



Massachusetts Horticultural Society

Honorary Medals

Recognition and reward for accomplishments in horticulture were major objectives of the Society when it was founded in 1829. The Society's Constitution provided for the distribution of annual rewards to persons who advanced the objectives of the Society, advanced the science of horticulture or merited distinction in service to the Society. It also provided for the award of premiums for various achievements. Exhibitions were held weekly during eight months of the year, in addition to the Annual Exhibition each September.

Over the past two centuries, Society awards underwent several changes in names, formats, e.g., premiums, medals and certificates, and purpose. Originally the awards and premiums prizes were monetary but in 1845, the Society began to award medals and plates. The first were the gold Appleton and Lowell medals and the "Lyman Plate." Other annual awards in silver, silver gilt and other plates were also offered. At its events, exhibitions and shows, the Society would also bestow awards sent from other horticultural organizations. The Society reciprocated in kind, and sent its Gold Medal to other horticultural organizations.

Over time, this system became confusing and the value of the awards became diluted. For instance, gold medals were not only bestowed annually to prominent personages and organizations in horticulture but also at flower shows and exhibitions and by the Garden Committee. By the early 20th century, cash payments were eliminated and the award process was redefined. The Society initiated a program to annually bestow medals to recipients that represented the highest standards of horticulture. In addition to the Society's Gold and Silver Medals, generous donors endowed the White, Dawson and Roland Medals. Included with these annual awards was the prestigious H. H. Hunnewell Gold Medal, endowed in 1864, "to be awarded from time to time" to owners of estates of three acres or more to promote the art of landscape gardening, whether or not professional advice was used.

This document lists Honorary Medal recipients in the 20th and 21st centuries, with a few exceptions, i.e., the Gold and Hunnewell Medals. It does not include recipients of medals given at exhibitions, at flower shows or by the garden committee, with the exception of the Hunnewell Medal and the Special Exhibition Centennial Medals. Nor does it include recipients of Society medals sent to other horticultural organizations that were awarded at their events or shows.

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The George Robert White Medal of Honor

1909-2024



George Robert White (1847-1922) endowed this medal in 1909. Considered the highest horticultural award in America, it is given to a person or entity that has done eminent service in horticulture in its broadest sense. The award may be given to a recipient only once.

Executed by well-known sculptor and medalist John Flanagan (1865-1952), the original medal was 24 karat gold and was struck at the United States Mint in Philadelphia. In 1977, the medal was changed to gold-plated bronze. The obverse of the medal depicts a man planting a small bush, with trees and a greenhouse in the background. The figure symbolizes a scientific intellect whose aim is to improve nature, even to create it if possible. The trees in the background represent the allied branch of arboriculture. Along the rim of the medal is the inscription "George Robert White Medal of Honor." The reverse is adorned with a floral and vegetable garland and bears the inscription "Massachusetts Horticultural Society Award to [recipient and year] for Eminent Service in Horticulture."

The reason the award was bestowed, if known, is under the column labeled "Notes." The blue text connects to hyperlinks.

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Year	First	Middle	Last	Position/Organization	City	State/ Country	Notes
1909	Charles	S.	Sargent	Director, Arnold Arboretum	Jamaica Plain	MA	For introduction of many desirable ornamental shrubs and trees and the testing of their hardiness in this latitude.
1910	Jackson	Thornton	Dawson	Arnold Arboretum	Jamaica Plain	MA	Tribute
1911	Victor		Lemoine		Nancy	France	For his work in introducing many popular varieties of flowering garden plants.
1912	Michael	Henry	Walsh		Woods Hole	MA	For being a noted rose grower.
1913	City of Rochester Park Commission				Rochester	NY	For its successful efforts in establishing one of the most important collection of trees in America, for increasing the love of plants and of horticulture among the people of Rochester and in exploring the flora of western New York.
1914	Sir Harry	James	Veitch		London	England	For promoting interest in horticulture in both England and the United States.
1915	Ernest	Henry	Wilson	Arnold Arboretum	Jamaica Plain	MA	For the greater introduction to cultivation the number of desirable garden plants than any one man.

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1916	William		Robinson		London	England	For his distinguished services in advancing the interests of horticulture, i.e., his work in horticultural literature.
1917	Niels	Ebbesen	Hansen		Brookings	SD	For the introduction and hybridization of new varieties of economic plants and fruits suitable for cultivation in the northwestern states.
1918	Walter	Van	Fleet	Bureau of Plant Industry	Washington	DC	For his work in the hybridization of the rose.
1919	Vilmorin-Andrieux Company				Paris	France	For the introduction of improved forms of garden plants and vegetables and for supplying seeds to the United States in absence of other sources.
1920	George		Forrest			Scotland	For the introduction of desirable garden plants from southwest China.
1921	Louisa	Yeomans	King		Alma	MI	For her service to horticulture in increasing the love of plants and gardens among women in the United States
1922	Albert	Cameron	Burrage	President of Society's Board of Trustees	Boston	MA	Tribute
1923	John		McLaren	Superintendent, Golden Gate Park	San Francisco	CA	For eminent service in developing horticulture on the Pacific coast.
1924	Joseph		Forrest		Venissieux-les-Lyons	France	For developing and perfecting a special strain of roses, the so-called strain of roses, the Pernetiana family.
1925	Ulysses	P.	Hedrick		Geneva	NY	For his work in promoting the cultivation of fruit, particularly new varieties.
1926	Pierre	S.	du Pont	Longwood Gardens	Wilmington	DE	For extending a love of flowers, and for the winter garden at Longwood.
1927	Liberty	Hyde	Bailey	Professor, Cornell University	Ithaca	NY	For his work in promoting horticultural education and his books.
1928	William	Boyce	Thompson	Founder, Boyce Thompson Institute for Plant Research, Inc.	Yonkers	NY	For his work in advancing horticulture in the United states, establishment of the Boyce Thompson Research Laboratory and development of a great tract of land in Arizona for desert flora.

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1929	Gertrude		Jekyll		Godalming	England	For her writing on horticultural subjects.
1930	David	Grandison	Fairchild	Bureau of Plant Industry, Department of Agriculture	Washington	DC	For introduction of foreign plants that enhanced the value of agricultural products.
1931	Frederick	V.	Coville	Botanist, Department of Agriculture	Washington	DC	For his discoveries and experiments in botany.
1932	W.	A.	Manda		South Orange	NJ	For his thorough and comprehensive knowledge of horticulture.
1933	J.	Horace	McFarland		Harrisburg	PA	For his tremendous and infectious enthusiasm for plants and his ability to inspire others to grow and study plants of many genera.
1934	Frank	Kingdon	Ward			England	For introduction of new plants and his books.
1935	Oakes		Ames	Harvard University	North Easton	MA	For his work as a botanist, orchid authority and Director of Harvard University's horticultural and botanical collections.
1936	Harlan	Page	Kelsey		East Boxford	MA	For being one of the most prominent nurserymen and horticultural authorities, for the introduction of many worthwhile plants.
1937	Frederick	Law	Olmsted	Landscape Architect	Brookline	MA	For his work in landscape design, particularly public parks
1938	Robert		Moses	Park Commissioner, New York City	New York	NY	For his remarkable work in extending the park system in New York City, in the planting and preservation of trees, and in teaching the love of nature to the younger generation.
1939	George	T.	Moore	Director, Missouri Botanical Garden	St. Louis	MO	For his work in developing and maintaining one of the world's outstanding botanical and horticultural institutions.
1940	Arthur	William	Hill	Director, Royal Botanical Garden	Kew	England	For his influence on horticulture in Great Britain.
1941	Frank	Albert	Waugh	Professor Emeritus, Landscape Architecture, Massachusetts State College	Amherst	MA	For eminent service in horticulture.
1942	Jens		Jensen	Landscape Architect	Ellison Bay	WI	For development of the Great West Park System of Chicago and his other work as a landscape architect.

