



Mrs. DORIS MILLEDGE, S.M.A.

T. A. Stewart Memorial Award, 1978

Mrs. D. H. Milledge, of The Rose Society of Tasmania, was awarded this high honour for 1978.

Mrs. Milledge has represented Tasmania at both Australian Rose Conventions in Melbourne and has been a delegate to meetings of The National Rose Society of Australia in Melbourne, Adelaide, Sydney and Hobart.

As all State Societies will now be aware, the Hobart meeting, held in November 1977, saw the resolution of all the major issues in the long-standing quest for agreement on a set of standard rules for judging. In addition to representing The Rose Society of Tasmania at these discussions, Mrs. Milledge, as President of the host Society, was responsible for arranging special functions for the visiting delegates and planning for their enjoyment and entertainment throughout their stay in Tasmania.

Mrs. Milledge has been a Committee member of The Rose Society of Tasmania for the past thirteen years. She has held a number of positions of responsibility, including Librarian for seven years and Publicity Officer for eleven years. She was elected Vice-President in 1973 and is now in her fifth consecutive term as President, having been first elected to that office in 1974.

Small in numbers, The Rose Society of Tasmania relies very heavily for its continuing operation on the interest, initiative and dedication of its office-bearers, and in particular, its President. It has been said of Mrs. Milledge that she devotes her whole life to the Society's affairs.

Herself a highly successful exhibitor of both exhibition blooms and flower arrangements, Mrs. Milledge works hard to encourage others to exhibit and is always ready to give practical help and advice to new or less experienced members.

She has regularly given talks on rose culture to various garden clubs and societies in the Hobart area and has, on many occasions, travelled throughout Southern Tasmania to judge roses at country flower shows.

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