



Sultry[®] (JACyelap)
Transparency: Swane's



Salmon Sprite (Le Grice)
Transparency: Richard Walsh



Mrs Heather MacDonell of New Zealand
with her 2001 T A Stewart Memorial Award.

T A Stewart Memorial Award, 2001

Mrs. Heather MacDonell of New Zealand has been awarded this high honour for 2001.

Heather has been the administrative backbone of the National Rose Society of New Zealand for more than two decades, having been appointed Secretary/Treasurer in 1979, a position she still holds. She has a high profile in the international rose circles and is usually the first point of contact for anything to do with roses in New Zealand.

Her association with roses goes back to the 1960's after the purchase of her first plants. Soon after, she and her husband Bob joined the North Taranaki Rose Society and later on moving to Palmerston North, joining the Manawatu Rose Society.

In 1979 Heather was appointed Secretary/Treasurer of the National Rose Society Of New Zealand. Her knowledge of the history and protocol of the Society has been an immense and invaluable help to many of the National President's that have served during that time. She has been a tremendous worker for National Conventions and helped, in particular, to make the WFRS Rose Show and Convention, "Roseworld 94", held in Christchurch a success with her enthusiasm and proficiency as Show Secretary.

Heather has visited Australia several times on rose business. She was the National Rose Society of New Zealand's representative at the WFRS Regional Meeting celebrating the centenary of the Rose Society of Victoria in Melbourne during 1999.

Twice Heather has been the recipient of major honours conferred by the National Rose Society of New Zealand: the NZ Rose Award in 1992 and Life Membership in 1998.

Heather has combined her great love of roses with an astute secretarial and financial mind and this contribution has been of great benefit to all of us in New Zealand. The National Rose Society of New Zealand is gratified that Mrs. Heather MacDonell has been awarded this prestigious award for 2001 for her outstanding and meritorious service to the cause of the rose.