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1943	Richardson		Wright	Editor "House and Garden"	New York	NY	For raising the standards of gardening in this country and arousing greater interest in horticultural pursuits.
1944	Theodore		Wirth		Minneapolis	MN	For efficiency in the development of public parks.
1945	William	N.	Craig		Weymouth	MA	For having exerted tremendous influence in many horticultural fields, with particular emphasis on lilies.
1946	Elmer	Drew	Merrill	Former Director, Arnold Arboretum	Jamaica Plain	MA	For his unequalled expertise as a specialist in botany of the Philippines, Malaysia and Indonesia.
1947	Ernest	F.	Coe	National Park Service	Coconut Grove	FL	For his work in founding Everglades National Park.
1948	Lord		Aberconway	President, Royal Horticultural Society	London	England	For his illustrious career in gardening and horticulture.
1949	Wilson		Popenoe	Director, Escuela Agricola Panamericana	Tegucigalpa	Honduras	For his leadership and scholarship in the field of tropical horticulture.
1950	William		Hertrich	Curator Emeritus, Huntington Botanical Garden	San Marino	CA	For developing a San Marino ranch into a beautiful botanic garden.
1951	William	Wright	Smith	Director, Edinburgh Botanic Garden	Edinburgh	Scotland	For his leadership at the Royal Botanic Garden at Edinburgh
1952	Albert	Francis	Blakeslee	Director, Genetics Experiment Station, Smith College	Northampton	MA	For his work in the complex field of genetics.
1953	Edward	Irving	Farrington	Editor <i>Horticulture Magazine</i>	East Weymouth	MA	For his lifetime service as administrator, counselor, editor and author for the Society.
1954	Richard	P.	White	Executive Secretary, American Association of Nurserymen	Washington	DC	For his outstanding service to the nursery industry and plant buying public.
1955	Harold	Lloyd	Lyon	Director of Foster Gardens, Wahiawa Botanical Garden & Manoa Arboretum	Honolulu	HI	For his work of international scope in establishing the sugar and pineapple industries in Hawaii.
1956	Royal Horticultural Society				London	England	For its world-wide service to the advancement of horticulture through its flower shows, bulletins, year books and special publications as well as for the development and expansion of its gardens at Wisley.
1957	Boyce Thompson Institute for Plant Research, Inc.				Yonkers	NY	For its studies of plants and their environment.

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1958	Conrad	L.	Wirth	Director, National Park Service	Washington	DC	For his leadership at the National Park Service.
1959	H.	Harold	Hume	Retired Professor and Dean, University of Florida, College of Agriculture	Gainesville	FL	For advancing horticulture in the South and his writings.
1960	Longwood Gardens				Kennett Square	PA	For being a magnificent example of the finest in landscape architecture.
1961	John	Caspar	Wister	Director Arthur Hoyt Scott Horticultural Foundation	Swarthmore	PA	For his work as landscape architect, gardener, author and for his development of Swarthmore Campus.
1962	Henry	Francis	duPont		Winterthur	PA	For the Henry Francis du Pont Museum and its associated gardens and arboretum.
1963	Samuel	Leonard	Emsweller	Director of Research Ornamental and Floricultural Crops, U.S. Department of Agriculture Research Station	College Park	MD	For directing major investigations of ornamental plants.
1964	Royal Botanic Gardens				Kew	England	For its wide influence on horticulture ensuring more than a century of extensive activities.
1965	Ethel	Zoe	Bailey	Bailey Hortorium, Cornell University	Ithaca	NY	For a lifetime of study and service to botany and horticulture.
1966	Fletcher		Steele	Landscape Architect	Pittsford	NY	For his creative and cultured interest in gardens and people bequeathed to New England; a unique heritage of his work.
1967	Stanley	Hart	White	Professor Emeritus, Landscape Architecture, University of Illinois	Denver	CO	For his many accomplishments, coupled with a fine sensitivity to what horticulture can contribute to society, have done much in molding a new outlook in landscape architectural education throughout the United States.
1968	Eleanor	Foster Montgomery	Jennings	Montgomery Botanical Center	Miami	FL	For assisting her late husband Colonel Robert H. Montgomery, in establishing the Fairchild Tropical Garden in Miami, Florida and as its first president in 1937, member of the Board and Vice President.

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1969	Donald		Wyman	Arnold Arboretum	Jamaica Plain	MA	For recognition of his position as the virtual embodiment of horticulture in New England.
1970	George	Sherman	Avery, Jr.	Director, Brooklyn Botanic Garden	Brooklyn	NY	For eminent service in horticulture.
1971-1972	No Award						
1973	Leon	Carleton	Snyder	Director, University of Minnesota Landscape Arboretum	Excelsior	MN	For his expenditure of personal energy and his ability to muster enthusiastic support, in providing the people of the upper mid-west a 3.5 million dollar utility which consists of nearly 600 acres of developed land and a classroom/laboratory facility for teaching and research.
1974	No information						
1975	No Award						
1976	TBD						
1977	Richard	A.	Howard	Arnold Arboretum	Jamaica Plain	MA	TBD
1978	James	Underwood	Crockett	Author and host of Crockett's <i>Victory Garden</i>	Concord	MA	For his television program "The Victory Garden" and his horticulture writings.
1979	David	W.	Burpee	W. Altee Burpee Company	Warminster	PA	For constantly promoting the development of new, improved plants for the garden, while recognizing the importance of retaining older, proven varieties.
1980	Ernesta	Drinker	Ballard	Director & President, Pennsylvania Horticultural Society	Philadelphia	PA	For her leadership in expanding the PHS' program and influence to reach far beyond the Delaware Valley; her keen knowledge of plants and gardening in today's world, produced programs of national importance and sharing her accumulated knowledge through her books, articles and lectures.
1981	No Award: 1979 and 1980 awards given in 1981 to coincide with the American Horticultural Society Convention in Boston in 1981.						
1982	Garden Club of America				New York	NY	For stimulating and disseminating knowledge of horticulture throughout the United States through programs, workshops, civic planting, flower shows, the Annual Plant exchange, and the search for "Plants Merit Attention."

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1983	No Award						
1984	National Council of State Garden Clubs, Inc.				St. Louis	MO	For its steady and collective growth in community service through various facets of horticulture.
1985	Thalassa	Cruso	Hencken	Author and Presenter on WGBH Public Television	Boston	MA	For her devotion to horticulture and for her writings and work in all forms of media to make horticulture more popular and understandable by the general public.
1986	Roy	L.	Taylor	President, Chicago Botanic Garden & Director & CEO, Chicago Horticultural Society	Chicago	IL	For his continuing contributions to the development of public horticulture.
1987	Peter	H.	Raven	Executive Director, Missouri Botanical Garden & Englemann Professor of Botany, Washington University	St. Louis	MO	For his leadership at the Missouri Botanical Garden and his outstanding work towards the preservation and study of the world's flora.
1988	Christopher	D.	Brickell	Director General, Royal Horticultural Society	London	England	For his outstanding leadership at the Royal Horticultural Society and his outstanding contributions to the science of horticulture and conservation.
1989	Henry	Marc	Cathey	Director, U.S. National Arboretum	Washington	DC	For his career- long outstanding contributions to horticulture.
1990	The Hunnewell Family				Wellesley	MA	For the many contributions of the Hunnewell Family beginning with H. Hollis Hunnewell in advancing interest in horticulture in its broadest sense.
1991	Richard	W.	Lighty	Director, Mt. Cuba Center for the Study of Piedmont Flora	Greenville	DE	For national leadership in developing the profession of horticulture for future leaders and for his own contributions to plant science.
1992	Pierre		Bourque	Director Montreal Botanical Garden	Montreal	Canada	For being a well respected authority in the field of horticulture and prolific writer on the subject of botany and gardens.

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1993	James Chester	C.	Raulston	Director, North Carolina State University Arboretum	Raleigh	NC	For his dedication, enthusiasm and interest in advancing horticulture in its broadest sense, in particular for his work on plant hardiness and for distributing more than 50K plants and 2M cuttings of new and uncommon plants to the nursery industry and public gardens.
1994	Ball Family			Ball Horticultural Company	Chicago	IL	For its support of the floriculture industry by promoting and marketing the best of floriculture, including new techniques and new plant introductions.
1995	Richard	Evans	Schultes	Harvard University	Melrose	MA	For being a teacher and researcher; a major force in economic botany.
1996	Frederick	E.	Roberts	Director, Longwood Gardens	Kennett Square	PA	For his leadership and professionalism in the field of horticulture.
1997	Katy	Moss	Warner	Director of Horticulture, Walt Disney World	Orlando	FL	For consistently setting unparalleled standards and providing strong, imaginative leadership in the field of public horticulture.
1998	Rosemary		Verey	Barnsley House	Gloucestershire	England	For her overwhelming personal and professional commitment to advancing the worldwide interest in horticulture through her writings and lectures, and especially, by sharing her magnificent garden at Barnsley House.
1999	Tasha		Tudor	Author	West Brattleboro	VT	For an individual who has done the most to advance the public's interest in horticulture.
2000	Elizabeth		Scholtz	Director Emeritus, Brooklyn Botanic Garden	Brooklyn	NY	For stabilizing Brooklyn Botanic Garden during a period of budget cuts in the 1970s and preserving its place among the world's leading botanical gardens.
2001	Adrian		Bloom	President, Blooms of Bressingham	Norfolk	England	For the promotion of new, interesting and innovative plant material by a world-class plantsman.
2002	James/ Wolfgang		van Sweden / Oehme	Oehme, van Sweden & Assoc.	Washington	DC	For celebrating the depth and wonder of the American landscape in landscape design.

