

# AWARDS PRESENTATION

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### **DISTINGUISHED ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL**

#### *Edward L. Lindemann*

Ed started working at PHS more than 30 years ago as the staff horticulturist, and served as the Flower Show Designer and Director for a quarter of a century. He brought a keen sense of design and horticultural excellence to the Delaware Valley, and helped build this annual event into the "biggest and best indoor flower show in the world".

Ed had a devoted following among Show exhibitors, staff, professional crews, and volunteers. He helped develop the Competitive Class section into the very best of all flower shows, and worked closely with his "harem" of garden club members to bring out their talents in horticulture, arranging, artistry, and management and organization.

Under Ed's calm and assured leadership, the Flower Show took a giant leap 10 years ago from the aerial perspective and low ceilings of the Civic Center to the soaring, cavernous spaces of the new Pennsylvania Convention Center. His graceful and elegantly proportioned designs never missed a beat. (Although it was quite a few years before visitors stopped asking him if he could bring back the escalator!)

Ed reached a generation of young horticulturists during his stint on *Captain Noah and His Magical Ark*, the long-running children's television program, where he did weekly gardening segments (and, occasionally, drove scooter bikes into cardboard sets).

There are few landscape designers who can claim they have worked on projects as diverse as a nuclear power plant and a tiny townhouse garden, but Ed has done this and more. His landscape and design business has taken him to suburban gardens, formal estates, and commercial sites across the Delaware Valley, and now that he's retired, as far away as California, Florida and Massachusetts.

For many years during his career in Philadelphia, Ed was involved with the American Association of Botanical Gardens and Arboreta, the Garden Writers of America, and The National Trust for Historic Preservation. A graduate of Delaware Valley College, Ed received the Centennial Alumni Award in recognition of his accomplishments.

Ed helped found and continues to be an adviser to the Newport Flower Show, where a number of his Philadelphia Flower Show fans volunteer and exhibit at the annual event that benefits the Preservation Society of Newport Country, RI.

Since he retired two years go, he and his wife, Carol, have been living and gardening on Cape Cod, where they are occasionally joined in critter-chasing duties by Samantha, their golden retriever.

Ed, for your contributions to enliven and strengthen the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society, to give vibrancy to the horticultural community, and to make the world a more cheerful place for 10 days every March, we are happy to present you with the Distinguished Achievement Medal.

## CERTIFICATE OF MERIT

### *Jack Blandy*

Anyone who is involved with the Philadelphia Flower Show will hear people refer to this great group of volunteers, exhibitors and staff as family. And at the top of the list of favorite 'family' members is Jack Blandy.

In the nearly 30 years Jack has been involved in the Philadelphia Flower Show, Stoney Bank Nurseries, the highly regarded landscape design build business he founded more than three decades ago in Glen Mills, has set the standard for excellence on the Show floor. Stoney Bank's magnificent gardens in the

Landscape division have won Best in Show five times, and Jack has been tapped three times to design the Central Feature exhibit.

Jack has been a kind and patient mentor to the many garden clubs, schools, horticultural groups, and fellow major exhibitors. He is always willing to share his knowledge and help other exhibitors, and he has been a much-needed calming element in the middle of many a Flower Show storm. Jack has served on PHS Council, and has been a longtime member of the Flower Show Executive Committee, where he can be counted on for his wise words and insights.

Jack, a Pennsylvania certified horticulturist, is a Temple University Ambler alumnus, and he often encourages the young students and graduates as they begin their horticultural careers. Both Jack and his son Joe, who also graduated from Temple and has joined the Blandy team at Stoney Bank, were inducted last year in the university's "Gallery of Success".

Around the Delaware Valley, there are hundreds of Stoney Bank clients whose surroundings have been greatly enhanced by a Blandy design. These landscapes are beautiful—never gaudy or inappropriate—and are designed to take advantage of the natural topography.

Jack serves as Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Pennsylvania Landscape and Nursery Association, which awards scholarships and promotes ornamental horticulture. He is also an esteemed member of the Men's Garden Club of Philadelphia, where he has received awards as diverse as 'Plantsman of the Year' to 'Doing His Own Thing'.

