

Mr. Hugh Graham.

T. A. Stewart Memorial Award 1971

Mr. Hugh Graham of the National Rose Society of Queensland was awarded this high honour for 1971.

Mr. Graham's interest and enthusiasm in roses has risen consistently since he planted his first rose in 1947. He joined the National Rose Society of Queensland in 1954 and became a member of the Executive Committee in 1958. Since that date he has held the offices of Treasurer (three years), Deputy Chairman (one year), and President for the past ten years.

Over the years he has constantly endeavoured to build the Queensland Society into a strong authoritative body whilst retaining rose growing as a friendly and happy hobby.

Hugh Graham's home garden at Mt. Gravatt has contained 250 bushes at its peak, and though many high distinctions have been won by the blooms, the real joys of the garden have been in its role as a haven of contentment and pleasure for rosarians. The garden is used regularly for Field Days, Judges' Schools and other Rose Society activities.

Mr. Graham has contributed articles to the Australian Rose Annual and many other overseas publications and is in great demand as a lecturer.

The judging of roses has always occupied much of Mr. Graham's thinking, and he has been responsible for the administration and organization of the excellent Judges' Schools conducted in Queensland.

Mr. Graham is a worthy servant of the Rose and the National Rose Society of Queensland is delighted that he is the recipient of this, the highest honour which can be conferred upon a rosarian in Australasia.