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2003	Helen		Dillon		Dublin	Ireland	For a masterful designer and a passionate gardener.
2004	No Award						
2005	Russell		Morash	Creator, Executive Producer & Director, <i>The Victory Garden</i> , <i>This Old House</i> , and <i>The French Chef</i> .	Lexington	MA	For providing home enthusiasts nationwide with award winning programming.
2006	Kent & Diane		Whealy	Founders, Seed Savers Exchange	Decorah	Iowa	For saving and sharing the heirloom seeds of our garden heritage, forming a living legacy that can be passed down through generations.
2007	Daniel	J.	Hinkley	Heronswood Nursery	Kingston	WA	For the advancement of interest in horticulture in the broadest sense, as co-founder of Heronswood Nursery, and as a prolific writer and lecturer.
2008	No Award						
2009	Allan		Armitage	Researcher and Professor, University of Georgia	Athens	GA	For creating the concept of the independent trial garden, for his writing and as one of the most influential people in the floriculture industry.
2010	No Award						
2011	Lynden	B.	Miller	Director, Conservatory Garden in Central Park	N.Y.	NY	For her work as a public garden designer in New York and as Director of the Conservancy Garden in Central Park.
2012	John	W.	Trexler	Tower Hill Botanic Garden	Boylston	MA	For his leadership at Tower Hill Botanic Garden, one of the country's premier public gardens and as a national horticulture authority.
2013	William		Cullina	Executive Director, Coastal Maine Botanic Garden	Boothbay	ME	For his work in establishing and developing Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens.
2014	Michael		Dirr	University of Georgia	Bogart	GA	For his passion for the field of horticulture that has inspired a new generation of students, gardeners, professionals, and for his work in the Green Industry.
2015	Kris	S.	Jarantoski	Executive Vice President and Director, Chicago Botanic Garden	Chicago	IL	For his leadership, vision and dedication to the field of horticulture at Chicago Botanic Garden.

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2016	Peter	J.	Hatch	Director Emeritus of Gardens and Grounds for the Thomas Jefferson Foundation.	Albermarle County	VA	For the maintenance, interpretation and restoration at Monticello from 1977 to 2012.
2017	No Award						
2018	Margaret		Roach		Columbia County	NY	For her distinguished career in horticulture as a garden writer.
2019 & 2020	No Award						
2021	Robert	A.	Bartlett, Jr.	Chairman, F. A. Bartlett Tree Company	Stamford	CT	For his lifelong engagement supporting horticulture and his generous continuing contributions to the betterment of the science and practice of horticulture nationwide.
2022- 2023	No Award						
2024	Douglas	W.	Tallamy	T. A. Baker Professor of Agriculture, Department of Entomology and Wildlife Ecology, University of Delaware	Newark	DE	For the transformational impact of his work in bringing support for pollinators and ecological horticultural practices to broad public attention nationally.



Massachusetts Horticultural Society Jackson Dawson Memorial Medal 1927 - 2021



This medal posthumously honors Jackson Thornton Dawson (1841-1916), first Plant Propagator at the Arnold Arboretum and active member of the Society. Dawson was the recipient of the George Robert White Medal of Honor in 1910. The Horticultural Club of Boston funded this medal in honor of Dawson, a member of the club. Struck by the Robbins Company of Attleboro, Massachusetts for \$259 in 1927, the obverse bears the portrait of Dawson and the words "The Jackson Dawson Memorial Medal." On the reverse, "Massachusetts Horticultural Society" runs along the rim, with garlands of grapes and grape leaves. At the base are images of shields of the United States and Commonwealth of Massachusetts. A space to inscribe the recipient's name and date is in the center. Originally, awarded for skill in the science and practice of hybridization and propagation of hardy woody plants, the award criteria was changed in 2001 to substitute "ornamental plants" for "hardy woody plants."

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1927	Lamburtus	C.	Bobbink	Founder, Bobbink & Atkins	East Rutherford	NJ	For skill in propagating hardwood plants.
1928	T.	D.	Hatfield		Wellesley	MA	For his skill in originating and propagating hardwood plants.
1929	Charles		Sander	Superintendent, Estate of Charles S. Sargent	Brookline	MA	For his work in hybridizing woody plants.
1930	William		Anderson	Superintendent, Bayard Thayer Estate	South Lancaster	MA	For his life-long work as a skillful propagator and hybridizer.
1931	William	Henry	Judd	Propagator, Arnold Arboretum	Jamaica Plain	MA	For his valuable contribution to hybridization and as a propagator of E.H. Wilson's collections from his collecting trips.
1932	Charles	O.	Dexter		Sandwich	MA	For his work in hybridizing and propagating rhododendron and azaleas.
1933	E.	G.	Hill		Richmond	IN	For the introduction of many of the best roses being grown in the country.
1934	H.	Harold	Hume		Gainesville	FL	For the hybridization and propagation of azaleas and citrus fruits.

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1935	Michael	Henry	Hovath	Mentor Nurseries	Mentor	OH	For hybridization of hardy woody plants, particularly roses.
1936	Robert	M.	Gray	Superintendent Emeritus, Atkins Institution, Arnold Arboretum	Soledad Plantation, Cienfuegos	Cuba	For his work with tropical and semi-tropical plants.
1937	J.	E.	Spingarn		Amenia	NY	For his work with clematis which he popularized with his writings.
1938	Joseph	B.	Gable		Stewartstown	PA	For his work as a hybridizer and propagator of rhododendrons.
1939	Walter	D.	Brownell		Little Compton	RI	For his scientific rose breeding.
1940	Guy	G.	Nearing	Guy Nearing Nursery	Ridgewood	NJ	For his work with woody plants, particularly rhododendrons.
1941	Frederick	Huber	Howard		Montebello	CA	For developing roses and horticultural activities.
1942	Henry	T.	Skinner	Curator, Morris Arboretum	Chestnut Hill	PA	For research contributions in plant propagation.
1943	Wilfrid		Wheeler		Hatchville	MA	For his work in hybridizing and propagating hollies and popularizing the beach plum.
1944	Joseph	Herbert	Hill		Richmond	IN	For his success in breeding new greenhouse roses.
1945	Walter	Bosworth	Clarke		San Jose	CA	For introducing many new and rare plants to American gardens, particularly lilacs ornamental cherries and Japanese quinces.
1946	Isabella		Preston	Dominion Experimental Farm	Ottawa	Canada	For distinguished success in the breeding of new woody plants, particularly lilacs and crabapples.
1947	M.	A.	Blake	N.J. Agricultural Experiment Station	New Brunswick	NJ	For the development of new peaches.
1948	Harold	B.	Tukey	Department of Horticulture; Michigan State College	East Lansing	MI	For his skill in hybridization of hardy woody plants, particularly apple understock and production of new varieties of small fruits.
1949	Richard		Wellington	N. Y. State Agricultural Experiment Station	Geneva	NY	For his work in the hybridization and propagation of small fruits.
1949	George		Slate	N. Y. State Agricultural Experiment Station	Geneva	NY	For his work in the hybridization and propagation of apples, grapes and other small fruits.
1950	Samuel	L.	Emsweller	Principle Horticulturist, Bureau of Plant Industry	Beltsville	MD	For his contributions to the field of commercial horticulture and the nursery industry.
1951	Walter	E.	Lammerts		La Canada	CA	For his success in hybridizing roses.
1952	Arie	F.	den Boer	Superintendent, Water Works Park	Des Moines	IA	For developing outstanding crab apples.

