



Mrs. C. Ryan, S.M.A.

T.A. Stewart Memorial Award

Mrs. C. Ryan of the Rose Society of Western Australia Inc. was awarded this high honour for 1987.

Mrs. C. (Connie) Ryan has been Secretary of the Rose Society of Western Australia for sixteen years and in that time the Society has flourished and prospered, to a large extent through her diligence and administrative capabilities.

In addition to her secretarial work, Connie is also a judge, prepares and produces the Society's quarterly Rose Journal and organises the distribution of The Australian Rose Annual throughout this vast state.

Attending to nearly 200 rose bushes, Connie has been a consistent exhibitor in all Society Shows and has won the most prestigious prizes on numerous occasions. Her dedication to showing has lifted the standard immeasurably and has inspired many members of the Society to enter the various shows.

Connie's work for the Society does not stop as Secretary and judge. At all times she has made herself available to assist those with little knowledge of roses and has visited numerous homes and organisations to impart her knowledge, even to pruning and planting roses for those not capable of doing so.

Connie has also given much assistance to the Nedlands City Council in the upkeep and improvement of the Peace Memorial Gardens in Nedlands, the largest public rose garden in Western Australia.

In all, Connie's charming personality, assistance to all who need it and her dedication to promoting the rose, makes the Rose Society of Western Australia gratified that Connie is the recipient of this, the highest honour that can be conferred upon a rosarian in Australasia.

Roses at first were white,
Till they co'd not agree,
Whether my *Sapho's* breast,
Or they more white sho'd be.

—Robert Herrick