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

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1992 - Leonard Woodman
1991 - Lucille Beilhartz
1991 - Marvin Wood
1991 - Alvoy Ekbald
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
1981 - Stan Brown, Sr., Alameda Wholesale Nursery
1980 - Gene Eyerly
1975 - Dr. James Feucht
1975 - Pat Gallavon
1975 - Herb Gundell
1975 - George Kelly
1975 - A.R. Langman, Sr.
1975 - Charles Wilmore
1975 - Scott Wilmore
1966 - George Amidon
1960 - Noel Wygant, Virgil Johnson
1955 - D.W. Spangler
**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**
- 2017 – Diana Reavis
- 2016 – None Submitted
- 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
2017 – Sarah Wong Cooper, Silver Sage Garden Center
2017 – Shannon Eversley, Fort Collins Nursery
2017 – Alex Tisthammer, Fort Collins Nursery
2016 – Caitlin Bird, Fort Collins Nursery
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