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2023 Court of Honor Ceremony

Wednesday, August 23, 2023
Horticulture Building Courtyard
New York State Fairgrounds
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Greetings from NYSNLA's President

Dear NYSNLA Members, Supporters & Colleagues:

Welcome to the Great New York State Fair and the 2023 Court of Honor Ceremony of the New York State Nursery and Landscape Association. Today is our association's day to shine and we use this beautiful Courtyard as an example of expertise, artistry and hard work that Nursery and Landscape Professionals across the Empire State offer to homeowners and businesses.

Congratulations to this year's honorees: CNLP of the Year David Clark, CNLP; our Hall of Fame Inductee Gary Gasparini, Lifetime CNLP; and our Dr. George L. Good Gold Medal of Horticulture Recipient Jerry Parmenter, Senior CNLP. We thank these outstanding professionals for their accomplishments and contributions to our profession and industry!

Today we also are posthumously inducting Sharlene Reeves, Lifetime CNLP, into the Hall of Fame. Sharlene was a Past President of NYSNLA and a vital part of the leadership of PlantGFLX-Region 5—and she is missed. As Sharlene's colleagues, family and friends join us today—let us celebrate her—and all of our 2023 Honorees. They serve as examples for all of us—and inspire the next generation.

I also want to thank our Award Selection Committees who chose the Honorees, our State Fair Committee for putting together today's activities and our presence here at the Fairgrounds, and to our sponsors, advertisers, and supporters who help make our impact here in Syracuse a reality. And thank you for your presence and participation today.

Here's to NYSNLA! Here's to all of you!

Melissa Caggiano

Melissa Caggiano, CNLP
President

Message from the State Fair Committee

Dear NYSNLA Colleagues & Fairgoers:

Welcome to a very special day—as NYSNLA members and supporters from across the state converge at the Great New York State Fair to showcase our Court of Honor and Annual Award Honorees in the Horticulture Building Courtyard! The Committee and a dedicated cadre of wonderful volunteers have spent months cleaning-up the Courtyard, designing and bringing the Sensory Garden to life. Look further in this program for our list of acknowledgements.

Please take time following the ceremony to tour the Sensory Garden and learn more about the work of NYSNLA and the expertise brought to the industry and the general public by CNLPs—Certified Nursery and Landscape Professionals. Help us spread the word—so more people take advantage of all that NYSNLA and CNLPs have to offer!

Enjoy your time at the Fair!

Beth Fry

Beth Fry, Lifetime CNLP
Chair

2023 Court of Honor Ceremony at the Great New York State Fair



- Order of Program -

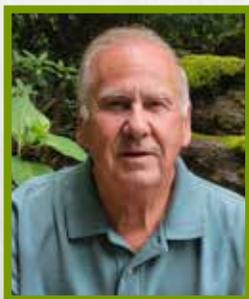
Welcome Message from NYSNLA
Melissa Caggiano, CNLP
President
2017 CNLP of the Year

- Presentation of the 2023 NYSNLA Annual Awards - Certified Nursery & Landscape Professional of the Year



2023
David R. Clark, CNLP
Presented by Steven S. Sypniewski, Lifetime CNLP
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NYSNLA Hall of Fame



2023
Gary G. Gasparini, Lifetime CNLP
Presented by James Sollecito, Senior Lifetime CNLP
Long-Time Fellow PlantCNY-Region 4 Member
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Please Note:

NYSNLA Staff will set-up the photographic shots, the association photo will be taken, then guests and friends will be given time to take their photographs of the group and individual Honorees. We thank you for your cooperation.

Following the Court of Honor Ceremony, we encourage all in attendance to take in the Horticulture Building Courtyard, which has been transformed into the NYSNLA Sensory Garden for the enjoyment and education of all those attending the Great New York State Fair—and to help promote our NYSNLA Members and the value of nursery and landscaping professionals in the Empire State.



2023 Court of Honor Ceremony at the Great New York State Fair

NYSNLA Hall of Fame



2023

Posthumous Induction

Sharlene L. Reeves, Lifetime CNLP

Presented by Karl Naegler, CNLP

PlantGFLX-Region 5 Secretary-Treasurer

NYSNLA Immediate Past President

PlantGFLX-Region 5 Regional

Representatives to NYSNLA

Steve Miles & Shawn Ballone

We also very pleased to welcome David Reeves,

Sharlene's Husband & her Siblings

Darlene Baum, Kathy Chase and James Leibeck

Dr. George L. Good Gold Medal of Horticulture



2023

Jerry R. Parmenter, Senior CNLP

NYSNLA Past President

Co-Chair – Professional Development-CNLP Committee

Owner & President – Elemental Landscapes

Presented by Donna W. Moramarco, CNLP

Director of Horticulture – Planting Fields Foundation

& Past Recipient of the Gold Medal of Horticulture



Dr. George L. Good

- Closing Remarks -

Melissa Caggiano, CNLP

President

2017 CNLP of the Year

Adjournment & Group Photography Session



Acknowledgments

NYSNLA wants to thank all of the following who supported our efforts at the Great New York State Fair and the Court of Honor.

