



Mrs. Lois Tabb S.M.A.

T.A. Stewart Memorial Award 1998

Mrs Lois Tabb of New Zealand has been awarded this high honour for 1998.

For the last 36 years Lois has been an outstanding and dedicated rosarian at local, national and international level. She joined the Canterbury Rose Society in 1962 and since then has been a prominent grower, exhibitor, administrator and organiser for the benefit of the rose.

Her accomplishments include:-

Secretary of the Canterbury Rose Society from 1974-1976
 Vice President of the Canterbury Rose Society 1984
 Appointed a Life Member of the Canterbury Rose Society in 1990
 Elected as a National Rose Society Councillor in 1983
 Vice President of National Rose Society from 1986-1988
 President of National Rose Society from 1989-1991
 Life Member of National Rose Society in 1993
 Vice President of the World Federation of Rose Societies from 1991

As President of the National Rose Society of New Zealand, she instigated the "Baby Darling" Cot Death Appeal, which touched the hearts of all New Zealanders. This was a New Zealand wide appeal involving commercial growers in the raising of thousands of "Baby Darling" roses which were sold at fairs, stalls and through rose societies to raise funds for the Cot Death Society.

Lois was convener of the Roseworld 94 Committee and her achievements and organisational skills were recognised worldwide in promoting an extremely successful and memorable World Convention in Christchurch, New Zealand in November, 1994.

Lois was made a Life Member of the National Rose Society of New Zealand in 1993. She is the first and only woman to be elected National President. In 1995 she was awarded the New Zealand Rose Award. In 1997 she achieved local government recognition for service to the community, when she was awarded the City of Christchurch Civic Award.

The National Rose Society of New Zealand is gratified that Mrs Tabb is the recipient of the T.A. Stewart Memorial Award for 1998 for her outstanding service to the cause of the Rose.