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1953	Francis		Meiland	Cap d'Antibes	Alpes Maritimes	France	For his outstanding work with roses.
1954	Paul		Vossberg	Westbury Rose Company	Long Island	NY	For notable advances in propagation of azaleas, rhododendrons and other woody plants.
1955	Eugene	S.	Boerner	Jackson & Perkins	Newark	NJ	For skill in the science and practice of hybridizing roses.
1956	No Award						
1957	No Award						
1958	Lewis	Charles	Chadwick		Columbus	OH	For his conspicuous contributions to the science and practice of plant propagation and his horticultural writings.
1959	Karl		Sax	Former Director, Arnold Arboretum and Professor of Botany, Harvard	Jamaica Plain	MA	For his skill in the hybridization and propagation of hardy woody plants.
1960	Clement	Gray	Bowers		Maine	NY	For being a world authority on rhododendrons and azaleas
1961	Herbert	C.	Swim	Swim and Weeks	Chino	CA	For his skill as a rose hybridizer.
1962	No Award						
1963	Henry	Joseph	Hohman	Kingsville Nurseries	Kingville	MD	For growing better and unusual ornamental woody plants.
1964	Peter	J.	Mezitt	Weston Nurseries	Hopkinton	MA	For the 40 years he and his family have contributed to making good plants available to the public and displaying them in many ways to increase the public's desire for horticultural perfection.
1965	Alfred	James	Fordham	Arnold Arboretum	Jamaica Plain	MA	For maintaining the high standards set by past famous propagators at the Arboretum.
1966	Sidney		Waxman	University of Connecticut	Storrs	CT	For outstanding work in the propagation of woody plants, particularly those that are difficult to propagate by common methods.
1967	Edmund	Victor	Mezitt	Weston Nurseries	Hopkinton	MA	For outstanding ability in the propagation and growing of plants.
1968	Roger	Gibbs	Coggeshall	President, Cherry Hill Nurseries	West Newbury	MA	For outstanding work in the propagation of hardy woody plants commercially with better means .

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1969	W.	A.	Cummings	Morden	Manitoba	Canada	For outstanding work in the propagation, breeding, and selection of hardy ornamental woody plants for the colder parts of America.
1970	Charles	Edward	Hess	Chair of the Department of Horticulture and Forestry, Rutgers	New Brunswick	NJ	For pioneering the discovery of root-promoting hormones, making the results of plant propagators more rewarding.
1971	William	E.	Snyder	Professor of Ornamental Horticulture, Rutgers University	New Brunswick	NJ	For his many outstanding contributions in hybridizing and propagating plants.
1972	David	Goheen	Leach	President, American Horticultural Society	North Madison	OH	For exceptional skills in hybridization and propagation of rhododendrons.
1973	LeRoy	Judson	Steward		Ocean Springs	MS	For his propagation and donation of dogwoods, live oaks, pyracantha, camellias, yuccas and hollies for the enrichment of numerous garden clubs and civic organizations, in particular the landscaping of LaFont Inn; he has contributed greatly to the preservation of hardy woody plants.
1974	Gustav	A.L.	Mehlquist	Professor of plant breeding and biology, University of Connecticut	Storrs	CT	TBD
1975	Richard	A.	Jaynes	Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station	New Haven	CT	For skill in the science and practice of hybridization and propagation of hardy woody plants, particularly the American Chestnut.
1976	Donald	R.	Egolf	U.S. National Arboretum	Washington	DC	For his work on viburnums, pyracanthas, crape myrtles, and altheas; his work on the production of new cultivars of lilacs of special temperature tolerance and his success in difficult plants crosses.
1977	William		Flemer, III	Princeton Nurseries	Princeton	NJ	TBD
1978	David	L.	Feathers		Lafayette	CA	For a pioneer program in the development of new magnolias of superior adaptability and hardiness.
1979	William	F.	Kosar	National Arboretum	Washington	DC	For exceptional work in the hybridization of magnolias and hollies.

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1980	Sylvester	G.	March	Horticulturist and Propagator, U.S. National Arboretum	Washington	D.C.	For successfully repropagating the famed Gotlli Dwarf Conifer Collection; the development of numerous plantings, including the National Herb Garden; organization and administration of the National Arboretum's extensive program of plant and seed evaluation; and propagation and distribution that brought so many noteworthy plants into widespread cultivation.
1981	No Award: 1979 and 1980 awards given in 1981 to coincide with the American Horticultural Society Convention in Boston in 1981.						
1982	Robert	L.	Ticknor	North Willamette Experiment Station	Aurora	IL	For breeding rhododendrons, root stocks for rose and fruit production and propagation.
1983	Not Awarded						
1984	Frank	S.	Santamour	Plant Geneticist, U.S. National Arboretum	Washington	D.C.	For his breeding work for the improvement of street trees with maples as his specialty for which he compiled a comprehensive check list of tree cultivar names, including <i>Acer</i> and <i>Robinia</i> .
1985	Robert	J.	Armstrong	Horticulturist, Longwood Gardens	Kennett Square	PA	For his breeding work on New Guinea <i>Impatiens</i> and <i>Cannas</i> .
1986	Peter		Del Tredici	Arnold Arboretum	Jamaica Plain	MA	For his research in plant propagation.
1987	Thomas	Henry	Dodd, Jr.	Tom Dodd Nurseries	Semmes	AL	For his work in introducing <i>Ilex</i> cultivars and in a wide array of genera.
1988	Harold		Pellett	Professor and Coordinator of Research, University of Minnesota Landscape Arboretum	Chanhassen	MN	For pioneering studies of cold hardiness and breeding of many woody plants, especially azaleas.
1989	Michael	A.	Dirr	Professor of Horticulture, University of Georgia College of Agriculture	Athens	GA	For skill in the hybridization or propagation of hardy, woody plants.
1990	James	S.	Wells	Founder, International Plant Propagators' Society	Redbank	NJ	For his extraordinary skill in hybridizing and propagation and his founding of the International Plant Propagators Society.
1991	No Award						
1992	Jim		Cross	Environmental Nurseries	Cutchogue	NY	For skill in hybridization and propagation of hardy woody plants.

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1993	Elwin	R.	Orton, Jr.	Rutgers University	New Brunswick	NJ	For his many plant introductions now in the trade, among them <i>Ilex crenata</i> 'Green Dragon' and the recently introduced and highly acclaimed, disease-resistant Stellar series of interspecific hybrids between <i>Cornus kousa</i> and <i>Cornus florida</i> .
1994	John	Herbert	Alexander, III	Propagator, Arnold Arboretum	Jamaica Plain	MA	For skill and thoroughness in developing and disseminating propagation techniques, particularly in the <i>Syringa</i> and Asian collections at the Arnold Arboretum.
1995	Bruce		Briggs	Owner, Briggs' Nursery	Olympia	WA	For his exceptional skill in the propagation of hardy woody plants.
1996	Elwyn		Meader		Rochester	NH	For being an accomplished academician, plantsman and hybridizer, particularly for the development of varieties adapted to areas with cool, short growing seasons and severe winters.
1997	Alden	M.	Townsend	Plant Geneticist, U.S. National Arboretum	Glenn Dale	MD	For his thoroughness and dedication in the breeding of tested, disease tolerant Elm trees which can once again beautify America.
1998	No Award						
1999	A.	Richard	Brooks	Kalmia Woods Nurseries	Concord	MA	For skill in the hybridization of hardy, woody plants.
2000	Kenneth		Twombly	Twombly Nursery	Monroe	CT	For skill in the propagation of woody plants and the introduction of many splendid new plants into the trade for the benefit of professional and amateur gardeners.
2001	David and John		Miller	J. E. Miller Nurseries	Canandaigua	NY	For the propagation and quality of fruit trees and grapevines that have made them respected and valued members of the horticultural industry.
2002	Don	O.	Shadow	President, Shadow Nursery Inc.	Winchester	TN	For an outstanding plantsman whose spirit encourages others to walk the garden path.
2003	The American Hosta Society				Holland	MI	For its significant impact on hybridizing and promoting the genus <i>Hosta</i> worldwide.

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2004	Kurt		Bluemel	Kurt Bluemel Inc.	Baldwin	MD	For introducing to North America hundreds of cultivars and species along with his own hybrid creations.
2005	Susan		Brown	Professor, apple breeder and geneticist, Cornell University	Geneva	NY	For her dedication to breeding fruit varieties of improved quality and hardiness.
2006	Darrell	R.	Probst	Owner, Garden Vision	Hubbardston	MA	For his work with <i>Epimediums</i> .
2007	No Award						
2008	Robert	L.	Johnston Jr.	Founder Johnny's Selected Seeds		ME	For breaking new ground in the seed business with an uncommonly diverse seed assortment that drew a broad range of gardeners.
2009	Pierre		Bennerup	President, Sunny Border Nurseries	Kensington	CT	For being on the cutting edge of new plant development and in searching out new plants suitable for North American gardens.
2010	Albert		Kausch	University of Rhode Island	Kingston	RI	For his work on molecular improvement and gene discovery in grasses and cereal crops.
2011	Wesley		Autio	University of Massachusetts	Amherst	MA	For research on apple and peach rootstocks, controlling growth apple trees with mechanical and hormonal approaches and chemical thinning of apples.
2012	No Award						
2013	No Award						
2014	Nasami Farm, New England Wildflower Society				Whately	MA	For growing genetically diverse plants native to the ecoregions of New England from sustainably collected wild seed.
2015	The American Chestnut Foundation				Asheville	NC	For its leadership in the restoration of an iconic species once on the brink of extinction.
2016	John	Herbert	Alexander III	Plant Propagator, Arnold Arboretum	Jamaica Plain	MA	For his work as plant propagator at the Arnold Arboretum since 1976.
2017	No Award						
2018	Dale	Gerard	Deppe	President & Owner, Spring Meadow Nursery	Grand Haven	MI	For exceptional skill in the science or practice of hybridization or propagation of hardy, woody plants.
2019-2020	No Award						

