



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

2017 – Kent Broome, Baxter	1992 - Leonard Woodman
2016 – Kevin Laman, Bath	1991 - Lucille Beilhartz
2016 – Al Gerace, Welby Gardens	1991 - Marvin Wood
2015 – Steve Echter, Echanters Greenhouses	1991 - Alvoy Ekbald
2015 – Tom Halverstadt, Arbor Valley Nursery	1990 - Carlisle Ferguson
2014- Les Ratekin, Ratekin Enterprises	1990 - Steven H. James
2013 - Sharon Harris, CNGA	1990 - Larry E. Watson, Plants for Today & Tomorrow
2013 - Don Dykstra - Dalor Enterprises	1989 - Wayne Nuzum
2012 - John Pinder, Little Valley Wholesale Nursery	1989 - Ken Wilmore
2011- Gene Pielin, Gulley Greenhouse	1989 - Kenny Sampley
2011- Dale De Jacamo, James Nursery	1988 - Steve Driftmier
2010 – Frank Yantorno – Center Greenhouse	1988 - Dr. James Klett, Colorado State University
2010 – Mike Jeronimus – Boxelder Creek Nursery	1987 - Art Langman
2009 - Mike Gilsdorf, Arapahoe Acres	1987 - Clara Wieder
2009 - Thomas Bath, Bath, Inc.	1986 - Robert Woodman
2008 - Dave Edmundson, Arbor Valley Nursery	1986 - Harry Swift
2007 - Merle Moore	1984 - Gilbert Hall
2007 - Gary Epstein, Fort Collins Wholesale Nursery	1981 - Stan Brown, Sr., Alameda Wholesale Nursery
2006 - Carl Anderson, Arapahoe Acres Nursery	1980 - Gene Eyerly
2006 - George Brinkmann	1975 - Dr. James Feucht
2005 - Panayoti Kelaidis, Denver Botanic Gardens	1975 - Pat Gallavan
2004 - Robert Heath, RRH, Inc.	1975 - Herb Gundell
2003 - Jake Spahn, The Tree Farm	1975 - George Kelly
2002 - Stan Brown, Jr., Alameda Wholesale Nursery	1975 - A.R. Langman, Sr.
2002 - Mike Paulino, Paulino Gardens	1975 - Charles Wilmore
2001 - Ken Jeronimus, Green Acres Nursery	1975 - Scott Wilmore
2000 - Daryl Hall	1966 - George Amidon
1999 - Rick Schubert, Rick's Nursery	1960 - Noel Wygant, Virgil Johnson
1999 - Jim O'Shea	1955 - D.W. Spangler
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	

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 Pottorff, 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
2004 - Harriett McMillan, Echter's Greenhouse
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