



Mr. Garth Guyett, S.M.A.

T.A. Stewart Memorial Award

Mr. Garth Guyett of the Rose Society of New South Wales was awarded this high honour for 1988.

Garth, always a keen gardener joined the N.S.W. Rose Society in 1967, immediately taking an active interest in its administration.

At this time the N.S.W. Society held its meetings in the centre of Sydney. Attendance at the meetings and membership was declining. Garth with a small committee inaugurated the change in the conversion of the Society to a group of Regional Societies with the N.S.W. Society run as a Council. This move was responsible for a great revival in the Society. Eight years ago he assisted with the formation of a new State Council, and revised the Constitution in 1979.

A delegate of the new State Council for the past 8 years, he represented the Parramatta and Hills Regional, also serving on their Committee for the past 16 years. He was also editor of their monthly magazine for approximately 16 years.

A successful "A" Grade exhibitor himself, Garth sacrificed this facet of his hobby to help in the organisation and setting up etc. of major rose shows — included in these were approximately 45 shows staged by his Regional Society, as well as N.S.W. State Championships held at Parramatta, Narromine and Orange and the Australian Championships held at The Boulevard Hotel, Sydney, and Chatswood.

His greatest contribution in the administrative field was as Chairman of the Organising Committee for the 1988 World Federation of Rose Societies Conference at Sydney University. For the four years prior to the Convention Garth led a small Committee in the planning etc. for the convention.

Numerous day long meetings were held at the home of Garth and his wife Anita, who generously provided lunch, morning tea and afternoon teas for the Committee at no cost to the Society. During these years Garth did the bulk of the organising — contacting Travel agents, Air Lines, Printers, Caterers, Prospective Sponsors, inspecting suitable accommodation, liaising with Sydney University etc. As well, he attended and worked at all the numerous fund raising events leading up to the convention.

An accomplished wood turner he made the fifteen beautiful tall polished wooden pedestals used for the large arrangements at the Great Hall, Displays and Rose Show, also providing rotating floral art stands for floral art lecturers. In the final months leading up to the Convention and for its duration Garth worked full time to make it the success it was. All this in an Honorary capacity.

The N.S.W. Rose Society has honoured him by awarding him Life Membership. To all who have had the pleasure of knowing him, Garth is the man who can't say no to any request to do a job to help in any way to promote The Rose.