The Australian Rose Award 1996

The National Rose Society of Australia has granted Mr Garth Guyett the Australian Rose Award in recognition of his work for **The Rose.**

The award was presented to Mr. Guyett at the Australian Championships Dinner held in Wollongong on 25th October, 1997.

Garth gained a love of growing things as a youth at his father's side and this has not waned over the years.

He joined the Rose Society in 1968 to learn how to grow better roses and soon became involved in helping to run all aspects of the Society's affairs. He also completed a night course at Ryde School of Horticulture which honed his skills.

When it became obvious that the Society needed a change in direction in its administration Garth led a small committee to establish the strategy of Regional Branches throughout N.S.W. with a central administration body known as the State Council. A new constitution was drawn up and accepted in general meeting.

As a delegate to State Council for 14 years, he represented the Parramatta and Hills Regional and served on that committee for 24 years. He was also editor of the first Hills magazine for 4 years and later wrote the cultural notes for many years.

A successful exhibitor, Garth sacrificed this aspect of his hobby to help in the organisation, setting up and running of regional and major rose shows. He was a member of the organising committee for the Australian Championships held recently at Wollongong.

Perhaps his greatest contribution in the administrative field was as Chairman of the organising committee for the 1988 World Rose Convention held at the Sydney University in 1988 which was 5 years in the planning. Many meetings were held at Garth's home during those years.

In 1989 Garth became President of the N.S.W. Rose Society and in 1994 held office as President of the National Rose Society. He was awarded Life Membership in 1987, and the T.A. Stewart Memorial Award in 1989.

To all who have know him, Garth has always shown a readiness to promote the Rose and the Rose Society.