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2021	Thomas	G.	Ranney	JC Raulston Distinguished Professor, North Carolina State University	Raleigh	NC	For his research programs, which have developed dozens of new plants bred for specific characteristics to address needs of the nursery and horticulture industry: better blooms, hardiness, resistance to insects and diseases, reduced fertility in invasive species and better growth.
2022	No Award						
2023	Andrew	J.	Brand	Director of Horticulture, Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens	Boothbay	ME	For his significant horticultural accomplishments, particularly in the field of nursery development and plant selection.
2024	No Award						



Massachusetts Horticultural Society

The Thomas Roland Medal

1927-2021



The Roland Gold Medal, designed by Blanche Ames in 1927, is awarded for exceptional skill in horticulture and lectures. The first medal was given to its eponym, Thomas Roland (1863-1929), who was particularly fond of cyripediums. The obverse of the medal bears a representation of a cyripedium orchid with the words "Thomas Roland Medal" along the rim. On the reverse, are the words "Massachusetts Horticultural Society" along the rim. Within those words are "Awarded for Skill in Horticulture" with space for the recipient's name and year of award. Beginning in 1977, the medal is gold plated bronze.

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1927	Thomas		Roland		Nahant	MA	Often referred to as "the best plantsman in America" and for whom this medal is named.
1928	E.	G.	Hill		Richmond	IN	For being a "skillful originator and grower of roses."
1929	Frank	R.	Pierson		Tarrytown	NY	For skill in commercial horticulture as a florist.
1930	Carl		Purdy		Ukiah	CA	For his work on introducing west coast plants to eastern states and Europe.
1931	J.	D.	Eisele	Henry Dreer Nurseries	Philadelphia	PA	For introduction of new plants in the United States and promoting the advancement of horticulture.
1932	Walter	G.	Kendall		Quincy	MA	A dentist and avid horticulturist who was noted for large scale grape production
1933	Lambertus	C.	Bobbink	Bobbink & Atkins Nursery	Rutherford	NJ	For his labors in developing high standards in the horticultural trade and his skill in horticulture.
1934	William		Kleinheinz		Elkins Park	PA	Superintendent of the Widener estate, and key organizer and exhibitor at the Philadelphia Flower Show. Born in Stuttgart, Germany
1935	William	N.	Craig	Nurseryman	Weymouth	MA	For his work with lilies and dissemination of horticultural information through his lectures, writings and trips abroad.
1936	Elmer	D.	Smith	Elmer D. Smith & Co.	Adrian	MI	For his work on chrysanthemums.

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1937	A.	B.	Stout	Curator of Education and Laboratories, New York Botanical Garden	Bronx	NY	For his work on breeding and propagating daylilies.
1938	Alex		Cumming, Jr.		Bristol	CT	For his success in developing Korean hybrid chrysanthemums and other perennials.
1939	August		Koch	Former Superintendent of horticulture of the Chicago Park System	Chicago	IL	For development of glassed-in gardens at Garfield Park.
1940	George	H.	Pring	Missouri Botanical Garden	St. Louis	MO	For his work on the study and hybridization of aquatic plants
1941	Cornelius	John	VanBourgondien	C. J. VanBourgondien Inc.	Babylon	NY	For skill in cultivation of greenhouse plants and bulbs.
1942	Vincent	R.	de Petris		Grosse Pointe Farms	MI	For his work in developing improved hardy chrysanthemums.
1943	Edward	Owen	Orpet		Santa Barbara	CA	For his long career in horticulture and especially as an orchid expert and nurseryman
1944	Albert	A.	Hulley		Middleboro	MA	For growing cultivated plants with unusual skill.
1945	Edmund	F.	Palmer		Vineland Station	Canada	For fruit breeding, especially pears and breeding of gladioli.
1946	Thomas	H.	Everett	Horticulturist, New York Botanical Garden	Bronx	NY	For revitalizing the indoor plant collection at NYBG, his ability to train others in the art of gardening and building the Thompson Memorial Rock Garden.
1947	Eric		Walther	Golden Gate Park	San Francisco	CA	For the assembly of the native and exotic plant collection in the new botanic garden at Golden Gate Park.
1948	Henry		Kohankie		Painesville	OH	For his skill in horticulture and his interest in unusual trees and shrubs.
1949	Montague		Free	Former Horticulturist at Brooklyn Botanic Garden and Editor of "The Home Garden Magazine."	New York	NY	Skilled plantsman, brilliant writer and popular lecturer.
1950	Jan		de Graaff		Gresham	OR	America's most distinguished authority and hybridizer of daffodils and for his work with lilies.
1951	Alex		Laurie	Head of Department of Floriculture at Ohio State University	Columbus	OH	Pioneered many new methods of culture under glass and for his writings.

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1952	Victor	A.	Tiedjens	Former Director of the Truck Experimental Station	Marion	OH	For his outstanding work in the field of vegetable gardening and as a pioneer in growing plants in chemical solutions and his skill in hydroponics.
1953	Arnold	M.	Davis	Director Cleveland Garden Center	Cleveland	OH	For his outstanding work in horticultural education.
1954	Peter		Arnott	Superintendent of the Mrs. Edwin S. Webster Estate	Chestnut Hill	MA	For exceptional skill in growing and exhibiting over a long period of years.
1955	Frank		Reinelt	Vetterle & Reinelt	Capitola	CA	For improving by selection and hybridizing such important plants as delphiniums, tuberous begonias and primulas in the noted establishment of Vetterle & Reinelt.
1956	Jacques		Legendre	Gulf Stream Nursery	Wachapreague	VA	For collecting outstanding herbaceous woody plants throughout Europe and propagating them for American nurserymen.
1957	Kathryn		Taylor		Dover	MA	For her ability, enthusiasm and inspiration as an instructor at the Society drawing many into the field of practical gardening.
1958	Aubrey	B.	Butler		Northampton	MA	Research, Commercial floriculturist who was progressive and in the forefront in greenhouse equipment, new methods and new ideas.
1959	Henry		Teuscher	Curator, Montreal Botanical Garden	Montreal	Canada	For his work at the Montreal Botanical Garden, horticulture and writings.
1960	Theodore		Payne		Los Angeles	CA	For exceptional skill in the development and distribution of California wild flowers and native plants.
1961	Raymond	C.	Allen	Director of Kingswood Center	Mansfield	OH	His exceptional background and position equip him to disseminate horticultural knowledge to a wide audience.
1962	Karl	Parisette	Jones		Barrington	RI	For his work as a Rosarian.
1963	Harold	George	Hillier	Prominent nurseryman and member of the Council of the Royal Horticultural Society	Winchester	England	For his successful efforts in seeking out, hybridizing, judging, growing and recommending the widest variety of hardy woody ornamental plants.
1964	John	L.	Creech	U.S. Department of Agriculture	Washington	DC	For his significant contributions to ornamental horticulture as a plant propagator and hybridizer, and as a plant hunter.

