

Robert (Bob) Trotter

A foundation member of the society, Bob served in many capacities. He was the Editor of the magazine for 25 years, President for 4 years, Vice-President, trial garden secretary and committee member for over 30 years. He was the Australian Dahlia Council Convener and Distributor during the formative years. Bob received the first Gold Medallion of the society in 1985 for his loyal and untiring service to the dahlia and the NSDV (now Dahlia Society of Victoria) This the highest possible award in the society. He was previously been awarded the Life Membership Silver Medallion in 1978. He was a great committee member. His memory has been acknowledged by the society by linking his and his wife Emily's name to the main championship in the State Show. Bob was a great grower and exhibitor. Against fierce opposition, he won 32 consecutive championships. A feat unlikely to be repeated. In his later years Bob's interest turned to producing top quality seedlings. Bob's generosity with many dahlia growers, particularly new members is noted. He would pass on his dahlia knowledge and be helpful to new growers by supplying a parcel of good quality tubers to get them started. Bob died in 1974. His world was family and dahlias (plus the 'Hawks' football team).

Reference 'Fifty Years' by Les Lawson