

## Dale Rollins - NAGC Gold Medal Award

We would like to nominate Dale L. Rollins of 4911 Cole Street, Munnsville, New York for the NAGC Gold Medal Award. He was born in 1954 in Central New York. Married to Cindy Lamb Rollins. Their sons are Gregory, Kevin and Jeffery. Dale is currently a retired computer/printer technician.

Starting to grow gladiolus in the mid 1990's, Dale joined Empire State Gladiolus Society in 1998 along with memberships in Central New York Gladiolus Society, and Western New York Gladiolus Society. This led to membership in NAGC also. He began showing gladiolus at all of the 5 shows held at the time across New York State where he quickly earned the points to become a certified judge and passed the test. His skills and competitiveness over the years moved him near the top of show spike grand champion winners list in New York State.

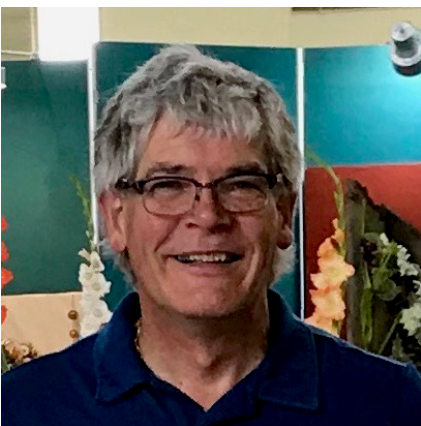
One of his most memorable accomplishments was winning the Ed Squires Award at the 2008 Eastern International Show. He has won the Lawrence Ruppert Memorial Seedling Award at the WNYGS show many times. Dale has been hybridizing all along and in 2022, two of his seedlings which had been winning the seedling award at shows were introduced, Trifecta (401) and Blue Profusion (483) the latter having won the Rupert Seedling in 2021.

Perhaps, Dale's greatest personal accomplishment in the eyes of fellow gladiolus growers was mastering the art of growing gladiolus in a swamp. If there was a degree in Mudology, he would have not only earned it but mastered it. For several years, at Canastota he planted, hybridized and dug in the mud. Discouraged, yes but he persevered until he relocated to the hills above Munnsville.

Dale Rollins enjoys everything about gladiolus and its promotion. He is an active leader in New York Gladiolus Societies, serving either as co-chairman or chairman of the NAGC sanctioned shows and exhibiting at those that are not NAGC sanction held at the County Fairs. Currently he is President of CNYGS and Vice President of ESGS. Had served as President of ESGS in the past. He received personality award two years in ESGS. He helps with the WNGS large Youth Program.

Dale Rollins will not be stopped. His hybridizing will follow in the footsteps of New York's Lawrence Rupert, Marion Rich, and Richard Bates to name a few.

Completed by Linda Bender and Norma Spencer



## Fred Miller The New North American Gladiolus Council Eastern Regional Vice President

Jean Kollasch, NAGC (North American Gladiolus Council) Executive Secretary is pleased to announce that Fred Miller will serve as the NAGC Eastern Regional Vice President and serves on the NAGC Board of Director's.

Fred currently serves as the Empire State Gladiolus Society Secretary, Show co-chairman of the Empire State Gladiolus Society Annual Show and he is the Flower Department Chairman at the NYS Fair. Fred is completing the qualification to become a certified Master Gardener. Fred will be an excellent addition to the

executive board. Congratulations, Fred!

Fred is the third ESGS member to serve NAGC. Fred will join Bill Bender, ESGC President, the chairman of the NAGC Large Symposium Committee and Neil Lamb, ESGS Bulletin editor, a Trustee of the NAGC Executive Board.