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PLANT CNY has been involved in collecting Toys for Tots for over 25 years. In 2018, we lost a long-time member Ted Florczyk, owner of Teds Landscaping. Ted was always a very generous supporter of Toys for Tots—and in his memory we now call our effort **Toys for Ted**. Since 2018, PLANT CNY expanded our program and added more drop-off locations to increase the number of toys collected.

With the help of our members and supporters, we have had 21 drop-off locations. In 2022, we had our most successful year to date—and we were able to donate \$1,000.00 and over 30 big boxes of toys—enough to fill a small box truck. We are the second largest donation collection effort in Onondaga County, behind one of our local news stations. We would like to be the largest donor in CNY—so please help us accomplish this worthy goal!

If you would like to help PLANT CNY with our **Toys for Ted Drive**, monetary donations can be made to PLANT CNY, with a “Toys for Tots” in the memo section of your check.

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PLANT CNY, PO Box 3293, Syracuse NY 13220
or Venmo **Beth Fry** @Beth-Fry-28

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CNLP OF THE YEAR



Past Honorees

The CNLP of the Year award recognizes an individual's extraordinary commitment to the green industry, his or her family and community, and the betterment of others through the Certified Nursery & Landscape Professional Program. The award is presented at the NYSNLA Court of Honor on opening day of the New York State Fair in August.

2006 Edward Dore <small>Senior Lifetime CNLP</small>	2012 Jerry Parmenter <small>Senior CNLP</small>	2018 Beth Fry <small>Senior CNLP</small>
2007 Vincent Drzewucki <small>Senior CNLP</small>	2013 Sally Cunningham <small>CNLP</small>	2019 John Gaylardo <small>CNLP</small>
2008 Ralph W. Tuthill III <small>Senior Lifetime CNLP</small>	2014 Kim Schichtel <small>CNLP</small>	2020 Elizabeth Snyder <small>CNLP</small>
2009 David Linchan <small>Senior Lifetime CNLP</small>	2015 Julie Liebmann <small>CNLP</small>	2021 Amy Howansky <small>CNLP</small>
2010 Jason Engel <small>Senior CNLP</small>	2016 Dannielle Carr <small>CNLP</small>	2022 Elizabeth Berkeley <small>CNLP</small>
2011 Michael Grimm <small>Senior Lifetime CNLP</small>	2017 Melissa Daniels <small>CNLP</small>	2023 David R. Clark <small>CNLP</small>

HALL OF FAME

NYSNLA Hall of Fame Inductees are individuals who have made outstanding and unselfish contributions to the nursery and landscape industry in the State of New York.



