



NOMINATION BALLOT FOR VNLA/GREEN WORKS AWARDS*

Please use the space below to nominate individuals for consideration by the Awards Committee for the Association's annual achievement awards. We ask that you submit a paragraph supporting this individual's eligibility for the award. Past recipients are not eligible to receive the same award a second time. Please see the reverse side of this sheet for past recipients of the awards.

Nominations must be received no later than December 1, 2019. Please include a supporting paragraph with your nomination(s) and mail to PO Box 92, N. Ferrisburgh, VT 05473. Send electronic submissions to kristina@greenworksvermont.org. For more information: 802-425-5117.

Horticultural Achievement Award

This award is given to individuals connected to the horticultural industry in Vermont, who are over 40 years of age and whose accomplishments have advanced our industry educationally, by plant development or growing, through literature, or through outstanding personal effort. This award is the most prestigious and distinguished that can be received from Green Works/Vermont Nursery and Landscape Association.

Nominations cannot be accepted without a supporting paragraph.

Nominee Name: _____

Environmental Awareness Award

This award is given in recognition of an individual that has implemented an environmentally sound practice that contributes to the protection of our environment. **Nominations cannot be accepted without a supporting paragraph.**

Nominee Name: _____

Young Nursery Professional of the Year Award

This is an annual award was established by the New England Nursery Association and is now be awarded by the VNLA. Its purpose is to reward, to honor and to encourage participation, achievement and growth by an individual who is involved in a related horticultural industry and has not reached the age of 40 years, who has shown involvement in his or her state and/or regional nurserymen's association, has contributed to the growth and success of their company of employment and has portrayed an image to the public of what our products and services can do for them. **Nominations cannot be accepted without a supporting paragraph.**

Nominee Name _____

Retailer of the Year Award

This award will be presented annually to a retail garden center or greenhouse operation that stands apart for their excellence in any or all of the following categories: customer service, quality of plant material, knowledge of staff, creativity and innovations in marketing and presentation of retail space, and overall customer experience and satisfaction. **Nominations cannot be accepted without a supporting paragraph.**

Nominee Name _____

Allen B. Crane Horticultural Employee Acknowledgement Award

This award will be presented annually and is sponsored by Claussen's Florist & Greenhouse in honor of Allen B. Crane, head grower there for over 42 years. Allen was "a great friend, wonderful colleague and an incredible grower". Allen passed away in 2013 after a year-long battle with cancer. This award is being established in Allen's honor to recognize the employees that make a difference in the horticultural industry. A cash prize will be awarded to the recipient in the amount of \$275. Nominees must meet the following criteria: they should be an employee of a member business with a minimum of 5 years employment with that business; nominees must be employed in the horticultural industry, which could also include the field of education; and nominees should be exemplary leaders and display an ability to grow and excel in the workplace and beyond. **Nominations must include a supporting paragraph that reflects the above criteria.**

Nominee Name _____

Your Name

Company/Affiliation

Your Signature

Date

* Any Active, Associate or Student member of VNLA/Green Works, current in dues, as well as any Honorary member, is eligible to nominate individuals for the Association awards. Please submit your nomination(s) via mail or electronically.

PAST RECIPIENTS

Horticultural Achievement Award

- 2018 Ed Burke, Rocky Dale Gardens
- 2017 Joan Lynch, The Inner Garden
- 2016 Lori King, Claussen's Florist, Greenhouse & Perennial Farm
- 2015 Paul Wiczoreck, Champlain Valley Landscaping/ Lincoln Hill Nursery
- 2014 David Loysen, Shaw Hill Nursery
- 2013 Leo Roberts, Horsford Gardens & Nursery
- 2012 Don and Lela Avery, Cady's Falls Nursery
- 2011 Charles Siegchrist, Barber Farm, Inc.
- 2010 Christopher Conant – Claussen's Florist, Greenhouse & Perennial Farm
- 2009 Amy Rose-White, Rocky Dale Gardens
- 2008 Paul Sokal and Louise Giovanella
- 2007 John and Patti Padua, Cobble Creek Nursery
- 2006 Thomas F. Wright, Homestead Landscaping
- 2005 Dan G. Nash, Nash's Treescape
- 2004 Leonard Perry, UVM
- 2003 Bill Countryman, Countryman Peony Farm
- 2002 Charlie Proutt, Horsford's Nursery
- 2001 Holly Weir & Bill Pollard, Rocky Dale Gardens
- 2000 Greg Williams
- 1998 Joan Hulbert, Smallwood Nursery
- 1997 William Horsford
- 1996 Dennis Bruckel, Grand Isle Nursery
- 1995 Richard Salter
- 1994 Elmer Brown, The E.C. Brown Nursery
- 1993 Norman & Dorothy Pellett
- 1992 Lewis & Nancy Hill
- 1991 Richard Stevens, Sr.

