylon'**, 2 Y-O, a yellow and orange large-cupped daffodil, **1994**.
6. **'Salome'**, 2 W-PPY, a white and pink large-cupped daffodil with a yellow rim on the cup, **1995**.
7. **'Peeping Tom'**, 6 Y-Y, a yellow cyclamineus hybrid daffodil, **1996**.
8. **'Rapture'**, 6 Y-Y, an all yellow cyclamineus hybrid daffodil, **1997**.
9. **'Intrigue'**, 7 Y-W, a jonquil hybrid with yellow petals and a white cup, several blooms per stem, **1998**.
10. **'Tripartite'**, 11a Y-Y, a split-corona hybrid, with several blooms per stem, **1999**.
11. **'Monal'**, 2 Y-R, a yellow and red large-cupped daffodil, **2000**.
12. **'Golden Aura'**, 2 Y-Y, an all yellow large-cupped daffodil, **2001**.
13. **'Bravoure'**, 1 W-Y, a strong-growing trumpet daffodil with white petals and a yellow cup, **2002**.
14. **'Tahiti'**, 4 Y-O, a yellow and orange double daffodil, strong stems, **2003**.
15. **'Segovia'** 3 W-Y, a miniature daffodil, **2004**.
16. **'Fragrant Rose'** 2W-GPP, a later blooming pink and white daffodil with perfect form, **2005**.
17. **'Dainty Miss'** 7W-GWW, intermediate- size, all white flower, **2006**.
18. **'Camelot'** 2 Y-Y, all yellow large-cupped daffodil, **2007**.
19. **'Chromacolor'** 2 W-P, a white and pink large-cupped daffodil, **2007**.
20. **'Hillstar'** 7 YYW-YWW, a jonquil hybrid with a white halo on the yellow petals and yellow at the base of the white cup, several blooms per stem, **2007**.
21. **'Merlin'** 3 W-YYR, a small-cupped daffodil with white petals and a yellow cup rimmed in red, **2007**.
22. **'Quail'** 7 Y-Y, a jonquil hybrid, several blooms per stem, fragrant, **2007**.
23. **'Falconet'** 8 Y-R, a tazetta hybrid with yellow petals and a small red cup, several blooms per stem, fragrant, **2007**.
24. **'Kokopelli'** 7 Y-Y, an all yellow jonquil hybrid with several small blooms per stem, **2007**.
25. **'Saint Keverne'** 2 Y-Y, an all yellow large-cupped daffodil, **2007**.
26. **'Resplendent'** 2 Y-R, a red and yellow large-cupped daffodil, **2007**.
27. **'Brackenhurst'**, 2 Y-O, a red and yellow large-cupped daffodil, **2008**.
28. **'Hawera'**, 5 Y-Y, a miniature yellow triandrus hybrid with several blooms per stem, **2008**.
29. **'Crackington'**, 4 Y-O, a yellow and orange double daffodil, **2009**.
30. **'Misty Glen'**, 2W-GWW, an all-white large-cupped daffodil, **2010**.
31. **'Dreamlight'**, 3 W-GWR, a historic daffodil with white petals and a small cupped edged in red, **2010**.

32. **'Sun Disc'**, 7 Y-Y, a miniature all yellow daffodil, **2010**.
33. **'Barrett Browning'**, 3 WWY-O, white petals and a brightly colored cup make this a standout in the garden; **2011**.
34. **'Actaea'**, 9 W-Y-YR, white petals and a brightly colored cup make this historic poet a standout; **2012**.
35. **'Thalia'**, 5 W-W, white petals and cup make this Historic triandrus a standout; **2013**.
36. **'Tete-a-Tete'**, 12 Y-Y, yellow petals and cup make this miniature daffodil a standout; **2014**.
37. **'Golden Echo'**, 7WWY-Y, white petals and bright yellow cup make this fragrant jonquilla daffodil a standout; **2015**.
38. **'N. poeticus recurvus' (Pheasant's Eye)**, 13 - Species, Wild Variants, this poeticus daffodil is fragrant with recurved white petals, **2015**.
39. **'N. obvallaris' (The Tenby Daffodil)**, 13 - Species, Wild Variants, a *pseudonarcissus* subspecies this tough 13Y-Y daffodil was first published in 1796, **2015**.
40. **'Geranium'**, 8 W-O, broad white perianth segments, and a cup that is a shallow bowl-shaped and yellowish orange in color, with up to 6 flowers per stem, this Historic tazetta is a standout in the garden; **2016**.
41. **'Pink Charm'**, 2 W-WWP, perianth segments are ivory white, and the corona is yellowish white, with a broad band of pink coral at the ruffled rim. This cultivar is the absolute pink daffodil favorite for your garden, **2017**.

Wister Bulb Sources:

1. McClure and Zimmerman, P.O. Box 368, Friesland, WI 53935-0368 - www.mzbulb.com
2. Brent and Becky's Bulbs, 7900 Daffodil Lane, Gloucester, VA 23061 - www.brentandbeckysbulbs.com
3. Ron Scamp Quality Daffodils, 14 Roscarrack Close, Falmouth, Cornwall TR114PJ, England - www.qualitydaffodils.co.uk
4. Esker Farm Daffodils, 38 Esker Road, Dromore, Omagh, Co. Tyrone, Northern Ireland BT78 3LE - www.eskerfarmdaffodils.com
5. Oakwood Daffodils, 2330 W. Bertrand Road, Niles, MI 49120 - oakwooddaff@hughes.net
6. PHS, Attn. Jason Delaney, P.O. Box 6005, St. Louis, MO 63139-0005 - bulbboy@icloud.com
7. Templeton Daffodils, Pound Road, RD 6, Christchurch, New Zealand - d-l.adams@xtra.co.nz
8. COLORBLENDS, 747 Barnum Ave., Bridgeport, CT 06608 - www.colorblends.com; www.daffodildepot.com
9. Walkers Bulbs, Washway House Farm, Washway Rd., Holbeach, Spalding, Lines, PE12 7PP, UK - www.bulbs.co.uk
10. The Warren Estate, 9 Greengate Drive, Knaresborough, HG5 9EN, UK - www.miniaturebulbs.co.uk
11. Bramcote Bulbs, 105 Derby Road, Bramcote, Nottingham NG 2GZ, UK - www.bramcotebulbs.com
12. John Scheepers, Inc., (Van Engelen, wholesale), 23 Tulip Drive, P.O. Box 638, Bantam, CT 06750-0638 - www.johnscheepers.com
13. Dutch Gardens, P.O. Box, Adelphi, NJ - www.dutchgardens.com
14. Living Gardens, Marlborough Greenhouses, Inc., 160 Jaffrey Road, P.O. Box 32, Marlborough, NH 03455 - www.livinggardens.com
15. G. and F. Miller Daffodils, 564 Frontier Road RD6, Te Awamutu, New Zealand; G_Miller@xtra.co.nz
16. Fisher Nurseries, Robin Hill and Ian Fisher, 1735 Cambridge Road RD3, Hamilton 3283, New Zealand; fishernurseries2006@gmail.com