

149th ANNUAL MEETING
Thursday, November 11, 1976

Herbert W. Goodall, Jr., *Chairman, Presiding*

Report of the Treasurer, Alan Crawford, Jr.

Election of Council

The Nominating Committee, Mrs. Eugene G. Grace, Chairperson, has nominated the following people for election to the Executive Council for a three year term, ending November 1979:

Mrs. James F. Bodine
Frederic W. Clark
Herbert W. Goodall, Jr.

Ragan Henry
Mrs. Walter K. Howard
Mrs. Adolphus Lewis, Sr.

Mrs. John D. Lohmeyer
Lois Woodward Paul
Esther J. Winters

For one year to fill an unexpired term:

Mary Lewis

-Awards-

1976 DISTINGUISHED ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL
to
JAMES S. WELLS

The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society is built around the sharing of horticultural knowledge. Everything we do, our library, our shows, our lectures, and our schools programs disseminate information. Consequently, we hold in high esteem those who look upon skills and learning as things to be made available for all who desired them.

Such a person is James S. Wells. Concentrating in the field of plant propagation, traditionally one where each practitioner jealously guarded the secrets of his art, Mr. Wells was one of the first to take the opposite course. During his thirty years of activity as a propagator and nurseryman, he has always been ready to answer questions or demonstrate techniques. His crowning achievements along this line are the book *Plant Propagation Practices* which he wrote, and the International Plant Propagator's Society, of which he was a founder and first President.

We are proud to award him our Distinguished Achievement Medal.

1976 CERTIFICATE OF MERIT
to
VIOLA K. ANDERS

Cynics say that those who can, do, and those who can't, teach. If this a rule of pedagogy, Viola Anders is the exception that proves it. She grows the plants about which she teaches, and she does both excellently.

Herbaceous plants are her field, and in it she has no superior. For more than twenty years she has grown herbaceous plants for the Pennsylvania School of Horticulture for Women and now for Temple University; has designed and executed the School's herbaceous beds and borders, and has taught the course in herbaceous materials in a way that has made her students want to put their learning into practice.

Temple has recognized her talents by appointing her Assistant Professor in Horticulture. The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society would like to add its gesture of recognition by awarding her its Certificate of Merit.

CERTIFICATE OF MERIT
to
ANNE WERTSNER WOOD

As a tree is known by its fruit, so a teacher is known by her pupils. The proof of a teacher's influence is a throng of followers.

By this standard, Anne Wertsner Wood is a teacher, and a remarkable one. No horticulturist in the Delaware Valley has a larger following. People who have heard her lecture or seen her demonstrate flower arranging, people who have gone on tours she has lead, people who have read her horticultural writings, her fellow members in horticultural organizations all pay tribute to her ability to explain and inspire.

It is particularly fitting for the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society to honor Anne Wood since she served the Society for fifteen years as Field Secretary during the period when that was the Society's highest professional position. In recognition of her many accomplishments, we award her our Certificate of Merit.

THE 1976 LANDSCAPE HORTICULTURE AWARDS
of the
GREATER PHILADELPHIA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
in cooperation with the
PENNSYLVANIA HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY
are presented to

DELAWARE RIVER PORT AUTHORITY

In recognition of an active and praiseworthy program of beautifying the grounds under the administration of the authority, as exemplified by recently established landscaping of the approaches to the Betsy Ross Bridge.

NATIONAL LIBERTY CORPORATION

For creating lovely and inspiring surroundings of year-round interest and a variety of landscape features for a group of office buildings.

SOMERSET KNITTING MILLS

For a fine contribution to the beautification of our city streets by well designed and carefully maintained plantings on the company grounds with a variety of trees and shrubs.

SPRING HOUSE VILLAGE

For creating attractive and well integrated landscaping suited to the requirements of a shopping center.

THOMAS JEFFERSON UNIVERSITY

For providing effectively designed plantings of varied nature for public enjoyment within an inner city campus and medical center.

JUNIOR HORTICULTURAL AWARDS

1975

1976 OUTSTANDING JUNIOR HORTICULTURIST

CYNDE SCHATZ

This year's recipient of the PHS \$500 award was chosen from a group of 15 high school seniors. She won the award because of her enthusiasm and leadership qualifications which we feel sure will inspire other young people to become more horticulturally minded.

Cynde's experience includes greenhouse, vegetable and flower growing and marketing. She has held office in a regional chapter of the Future Farmers of America. She plans to specialize in turf management.

1976 SCHOOL TEACHER AWARD

NATALIE KENT KEMPNER

Many a city teacher has dreamed of instilling in her students, an awareness of the natural world. Few have been able to turn that dream into actuality. Natalie Kent Kempner is one of those few.

Working with minimal funds at an eighty year old elementary school in a part of Philadelphia's Spanish-speaking section, she has lead her pupils in ever widening circles of discovery by cultivating their intuitive curiosity and encouraging their boundless resourcefulness. Their museum in the school basement has housed insects (dead and alive); leaves and seeds; tiny fish and animals and their bones; plants (miraculously alive); and a wide variety of other artifacts.

Their gardens have produced some vegetables and a fine crop of weeds with pretty flowers. Their collecting expeditions have visited trash cans, markets, parks and the Poconos. They have exhibited in our Junior Flower Show and they have planted their bulbs for the spring of '77.

Natalie Kent Kempner practices what Wordsworth preached: "Come forth into the light of things, let Nature be your teacher." We salute her with our 1976 School Teacher Award, the first presented by the Society. She has set a high standard for future recipients.

GRAND HORTICULTURAL SWEEPSTAKES AWARDS

for the greatest number of Blue Ribbons in the Philadelphia Flower and Garden Show, Christmas Show and the Harvest Show to:

1976 — MRS. SIDNEY KEITH

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