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1965	Clarence	Edwin	Godshalk	Morton Arboretum	Lisle	IL	For his leadership in the founding of Morton Arboretum.
1966	Henry	Marc	Cathey	U.S. Department of Agriculture	Beltsville	MD	For his meritorious work in experimentally controlling plant growth.
1967	Frederick	Charles	Galle	Director of Horticulture, Callaway Gardens	Pine Mountain	GA	For his exceptional skill in horticulture, that is prominently evident at Callaway Gardens in Pine Mountain Georgia.
1968	Stearns	Lothrop	Davenport	Pomologist & Secretary Worcester County Horticultural Society	North Grafton	MA	For serving horticultural for over a half a century in central Massachusetts.
1969	William		Flemer, III	Princeton Nurseries	Princeton	NJ	For serving horticulture as a nurseryman, leader of nurserymen, author and speaker, he has done much to find better ways of growing better plants and to bring them to the attention of the horticulture buying community.
1970	Edwin	Arnold	Menninger		Stuart	FL	For skill in horticulture.
1971	Robert	E.	Young	Professor & Extension Specialist in Vegetable Crops, University of Massachusetts Suburban Experiment Station at Waltham	Weston	MA	For his contributions to the breeding of vegetable crops.
1972	George	Lewis	Slate	New York State Agricultural Experiment Station	Geneva	NY	For his distinctive and broad contribution to the development of garden lilies and small fruits.
1973	Ernesta	Drinker	Ballard	Executive Director & President, Pennsylvania Horticultural Society	Philadelphia	PA	For her active participation in many horticultural and civic organizations and public service agencies, and the recipient of many public honors.
1974	Cornelius		Hoogendoorn	Nurseryman	Middleton	RI	For his skill in plant propagation.
1975	John	Yoshio	Naka		Los Angeles	CA	For his unstinting and generous efforts to spread the knowledge of bonsai in the United States and upholding the field of horticulture to a superior degree of art and refinement.
1976	Oliver	A.	Batcheller	California State Polytechnic University	Pomona	CA	TBD
1977	Thomas		Fennell, Jr.	Fennell Orchid Company	Homestead	FL	TBD

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1978	Gertrude (McMasters Smith)	S.	Wister	Arthur Hoyt Scott Horticultural Foundation	Swarthmore	PA	For her expertise in bulbous plants.
1979	J.	D.	Vertrees		Roseburg	OR	For his intensive research on rare and unusual maples of the world, with special emphasis on Asiatic maples, their nomenclature, culture and propagation leading to his definitive book <i>Japanese Maples</i> , a significant contribution to the knowledge of both amateurs and professionals.
1980	Rev. John	L.	Fiala	Falconskeape Gardens	Medina	OH	For his development of superior cultivars; support of plant societies; dissemination of plants and information; and to the skills of plant culture and propagation with an untiring desire to make the ornamental plant world richer than he found it.
1981	No Award: 1979 and 1980 awards given in 1981 to coincide with the American Horticultural Society Convention in Boston in 1981.						
1982	Charles	M.	Rick	Vegetable Crops Department, University of California	Davis	CA	For cytogenetics of the tomato, improved tomato breeding and work with petunias, asparagus and endive.
1983	No Award						
1984	Frederick		McGourty	Author & Editor, Brooklyn Botanic	Norfolk	CT	For editing The Brooklyn Botanic Garden Handbooks and for his courage in implementing his recommendations in his own garden.
1985	Robert	M.	MacKenzie	Head Gardener, Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum	Boston	MA	For his horticultural displays at the Gardener Museum and New England Flower Show
1986	Alan	P.	Godlewski	Chief Horticulturist, Missouri Botanical Garden	St. Louis	MO	For exceptional skill in horticulture.
1987	James	A.	van Sweden	Oehme, van Sweden & Associates, Inc.	Washington	DC	TBD
1988	Michael	D.	Connor	Superintendent, Boston Parks and Recreation Department	Boston	MA	For his beautifully designed and meticulously maintained plantings at the Public Garden and Boston Common, and other parks in Boston's outlying neighborhoods.

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1989	Alexander	I.	Heimlich	Heimlich Nurseries	Woburn	MA	For his distinguished career and horticultural excellence.
1990	Marco	Polo	Stufano	Past Director of Horticulture, Wave Hill	Bronx	NY	For his remarkable restoration of Wave Hill estate and for his known skill in horticulture.
1991	Frank		Wolfe	Owner, Lake Street Gardens	Salem	NH	For exceptional skill in forcing plants for the New England Spring Flower Show.
1992	David	J. A.	Smith	Past Director of Horticulture, White Flower Farm	Litchfield	CT	For more than 30 years at White Flower Farm.
1993	Polly		Hill		West Tisbury	MA	For her introduction of cultivars of <i>Cornus</i> , <i>Ilex</i> , <i>Indigofera</i> , <i>Magnolia</i> , <i>Malus</i> , and <i>Rhododendron nakabari</i> .
1994	E.	Dexter	Davis	Horticulturist & talk Show on WKOK in Framingham	Holliston	MA	For being a source of consistently reliable information and providing a bridge between the horticulture industry and consumers.
1995	Paul	N.	Ecke, Jr.	Chairman, Paul Ecke Poinsettias	Encinitas	CA	For his exceptional skill and life-long leadership in horticulture, most notably his contributions with the Poinsettia plant.
1996	Alex	L.	Shigo	Shigo and Trees, Associates	Durham	NH	For his invaluable contributions to the international arboriculture community through his research and teachings, and for his outstanding commitment to plant health care.
1997	Gordon	P.	DeWolf	Taxonomist, Arnold Arboretum	Brookfield	MA	For a life lived as a dedicated, sharing practitioner of horticulture providing significant service to the botanical and horticultural communities as teacher, scholar and editor.
1998	Peter		Ashton	Former Director, Arnold Arboretum	Carlisle	MA	For his extraordinary enthusiasm and exemplary skill in horticulture, and his reform, restoration and management plan for the living collections at Arnold Arboretum
1999	No Award						
2000	Joe Wayne		Eck & Winterrowd	North Hill Garden Design	Readsboro	VT	For their contributions to a sophisticated American gardening style, challenging traditional approaches to planting design and selflessly sharing with other gardeners the development of a unique American vision.
2001	Stephen		Spongberg	Executive Director, Polly Hill Arboretum	Martha's Vineyard	MA	For his contributions to horticulture and botany, benefiting amateurs and professionals alike.

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2002	Paul		Rogers	Stonehedge Gardens	Charlton	MA	For his skill in horticulture, matched only by his devotion to the Society.
2003	T.	Lawrence	Mellinchamp	University of North Carolina	Charlotte	NC	For conveying to the public the breath and depth of the plant kingdom
2004	Monticello				Charlottesville	NC	For safeguarding Thomas Jefferson's legacy to America by maintaining a living and growing botanic showpiece.
2005	Panayoti		Kelaidis	Director of Outreach, Denver Botanic Garden	Denver	CO	For his work at Denver Botanic Garden that transformed the site from a backwater to a premier example of garden art, with plant collections exceeding 30,000 accessions and dozens of world class gardens.
2006	Bartlett Tree Experts						For the 100th Anniversary of its founding; the company protects the health, beauty, and value of one of the most important natural resources on earth, our trees.
2007	William		Carlson	Retired Professor of Horticulture, Michigan State University & Founding Senior Editor of <i>Greenhouse Grower Magazine</i>	East Lansing	MI	For being the "heart and soul" of the bedding plant industry, both as a professor of horticulture and respected leader in MSU's Extension and Master Gardener Programs.
2008	Huntington Family			Pleasant View Gardens	Loudon	NH	For forming Proven Winners, credited with creating the "container gardening" craze and popularizing new plant genera and for their innovative marketing, and overall contributions to the industry.
2009	Holly		Shimizu	US Botanic Garden	Washington	DC	For her leadership in opening the United States Botanic Garden and its continued operation of the USBG .
2010	Eliot		Wadsworth	White Flower Farm	Litchfield	CT	For a growing niche of gardeners that wanted more sophisticated plant selections, and White Flower Farm was there to cater to their needs.
2011	Richard		Jaynes	Broken Arrow Nursery	Hamden	CT	For his work in expanding the use of rare and unusual plants for the home garden.
2012	Sydney		Eddison	Writer and garden designer	Newtown	CT	For her horticultural writing and lectures.
2013	Mary Anne		Streeter		Wenham	MA	For being a distinguished horticulturist and her volunteer work.

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2014	Eliot		Coleman	Four Season Farm	Harborside	ME	For exceptional skills and publications in organic horticulture.
2015	Joanne		Vieira	Director of Horticulture, Tower Hill Botanic Garden	Worcester	MA	For 27 years, helping to shape the gardens, buildings, landscape and plant collections through major garden and building development.
2016	Darrell	E.	Probst		Hubbardston	MA	For his plant breeding and expertise in <i>Epimediums</i> .
2017	No Award						
2018	William		Cannon		Brewster	MA	For his expertise in holly and his garden in Brewster, Massachusetts.
2019- 2020	No Award						
2021	Steve		Castorani	Founder and President, North Creek Nurseries	Landenberg	PA	For his leadership in developing, selecting, propagating and marketing numerous superior cultivars and establishing nationally recognized brands that increase the prominence of the nursery industry and enhance the value of American Gardens.
2021	Mark		Sellew	President, Prides Corner Farms	Lebanon	CT	For his leadership in developing, selecting, propagating and marketing numerous superior cultivars and establishing nationally recognized brands that increase the prominence of the nursery industry and enhance the value of American Gardens.
2022	No Award						
2023	Tony		Kirkman	Royal Botanic Garden at Kew	Richmond	UK	For his accomplishments throughout his career in knowledge, conservation and public love of trees throughout his distinguished career.
2024	Matthew	J.	Cunningham	Founding Principal of MCLD LLC	Stoneham	MA	For the centrality of plants in his professional practice, his advocacy for horticulture in the profession of landscape architecture and his inspirational integration of plants in his teaching.



