



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 31, 2020. 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 the Vermont Nursery and Landscape Association/Green Works. **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 annual award was established by the New England Nursery Association and is now being 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

- 2019 Ralph Fitz-Gerald, Horsford Gardens & Nursery
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

- 2019 David Fried, Elmore Roots Fruit Tree Nursery
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**

- 2020 Michelle Blow, UVM
2019 Kristin Sprenkle, 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 Burttt, 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

- 2019 Claussen's Florist, Greenhouse & Perennial Farm
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

- 2019 Lily Belisle, Red Wagon Plants
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).