

2020 - 2021 Court of Honor Ceremony

Friday, August 20, 2021 Horticulture Building Courtyard New York State Fairgrounds Syracuse, New York





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Greetings from NYSNLA's President

Dear NYSNLA Members, Supporters & Colleagues:

Welcome to the Great New York State Fair—and NYSNLA's return to being together in-person for our Court of Honor Ceremony! Today we will be sharing the achievements of colleagues and friends who exemplify the best of our association and the Green Industry in New York State. As we were unable to meet last year because of the COVID-19 pandemic, we have both our 2020 and 2021 Honorees present—making this a double celebration!

Our industry knows the cycle of the seasons. All of us at NYSNLA have worked very hard through the entire pandemic—from the quarantine, to getting our members back to work, to fully implementing our new operational model—while looking forward to getting back to normal. Our presence and activities here at the Fairgrounds offer another big step forward. We will be using the remainder of the year to relaunch our CNLP Program, hold CNLP Day, and offer other opportunities for professional development and networking. We look forward to an exciting 2022 and hope all of you will be part of it!

Congratulations to our CNLP of the Year Honorees: Liz Snyder (2020) and Amy Howansky (2021); our Hall of Fame Inductees: Dave Dailey, Jr. (2020) and Bud Nestler (2021); and our Gold Medal of Horticulture Honorees: Donna Moramarco (2020) and Vinnie Simeone (2021).

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

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

Anthony Caggiano, Lifetime CNLP President

Message from the State Fair Committee

Dear NYSNLA Fairgoers:

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Back in February, we activated the State Fair Committee, not even knowing if there would be a State Fair this year! We were determined that no matter what, NYSNLA would come together in Syracuse in August in order to hold our Court of Honor. When we received word that the Fair would be open—we then increased the pace of planning in order transform the grown-over Courtyard into a Sensory Garden. We will also be offering "Ask a Pro" standup talks in the Courtyard, and promoting NYSNLA, our members, and our profession to the general public.

We thank all our volunteers and donors whose generosity with their time and resources helped us create this beautiful setting to, once again, hold our Court of Honor and celebrate the achievements of NYSNLA and our Honorees. We congratulate them all!

Enjoy your time at the Fair!

Beth Fry, Senior CNLP

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- Order of Program -

Welcome Message from NYSNLA Anthony Caggiano, Lifetime CNLP President

- Presentation of the 2020 & 2021 NYSNLA Annual Awards - Certified Nursery & Landscape Professional of the Year



2020
Elizabeth Snyder, CNLP
Presented by Beth Fry, Senior CNLP
Professional Development Committee Co-Chair



2021 Amy Howansky, CNLP Presented by Elizabeth Snyder, CNLP Secretary & Professional Development Committee

NYSNLA Hall of Fame



2020 David B. Dailey, Jr., Lifetime CNLP Presented by Karl Naegler, CNLP Vice President & Region 5 Member



Bud Nestler, Lifetime CNLP
Presented by Jerry Parmenter, Senior CNLP
Past President & Professional Development Committee
Co-Chair

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Dr. George L. Good Gold Medal of Horticulture





2020
Donna W. Moramarco, CNLP
Horticulturist
Presented by Jerry Parmenter, Senior CNLP
Past President & Professional Development Committee
Co-Chair



Vincent Simeone
Director, Planting Fields Arboretum
State Historic Park
Presented by John Gaylardo, CNLP
LINLA/Region 1 CNLP Coordinator

- Closing Remarks Anthony Caggiano, Lifetime CNLP
President

Adjournment & Group Photography Session

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.





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Planning, Courtyard Clean-Up & Maintenance, Sensory Garden Installation, "Ask a Pro" Presenters, and Public Greeters

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