



Mrs. Margaret Knight.

### *T. A. Stewart Memorial Award, 1969*

Mrs. Margaret Knight of the National Rose Society of Tasmania was awarded this high honour for 1969.

Mrs. Knight created history in winning this award as she is not only the first winner from Tasmania but also she is the first lady to gain this coveted award.

Mrs. Margaret Knight was a prominent member of the Rose section of the Hobart Horticultural Society for some years, and in 1960 she was one of the driving forces in establishing the National Rose Society of Tasmania.

She held the office of honorary secretary of this Society for the first eight years, and during that time was an inspiration behind its efforts and achievements.

She has a wide knowledge of roses and rose growing, and has given talks and demonstrations to many garden clubs and institutions throughout Tasmania. She has also acted as judge at numerous rose and flower shows.

She is a keen and competent exhibitor at N.R.S.T. Shows, and she has also shown roses at interstate shows, including the Australian Championship at the 1967 Convention in Melbourne. During the Convention she was honoured to act as chairman at one of Sheila Macqueen's lectures on Flower Arrangements.

In 1964 the National Rose Society of Tasmania established a Rose Garden on the Queen's Domain in Hobart, and here again Mrs. Knight was largely responsible for its planning, and in the following years, the organization of its upkeep. Under her guidance, members of the N.R.S.T. have planted and cared for rose gardens in the grounds of several Homes for the Aged, including one at the Lord Fraser Home for the Blind. The latter is of perfumed roses personally selected and planted by Mrs. Knight.

She has always given freely of her time to help anyone interested in rose growing, and it is due to her boundless energy and enthusiasm that the National Rose Society of Tasmania owes its undoubted success.

The National Rose Society of Tasmania is gratified that Mrs. Knight is the recipient of this, the highest honour that can be conferred upon a rosarian in Australasia.