Massachusetts Horticultural Society

Society's Large Gold Medal

1846-2021



The Large Gold Medal was first awarded in 1846 and was the highest award of the Society. Designed by Francis Napoleon Mitchell in 1848, it was designated for "gardens showing unusual skill in arrangement and management; garden superintendents who have done eminent service in the promotion of horticulture; other persons or entities for eminent horticultural accomplishments or outstanding service to this Society." Initially this medal was rarely given; later gold medals were given for a wide variety of accomplishments. In 1932, the Society determined that the Society's Large Gold Medal should be reserved for gardens of unusual merit or for individuals for eminent services to horticulture or the Society. Later, the criteria for the award was changed to "for eminent horticultural accomplishments or for outstanding service to the Society."

The obverse of the medal depicts the goddesses Pomona and Ceres, one standing and one seated, holding grapes and flowers. Around the rim on the reverse is "MASSACHUSETTS HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY" with garlands. Shields of the United States of America and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts are on the bottom. In the center is space for the recipient's name and date of the award.

Awards by the Committees on Exhibitions and Gardens prior to 1934, are not included in this listing. The reason the award was bestowed is under the column labeled "Notes." The blue text connects to hyperlinks.

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1846	Samuel		Feast		Baltimore	MD	For the Queen of the Prairies, a variety of Rosa Rubrifolia produced by cross impregnation, had given a type of new class of roses
1847	No Award						
1848	No Award						
1849	Henry	A. S.	Dearborn	President, Massachusetts Horticultural Society			For essential services he rendered to the science of horticulture and the Society during the period he presided over its affairs.
1850	Benjamin	V.	French		Boston	MA	For his services in the cause of horticulture, especially for collecting, successfully cultivating, and exhibiting a great variety of apples.
1851 to 1872	No Award						
1873	Ephraim	Wales	Bull		Concord	MA	For the production of the best hardy seedling grape, the Concord, ideally adapted for general cultivation throughout the country.

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1873	Edward	Staniford	Rogers		Salem	MA	For his efforts made in producing a hardy grape and many seedlings which are well adapted for cultivation in some parts of the country.
1874 to 1887	No Award						
1888	Horatio	Hollis	Hunnewell		Wellesley	MA	For his unsurpassed rhododendron collection.
1889- 1914	No Award						
1915	Sarah	B.	Fay		Woods Hole	MA	For her life-long devotion to the rose.
1916- 1922	No Information						
1923	Ruth	Simkins	Thayer		Lancaster	MA	For her work in preserving and popularizing the newer Chinese Lilies.
1924	Henry	Hyslop	Richardson		Brookline	MA	For his wild garden of strictly American plants.
1924	William		Anderson		South Lancaster	MA	For eminent service in horticulture.
1924	Robert		Cameron		Ipswich	MA	For eminent service in horticulture.
1924	Theophilus	D.	Hatfield	Head Gardener, Hunnewell Estate	Wellesley	MA	For eminent service in horticulture.
1924	Alexander		Montgomery		Hadley	MA	For his skill and success in developing new roses.
1924	Thomas		Roland		Nahant	MA	For eminent service in horticulture.
1924	Charles		Sander		Brookline	MA	For eminent service in horticulture.
1924	Grace		Sturtevant	Glen Farms Nursery	Wellesley Farms	MA	For her skill in developing new iris varieties.
1925	Annie		Burke		Brockton	MA	For her work as a garden teacher.
1925	L.	Gertrude	Howes		Dorchester	MA	For her work as a garden teacher.
1925	Walter	G.	Kendall		Atlantic	MA	For his devotion to the study and cultivation of hardy fruit.
1925	Donald		MacGregor	Shanghai Horticultural Society	Shanghai	China	TBD
1926	Marion	Roby	Case		Weston	MA	For her educational work along horticultural lines at Hillcrest Gardens.
1926	Harriet	R.	Foote		Marblehead	MA	For her work in popularizing roses and improving their cultivation.
1927	Frederick	S.	Moseley	Maudesleight Farm	Newburyport	MA	For his estate that has many notable features, but is particularly notable for its Mountain Laurel (<i>Kalmia latifolia.</i>)
1928	No Information						
1929	Special Centennial Gold Medals were awarded this year and are listed separately.						

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1930	Catherina	S.	Eastwood		Attleboro	MA	For her work in the development of children's gardens.
1931	Mrs. Judith Eleanor	Motley	Low	Lowthrope School of Landscape Architecture for Women	Brookline	MA	For her great achievement in founding the Lowthrope School of Landscape Architecture for Women and in recognition of her life long devotion to the advancement of architecture.
1931	Isabella		Preston	Specialist in Ornamental Gardening, Experimental Farm	Ottawa	Canada	For her valuable work in originating new plants.
1932	Clarification this year that the Gold Medal is reserved for gardens of unusual merit or individuals for eminent services to horticulture of the Society.						
1933	No Award						
1934	Mrs. Galen	L.	Stone	Great Hill Farm	Marion	MA	For its large, well kept greenhouses surrounded by gardens, laid out in a generous scale and unusually well planned.
1934	Voted that the Society's Large Gold Medal would no longer be given at exhibitions.						
1935	Arthur		Grove		London	England	For his work with lilies.
1936	Norman		Taylor		New York	NY	For his work as Editor of <i>The Gardener's Dictionary</i> .
1937	Lord		Aberconway, V.M.H.		London	England	For distinguished work in the field of horticulture.
1937	Alfred		Rehder	Curator, Arnold Arboretum	Jamaica Plain	MA	For his work in the field of botany.
1937	Richard		Wellington	Agriculture Experiment Station	Geneva	NY	For his work in the breeding of fruits.
1938	John	Caspar	Wister	Secretary, Pennsylvania Horticultural Society	Swarthmore	PA	For his writings and expertise on iris, peonies and bulbs.
1938	Appleton Farms				Ipswich	MA	For a tree farmstead tilled for centuries, and cherished as the habitation of the Appleton family.
1938	Cherry Hill Nurseries				West Newbury	MA	For many years of highly valued support.
1938	Edward	A.	White	Cornell University	Ithaca	NY	For his horticultural teaching over a long period of years.
1938	Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum				Boston	MA	For horticultural excellence of its court.
1938	David		Fairchild	Retired, U.S. Department of Agriculture	Coconut Grove	FL	For introducing new fruits.
1939	Robert	H.	Montgomery	Fairchild Tropical Garden	Coral Gables	FL	For assembling one of the finest collections of tropical and semi-tropical plants in the United States.
1939	Elizabeth		Peterson	Executive Secretary, Horticultural Society of New York.	New York	NY	For being the moving spirit of the Horticultural Society of New York's activities.

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1939	William	A.	Taylor	Former Head, Bureau of Plant Industry, Department of Agriculture	Washington	DC	For introduction and dissemination of many worthwhile plants formerly unknown to this country.
1940	William	A.	Dayton	Plant and Forest Ecologist, U.S. Department of Agriculture	Washington	DC	For his forestry work.
1940	Arthur		Herrington	Manager, New York Flower Show	Madison	NJ	For his work as manager of the New York Flower Show.
1940	Alpheus	Theodore	de La Mare	Publisher, The Florists Exchange	New York	NY	For his papers and books on commercial floriculture and horticulture.
1940	Francis	A.	Bartlett	Founder, Bartlett Tree Expert Company	Stamford	CT	For his scientific work on tree diseases.
1941	Gertrude	Virginia	Armstrong		Osterville	MA	For her garden at "Indian Knoll" Osterville, Massachusetts.
1941	John	Stanley	Ames		North Easton	MA	For the introduction of Kurume azaleas.
1941	Henry		Hicks		Westbury	NY	For maintaining a high standard of nursery practice.
1941	Elizabeth		White		Whitesbog	NJ	For propagation and distribution of cultivated blueberries and her work with the American holly.
1942	Edward	Irving	Farrington	Secretary, Massachusetts Horticultural Society and Editor, <i>Horticulture Magazine</i> .	East Weymouth	MA	For long and distinguished service.
1942	Albert	C.	Burrage, Jr		Boston	MA	For research in vegetable selection and other work.
1942	Mrs. Charles	E.	Riley		Cotuit	MA	For the perfect maintenance of horticultural objects.
1942	Berkshire Garden Center				Stockbridge	MA	For its educational work and other activities.
1943	No Award						
1944	Jacob	Kingsley	Shaw		Amherst	MA	For perfecting a method to identify fruit trees by their leaf characteristics.
1945	Theresa	Van Den Heuvel	Cunningham		Brookline	MA	For her horticultural activities, especially her work in preserving the products of war gardens.
1945	Daniel		O'Brien		Boston	MA	For his work as the head of school garden work in Boston.
1945	Waltham Field Station				Waltham	MA	For its educational work and its services to commercial and amateur gardeners.
1946	Albert	Francis	Blakeslee	Smith College	Northampton	MA	For his work as a plant breeder and particularly for his research in the use of Colchicine in plant breeding started at the Carnegie Institute.