Environmental Awareness Award

- 2018 Green Mountain Compost/Chittenden County Solid Waste District
- 2017 Nate Carr, Church Hill Landscapes, Inc.
- 2016 Dan Redondo, Vermont Wetland Plant Supply, LLC
- 2015 Liz and Jake Guest, Killdeer Farm
- 2014 Rebecca Lindenmeyr, Linden L.A.N.D. Group
- 2013 Sarah Salatino, Full Circle Gardens
- 2012 Chris Conant, Claussen's Florist, Greenhouse & Perennial Farm
- 2011 Sarah Holland, River's Bend Design, LLC
- 2009 Charlie Proutt and Eileen Schilling, Horsford Gardens & Nursery
- 2008 Tom Stearns, High Mowing Organic Seeds
- 2007 Karl Hammer, Vermont Compost Company
- 2006 Anne Mueller, Arcana Gardens and Greenhouses
- 2004 Common Ground Student Run Educational Farm
- 2002 Paul Sachs, North Country Organics
- 2001 Paul Sokal, Addison Gardens
- 2000 Adam Sherman
- 1997 Will & Judy Stevens
- 1996 Don Avery, Cady's Falls Nursery
- 1995 SVCEC Horticulture Program
- 1994 Jim & Mary Musty, J. M. Landscaping
- 1993 Nancy Volatile Wood
- 1991 Andrea Morgante

Young Nursery Professional of the Year Award**

- 2019 Kristin Sprengle, Horsford Gardens & Nursery
- 2018 Ashley Robinson, Landscape Designer
- 2017 David Burton, diStefano Landscaping, Inc.
- 2016 Hannah Decker, Fairfax Perennial Farm
- 2015 Gabe Bushey, Crafted Landscapes, LLC
- 2014 Jason Koicuba, Cobble Creek Nursery
- 2013 Brian Vaughan, Vaughan Landscaping, Inc.
- 2012 Nathaniel Carr, Church Hill Landscapes, Inc.
- 2011 Claybrook Griffith – Long Leaf Landscaping
- 2010 Shannon Lee, Cobble Creek Nursery
- 2009 Rebecca Lindenmeyr, Linden L.A.N.D. Group
- 2008 R. Andrew Burt, Old Nash Farm & Landscaping
- 2006 Chris Thompson, White River Valley Gardens & Landscaping
- 2005 Mark Starrett, UVM
- 2002 Tim Parsons, Greenhaven Gardens & Nursery
- 2001 Charlie Plonski, Horsfords Gardens & Nursery/ New England Nursery Sales
- 2000 Peter Norris, Greenhaven Gardens & Nursery
- 1998 Scott Pfister, Vermont Department of Agriculture
- 1997 Stephen Tworig, North Branch Landscape
- 1996 Bill Pedi, Northern Nurseries
- 1995 Thamasin Sullivan
- 1994 VJ Comai, South Forty Nursery
- 1993 Chris Schlegel
- 1992 Ralph Fitz-Gerald, Horsford Gardens & Nursery
- 1991 Pat Seibel

Retailer of the Year Award

- 2018 Gardener's Supply Company Garden Centers
- 2017 Charlie, Proutt, Horsford Gardens & Nursery
- 2016 Carol and Mike MacLeod, Evergreen Gardens
- 2015 Ed Burke, Rocky Dale Gardens
- 2014 Karen and Jack Manix, Walker Farm
- 2013 Tobi & Sally von Trapp, von Trapp Greenhouse
- 2012 Julie Rubaud, Red Wagon Plants

Allen B. Crane Horticultural Employee Acknowledgement Award

- 2018 Geoffrey Swanson, diStefano Landscaping, Inc.
- 2017 Amy Olmsted, Rocky Dale Gardens
- 2016 Matthew de Wolf, Gardener's Supply Company
- 2015 Sally Dunkleman, Cobble Creek Nursery
- 2014 Betsy Gritman, Glebe Mountain Gardens & Landscaping

** NOTE:

The Young Nursery Professional of the Year Award recipient is selected in December of each year for the next calendar year (2020).

The Horticultural Achievement Award, Environmental Awareness Award, Retailer of the Year Award, and the Allen B. Crane Horticultural Employee Achievement Award are selected in December of each year for the current calendar year (2019).