1960
Dr. A.M.A. Pridham, Charles Perkins,
Val Curtis, Edwin Costich

1961
Louis Weismock, John W. Kelly, Joseph
Borsch, Clarence Vanderbrook, Robert Auld

1962
Dr. Harold B. Tulley Sr., John Vivas,
Tobbie Marrino

1963
Eugene S. Boerner

1964
Frank S. BonGiorno

1965
Al Synesael

1966
William F. Kuhl

1967
Harry Raben

1968
C. Powers Taylor

1970
George W. Wren

1971
Bernard B. Stangler

1972
Lawrence L. Labriola

1973
Edward Pettillon

1974
Herman Eberhard

1975
Dave Schade

1976
John Newhouse

1978
Dr. George Good

1979
William Bailey

1980
Edwin M. Fava

1981
Anna Feile

1982
Bob Case

1983
George Schichtel

1984
George Kallfelz

1985
Henry Weller

1986
Alfred H. Krautter
Lifetime CNLP

1987
Fritz Schaefer
Lifetime CNLP

1988
Frank Ferraro

1989
Kenneth Wilk

1990
Jack Lander

1991
David Linehan
Senior Lifetime CNLP

1992
Heinrich Fischer
Lifetime CNLP

1993
Fred Mitchell

1994
Jim Shearer

1995
John Braddell

1996
George "Skip" Miller

1997
George Gibbs

1998
Peter Costich

1999
Dave McIntyre

2000
Jan Jansen
Lifetime CNLP

2001
Kenneth R. Hill
Senior Lifetime CNLP

2002
Edward Dore
Senior Lifetime CNLP

2003
Marj Olds

2004
William "Bill" Head

2005
David M. Taylor

2006
Bob Kretzer

2007
Dale Turtle
Lifetime CNLP

2008
Gregory Frank

2009
David Ryan
Senior Lifetime CNLP

2010
Vincent Drzewucki
Senior Lifetime CNLP

2011
Robert Smith

2012
Mike Pollack

2013
Donna Moramarco, CNLP

2014
Michael Grimm
Senior Lifetime CNLP

2015
Jeffrey Rogers, CNLP

2016
Jackie Crane, CNLP

2017
Chris Zeisz
Lifetime CNLP

2018
Jim Presutti
Lifetime CNLP

2019
Jerry R. Parmenter
Senior Lifetime CNLP

2020
David B. Dailey, Jr
Lifetime CNLP

2021
Bud Nestler
Lifetime CNLP

2022
Beth Fry
Lifetime CNLP

2023
Gary G. Gasparini
Lifetime CNLP

2023
Sharlene L. Reeves
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2024

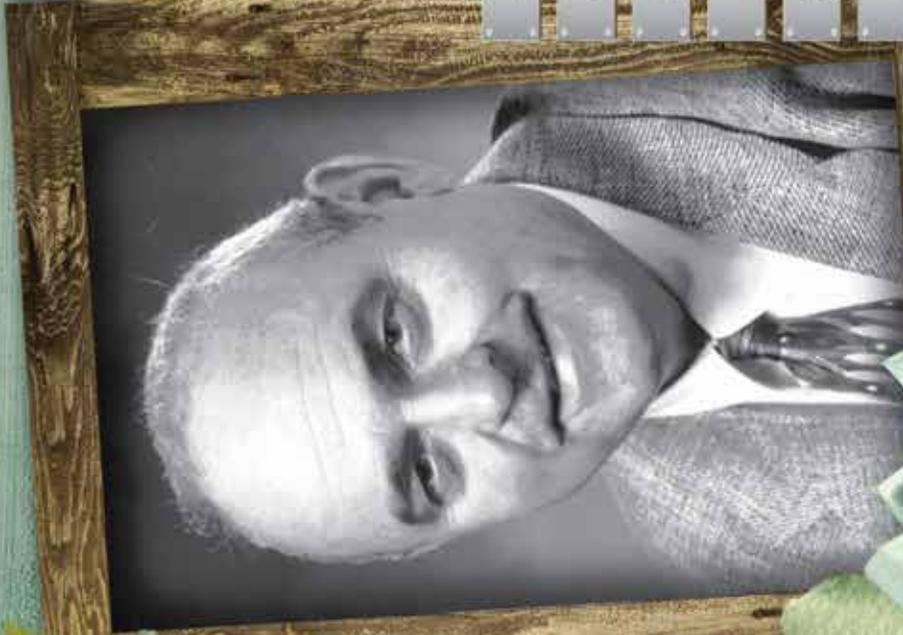
2025

2026

DR. GEORGE L. GOOD GOLD MEDAL OF HORTICULTURE

NYSNLA awards its highest honor, the Dr. George L. Good Gold Medal of Horticulture, to an individual who has made outstanding contributions in the field of horticulture in the State of New York.

Dr. George Lawrence Good spent his entire career on the Department of Horticulture faculty at Cornell University's College of Agriculture and Life Sciences. He was an active, engaged member of NYSNLA and received the Gold Medal of Horticulture himself in 1997. After his death in 2008, the award was rechristened the Dr. George L. Good Gold Medal of Horticulture in his honor.



1982 Dr. P.P. Pirone	1992 Beatrice Jones	2002 George V. Schichriel	2012 Paul Fuhrmann	2022 Thomas Mitchell
1983 Edwin Costich	1993 Warren T. Johnson	2003 Richard Weir	2013 Edward Dore <small>Senior Lifetime CNLP</small>	2023 Jerry R. Parmenter <small>Senior CNLP</small>
1984 Frank Karpick	1994 William "Bill" Head	2004 Dr. Nina Bassuk	2014 Steven Perry	2024
1985 Gordon Jones	1995 James Cross	2005 Carolyn Klass	2015 Dr. Andrew Senesac	2025
1986 Dr. Arthur Bing	1996 Ernie Schaufler	2006 Charles Scheer	2016 Dr. A. Martin Petrovic	2026
1987 Joseph Harris	1997 Dr. George Good	2007 Margery Daughtrey	2017 Charles D. Schmitt,	2027
1988 Ralph Snodsmith	1998 Henry Weller	2008 Robert Mungari	2018 Dr. Gary A. Brown	2028
1989 Dr. Carl Gortzig	1999 John Hyde, W. Scott	2009 Dr. Donald Leopold	2019 Daniel O. Gilrein	2029
1990 Carl Totemeier	2000 Dr. Wayne Sinclair	2010 Dr. George W. Hudler	2020 Donna W. Moramarco, CNLP	2030
1991 Ronald O. Barrett	2001 Ralph N. Freeman, Alfred "Fred" H. Hicks	2011 Jan Jansen <small>Lifetime CNLP</small>	2021 Vincent Simeone	2031



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We welcome all Owners and Leaders of the Green Industry of New York State to come, enjoy the beautiful setting, share your incredible wealth of knowledge and experience, and learn from your colleagues! We can't think of a better way to wrap-up 2023—and get ready for 2024!