CNGA Previous Award Winners

Annually CNGA accepts nominations for consideration for the following awards. Members nominate individuals (more than one per award is allowed) for the three awards listed below.

Hall of Fame: Is a prestigious award presented to an individual who, throughout their career, has demonstrated leadership and commitment to the industry resulting in overall improvements to the industry.

CNGA's Hall of Fame Award - Former Recipients

1990 - Carlisle Ferguson
1990 - Steven H. James
1990 - Larry E. Watson, Plants for Today & Tomorrow
1989 - Wayne Nuzum
1989 - Ken Wilmore
1989 - Kenny Sampley
1988 - Steve Driftmier
1988 - Dr. James Klett, Colorado State University
1987 - Art Langman
1987 - Clara Wieder
1986 - Robert Woodman
1986 - Harry Swift
1984 - Gilbert Hall
1984 - Herb Gundell
1984 - George Kelly
1981 - Stan Brown, Sr., Alameda Wholesale Nursery
1980 - Gene Eylerly
1975 - Dr. James Feucht
1975 - Pat Gallavan
1975 - Scott Wilmore
1975 - A.R. Langman, Sr.
1975 - Charles Wilmore
1975 - D.W. Spangler
1975 - George Amidon
1966 - George Amidon
1960 - Noel Wygant, Virgil Johnson
1955 - D.W. Spangler

CNGA's Hall of Fame Award - Former Recipients

2015 – Steve Echter, Echters Greenhouses
2015 – Tom Halverstadt, Arbor Valley Nursery
2014- Les Ratekin, Ratekin Enterprises
2013 - Sharon Harris, CNGA
2013 - Don Dykstra - Dalor Enterprises
2012 - John Pinder, Little Valley Wholesale Nursery
2011- Gene Pielin, Gulley Greenhouse
2011- Dale De Jacamo, James Nursery
2010 - Mike Gilsdorf, Arapahoe Acres
2009 - Thomas Bath, Bath, Inc.
2008 - Dave Edmundson, Arbor Valley Nursery
2007 - Merle Moore
2007 - Gary Epstein, Fort Collins Wholesale Nursery
2006 - Carl Anderson, Arapahoe Acres Nursery
2006 - George Brinkmann
2005 - Panayoti Kelaidis, Denver Botanic Gardens
2004 - Robert Heath, RRH, Inc.
2003 - Jake Spahn, The Tree Farm
2002 - Stan Brown, Jr., Alameda Wholesale Nursery
2002 - Mike Paulino, Paulino Gardens
2001 - Ken Jeronimus, Green Acres Nursery
2000 - Daryl Hall
1999 - Rick Schubert, Rick's Nursery
1999 - Jim O'Shea
1998 - Don Frazier, Greenside Nursery & Landscaping
1997 - Betty Bechtholdt
1997 - Glen Bechtholdt
1996 - Billie Harding, Harding's Nursery
1996 - Jim Burns
1995 - Cary Hall
1995 - Judie Hall
1994 - Harold Ehmann
1994 - Deck Brady
1994 - Bea Blair
1994 - Ed Settle
1993 - John Malik
1992 - Charles Weddle
1992 - Leonard Woodman
1991 - Lucille Beilhertz
1991 - Marvin Wood
1991 - Alvoy Ekbald
CNGA Person on the Year: Recognizes an individual who in the last 12 months has made a positive impact on the regional horticulture industry through their involvement, actions or participation in the promotion of professionalism, creativity and involvement for the betterment of the industry.

CNGA's Person of the Year - Former Recipients

2015 – None Submitted
2014 - Gene Pielin, Gulley Greenhouse
2013 - Laura Potteroff, Colorado Department of Agriculture
2012 - Brian Vogt - Denver Botanic Gardens
2011 - Pat Hayward, Plant Select
2010 - Andrew Lisignoli, Trees of Corrales
2009 - No award presented.
2008 - Mike Gilsdorf, Arapahoe Acres Nursery
2007 - Bill Kluth, Tagawa Greenhouses, Inc.
2006 - Marc Johnson, Colorado State University
2006 - Mike Skiff, Arapahoe Acres Nursery
2005 - John Pinder, Little Valley Wholesale Nursery
2003 - Sharon Harris, Former CNA
2002 - Tom Cramer
2001 - Mike Gilsdorf, Arapahoe Acres Nursery
2000 - Dennis Hill, Bookcliff Gardens
1999 - Bob Lefevre, James Nursery Company
1998 - John Pinder, Little Valley Wholesale Nursery
1997 - Dale DeJacamo, James Nursery Company
1996 - Don McGirr
1995 - Keith Williamson, Little Valley Wholesale Nursery
1994 - Mike Gilsdorf, Arapahoe Acres Nursery
1993 - Gary Epstein, Fort Collins Wholesale Nursery
1992 - Pat Hayward
1991 - Don Dykstra, Dalor Enterprises
1989 - Don Dykstra, Dalor Enterprises
1987 - Steve Driftmier
1986 - Robert Woodman
1980 - Don Ida
1980 - Don Weaver
1976 - Gilbert Hall
1973 - Herb Gundell
Horizon Award: Acknowledges an individual who has been in the industry less than five years, exhibits the qualities and high standards exemplifying CNGA, and during that time has made a significant contribution to a CNGA firm.

CNGA’s Horizon Award - Former Recipients
2015 – Whitney McMillan, Echters Greenhouses
2014 - Matthew Cunningham, Britton Nursery
2013 - no recipient
2012- Angie Hughes, Hughes Nursery
2012 - Jeremy Friedman - Brown's Greenhouse
2011- Nick Gerace, Welby Gardens
2011- Peter Mendicino, Arbor Valley Nursery
2010 - Quinn Farrington, Echters Greenhouse
2009 - Michelle Cadena, Fort Collins Wholesale Nursery
2008 - Kerri Griess Dantino, Plants for Today & Tomorrow
2008 - Ken Cline, Arapahoe Acres Nursery
2007 - Joe Haskett, James Nursery Company
2007 - Devon Hukill, Country Fair at WestWoods
2006 - Celia Tannehill, Fort Collins Nursery
2006 - Katrina Leese, Center Greenhouse
2005 - Kelly Foster, Cherry Creek Tree Farms
2005 - Mary Jane Sosler, Arapahoe Acres Nursery
2003 - Thomas Gallegos
2003 - Antonio Mendez
2001 - William Howell
2000 - Marcy Edwards
1999 - Tanya Bruno
1997 - Nancy Furman
1996 - Debi Shaw
1995 - Betsy Baldwin-Owens, Sun Chaser Natives
1994 - August "Ned" Noack
1992 - Richard Edmundson
1991 - Jan Tunner
1989 - Don Anderson
1988 - Rosalee Janssen