

## T.A. Stewart Memorial Award, 1991

Eric Trimper's interest in roses and other flowers started at a very early age. He began showing roses at the Renmark Show in 1946. He joined the Rose Society of SA in 1952 and has been a very regular exhibitor ever since, specialising with great success in the showing of garden roses, cluster flowered, miniatures and bunches.

He moved to Adelaide in 1971 to become Head Gardener at Ashford Community Hospital and developed the outstanding rose garden which is there today.

Eric advised the Royal Institution for the Blind on the construction of a scented rose garden for the enjoyment of the Blind, and was advisor to the National Trust on the planting of the Rose Garden at Beaumont House — a property listed for preservation.

He has been in constant demand as a lecturer at Rose Society and Garden Club meetings throughout this state, where his warmth of character and friendly nature have been most successful in promoting interest in the rose. He has always responded with enthusiasm to talk on roses to many Social Clubs and has willingly shared his knowledge and expertise with all those who sought help with their problems in growing roses.

He is a respected rose show Judge, and is one of those rare individuals who can judge all sections of a horticultural show. He has also been active in the establishment of the Judges School for the SA Rose Society. Eric has conducted training in Rose culture for the Adelaide Botanic Gardens and the Technical and Further Education Colleges.

Eric has been on the Council of the Rose Society of South Australia since 1974. He was elected Vice President in 1976 and 1990 and held the office of President from 1984 until 1987.

Eric's continued support of the Rose Society of South Australia has seen him elected as delegate to the National Rose Society of Australia's A.G.M. in 1986, 1987, 1988 and 1991.

He has attended five World Rose Conventions, those held in South Africa, Baden Baden, Toronto, Sydney and Belfast, and was, with his friendly and outgoing nature, a great ambassador for Australia.

Both Eric and Myrtle were awarded Honorary Life Membership of the Rose Society of South Australia in 1988 for their outstanding services to the Rose.

The Rose Society of South Australia is gratified that Mr Trimper is the recipient of this, the highest honour that can be conferred upon a rosarian in Australasia.



Mr. E. Trimper, S.M.A.