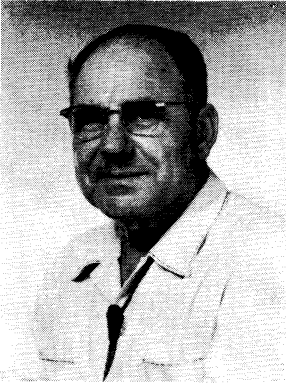


## Hybridizer's Medals to Gibson, Plough



J. M. Gibson of Porterville, California, was awarded the high honor of the Hybridizer's Medal by the Board at its November 1965 meeting.

Mr. Gibson was born in Dayton, Ohio, in 1902, and moved to Washington in 1918. He was graduated from Oregon State University in 1926, and did his graduate work at the University of California and the General Motors Technical Institute.

Jim was an instructor of auto mechanics at Porterville Union High School and College for thirty-seven years, and a lapidary instructor at the Porterville Evening College. He retired in 1963.

He started hybridizing in 1936, specializing in plicatas almost from the beginning. Since 1960

his creation in the iris world have won fourteen HMs, three AMs, six places on the Judges Choice, and five places in the Florence competition.

As we have started work on a Bulletin with some major emphasis on plicatas, we were told time and again, "If you want to see plicatas, see Jim Gibson's garden."



Gordon W. Plough of Wenatchee, Washington, also was awarded the Hybridizer's Medal for 1965. Mr. Plough is a graduate of Washington State University, with a degree in architectural engineering.

Mr. Plough's first registration and introduction was in 1949. This one was named LAUREL HILL. He works with all classes of bearded irises, and over the years his creations have won fifty-three HMs, five AMs, and the Clarence G. White Award.

He owns and operates the Eden Road Iris Garden in Wenatchee, and his garden introduces his irises as well as those of other hybridizers. He is past-secretary of the Washington State Nurseryman's Association.

Gordon has a variety of hobbies and interests. He is an ardent sports fan, and is a member of the Washington State Cougar Club. He is a rock hound, and spends many hours searching for gems, stones, and rocks that will polish and tumble. He also comes under the category of traveler, for the list of places he has visited is extensive.