Jack, from your huge Flower Show family and fan club, it is with pride that we present you with PHS's Certificate of Merit.

## CERTIFICATE OF MERIT

### *David L. Culp*

Good gardeners are drawn like magnets to David Culp—not only for his depth and breadth of knowledge, but also for his warmth and generosity of spirit.

David is known as an outstanding plantsman, gardener and teacher. He has represented Sunny Border Nurseries in Kensington, CT, for some 15 years, where his duties include selling and finding plants. His travels have taken him to Europe, Asia, and temperate areas of North America, and he is respected as much for his sunny disposition as for his extensive plant knowledge.

He is a highly respected hybridizer, and has taken on an in-depth study of plant groups, such as *Galanthus* and *Helleborus*. David has collected, evaluated, selected, hybridized, and promoted these to enhance and enlarge their ornamental use. His hellebores in particular are much sought-after in the trade, and can be seen in early-spring gardens far and wide.

David is former chair of the Hardy Plant Society, and serves on the planning committee for the Perennial Plant Conference, an annual event sponsored by Scott Arboretum, PHS, Longwood Gardens, Inc., Chanticleer, and the Hardy Plant Society. He has served on the Scott Arboretum Medal Award Committee, and has assisted Wintherthur's Garden Guild and Longwood's Continuing Education program, where his "Perennials for Shade" course is a favorite.

His educational reach goes beyond the Delaware Valley, as he has inspired legions of gardeners through his work as a contributing editor of *Horticulture* and as a regular author for *Fine Gardening* magazine, and as a guest on Martha Stewart Living and HGTV. David has also led garden and plant-collecting tours across the globe.

David and his partner, Michael Alderfer, have created a lovely and plant-rich garden at Brandywine Cottage, their 1790s-era home in Downingtown. There, they have welcomed many national, regional, and local visitors—including PHS members—who have been inspired by their plant combinations and stunning design.

David, for your contributions to excellence in and enthusiasm for horticulture, we are most pleased to award you with the Certificate of Merit.

## CERTIFICATE OF MERIT

### *Dorene Martin*

With her warm, friendly spirit and commitment to PHS programs, Dorene Martin is a gift to those of us who live and work in Philadelphia.

Dorene has been a guiding force since 1989 for the Ribbon of Gold—now called the Terrace Garden—at Eastern State Penitentiary, a wonderful border of woody shrubs, ornamental grasses and perennials thriving on the long terraces that flank this historic site. "Before" photographs show a graffiti-tagged, trash-strewn and weedy mess along Fairmount Avenue; now, thanks to Dorene and other dedicated volunteers, the garden is a beautiful landscape that's habitat to birds, butterflies, and bees.

Dorene and her good friend, Miriam Galster, both Philadelphia school nurses, routinely spend long, hot hours during the summer months dragging around hoses and setting up sprinklers. It takes dedication to make sure a 600-foot-long garden on top of a wall is watered regularly during the dry spells!

Dorene is always the first to show up and the last to leave for the group's regularly scheduled work days, where she enthusiastically leads the way raking, trimming, dividing, and planting, rain or shine. Under her leadership, the

group continually improves the landscape to ensure four-season interest for neighborhood residents as well as visitors to the historic site.

Dorene's appreciation of gardening in the urban environment makes her an ideal judge for PHS's City Gardens Contest. Every summer she is joined by a group of volunteer judges, who traverse city streets to visit gardens – from block-size community gardens to diminutive window boxes – and talk with the proud owners. Doreen is a terrific emissary for the program and PHS, as she enthusiastically shares her garden experiences.

Early spring finds Dorene volunteering at the Flower Show's Philadelphia Green exhibit, where she meets and greets thousands of visitors and helps spread the good news about PHS.

Dorene, we thank you for your commitment to the Terrace Garden and Philadelphia Green, and we are happy to present you with the Certificate of Merit.



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