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1946	James	J.	Hurley	Superintendent, Mrs. Robert Treat Paine, 2d	Chestnut Hill	MA	For skill in horticulture at exhibitions.
1947	Ernest		Borowski		Norwood	MA	For his skill in the propagation and hybridizing of azaleas.
1947	A.	Kenneth	Simpson	Director, Berkshire Botanical Garden	Stockbridge	MA	For his executive skill and horticultural ability in the development of the gardens.
1948	George		Palmer		Chestnut Hill	MA	For his success in growing plants and for his success at exhibitions of the Society.
1948	Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum				Boston	MA	For a model garden of high educational value.
1949	Kenneth		Post	Cornell University	Ithaca	NY	For his book "Florist Crop Production and Marketing."
1950	Mary "Polly"	May	Binney		Milton	MA	For pioneering Garden Week in Massachusetts—1949 and 1950
1950	Robert		Chamberlain	Superintendent, John S. Ames	North Easton	MA	For his eminent horticultural accomplishments and for his unusual abilities and conspicuous success in growing rhododendrons and azaleas, both indoors and under glass.
1950	Thomas	C.	Desmond		Newburgh	NY	For establishing an outstanding private arboretum.
1951	Beatrix		Farrand		Bar Harbor	ME	For her outstanding work in the field of landscape architecture.
1951	Donald	Forsha	Jones	Head of the Department of Genetics, Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station		CT	For his outstanding work in hybridizing corn.
1952	Bessie	Raymond	Buxton		Peabody	MA	For her outstanding work with begonias.
1952	Fred		Edmunds	Curator, International Rose Test Garden	Portland	OR	For his outstanding work with roses.
1953	Ray	M.	Koon		Weston	MA	For building and broadening the services of the Waltham Field Station.
1953	Joseph	J.	Lane	<i>House and Garden</i> Magazine	New York	NY	For his work with the magazine <i>House and Garden</i> .
1954	Lillian	L. Whaley	Wright		Chestnut Hill	MA	For developing and executing plans for the Spring Flower Shows.
1955	William	Ormiston	Roy	Landscape Architect	Montreal	Canada	For a lifetime devoted to assembling a knowledge of plants, for designing private gardens, for development of an outstanding collection of woody plants at Montreal Mount Royale Cemetery.

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1955	Winifred		Teele		Boston	MA	For outstanding service to the Society as a teacher, writer and lecturer.
1955	Charles	H.	Perkins	President, Jackson and Perkins	Newark	NJ	For being the largest grower of roses in the world
1956	Rudolph	E.	Kleinsorge	President, State Board of Higher Education and University of Oregon	Silverton	OR	For his outstanding work in hybridizing Iris.
1957	J.	J.	Grullemans	President, Wayside Gardens	Mentor	OH	For the development of Waysides Gardens, its outstanding garden catalogs and high standards of merchandising.
1957	Rachel	McMasters Miller	Hunt		Pittsburgh	PA	For bringing together an outstanding collection of rare botanical written materials and art; and for writing and exhibiting them for the enjoyment and education of others.
1958	Susan	Delano	McKelvey		Boston	MA	For her scholarly writings.
1958	Arno	H.	Nehrling		Needham	MA	For his service to the Society and management of its flower shows.
1959	George		Peyton		Rapidan	VA	For being the greatest living authority on herbaceous peonies.
1960	Frederick	Frye	Rockwell		Orleans	MA	For his writings that materially broadened the knowledge of good gardening.
1961	Alfred	Byrd	Graf	Vice President and Director, Julius Roehrs Company			For his monumental work Exotica.
1962	Mrs. Chester	S.	Cook		Lexington	MA	For artistry in arranging flowers.
1962	Brian	O.	Mulligan	Director, University of Washington	Seattle	WA	For his leadership in the northwest and horticultural societies and for his writings.
1963	Harold	Salicath	Ross		Hingham	MA	For outstanding service to the Society.
1964				Arnold Arboretum	Jamaica Plain	MA	For its gardens both grand and simple, for the many plants collected from the far corners of the earth, and for its library, publications and herbarium which are world renowned.
1965		Depeyster Hovey	Webster		Chestnut Hill	MA	For her standards of perfection in horticulture showcased in her gardens and sharing this perfection with others to encourage an appreciation of plant beauty, thereby stimulating horticultural excellence.

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1965	Dorothy	S.	Manks	Retired Librarian, Massachusetts Horticultural Society	Cambridge	MA	For her contributions over 35 years to make the Society's Library outstanding.
1965	Louise	Carter	Bush-Brown	Former Director, Pennsylvania School of Horticulture for Women	Philadelphia	PA	For her eminent horticultural accomplishments as teacher, author and as founder of the Neighborhood Garden Association.
1965	Claudia (Lady Bird)	Taylor	Johnson	The White House	Washington	DC	For her willingness to use her high position and leadership to focus the attention of the entire nation on the serious need for energetic activity to beautify the American landscape.
1966	Fred	Carroll	Sargent		Salem	MA	For the horticultural planting in the municipal cemeteries of Salem, Massachusetts, bringing together one of the best collections of woody plants in the area.
1967	Henry	George	Wendler	Head of Horticulture and Agriculture Department, Jamaica Plain High School	Brighton	MA	For his efforts in teaching horticulture and agriculture in an urban area have done much in helping city youngsters to appreciate plant life.
1968	Harold	Dudley	Stevenson		Marshfield	MA	For outstanding service to the Society for for thirty-three years, serving as a Trustee and Chair of the Children's Garden Committee.
1968	Mary	Hooper	Warner		Boston	MA	For outstanding service to the Society for nineteen years on its Exhibitions Committee, as a Trustee and other committees.
1969	Roger	C.	Wilkins	President, Hartford Insurance Co.	Hartford	CT	For his personal efforts in the conception and execution of Constitution Plaza in Hartford.
1970	Dorothy	Ebel	Hansell	American Rock Garden Society	Morristown	NJ	For distinguished service to horticulture.
1971	Walter		Beinecke, Jr.		Williamstown	MA	For his personal interest and devotion to the refurbishment of many of the town of Nantucket's open spaces and in particular the island's waterfront.
1972	Henry	Thomas	Skinner	Director, National Arboretum, Washington, D.C.	Bowie	MD	For devotion and skill in developmnt of the National Arboretum.
1972	John	E.	Voight	Boerner Botanical Gardens	Hales Corner	WI	For the development and maintenance of an outstanding botanical garden, and the promotion of horticultural excellence in the Milwaukee County park system.
1973	Robert	Fritz	Carlson	Department of Horticulture, Michigan State University	East Lansing	MI	For the influence he has exerted on strengthening ties between fruit growers and scientists of numerous countries.

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1973	Karl	Parisette	Jones		Barrington	RI	For being a leader in importing foreign roses for testing and working closely with all the leading hybridizers, particularly the Kordes family of Germany.
1973	Joseph	Wheelock	Lund		Boston	MA	For his courage and determination in moving forward to shoulder the responsibilities of the Society as Acting President at a difficult time in its history.
1973	Anne	Wertsner	Wood	Field Secretary, Pennsylvania Horticultural Society	Swarthmore	PA	For staging flower shows, lecturing, judging flower shows, tour leadership and writings.
1974	Donald & Hazel		Smith	Watnong Nursery	Morris Plains	NJ	TBD
1974	Hugh		Steavenson		Elsberry	MI	TBD
1974	Leola	B.	Frain		Waltham	MA	TBD
1975	Herman		Howard	Horticulturist, Heritage Plantation	Sandwich	MA	For skillful restoration of the property and for its remarkable displays of plant material, nature trails and superb lawn. BG 4/11/1976
1975	Marjorie Russell		Sedgwick		Beverly	MA	For her work breeding tree peonies, for her studies of many kinds of plants and for being one of the country's great gardeners.
1976	Walter	H.	Hodge		Trumansburgh	NY	For his long career in horticulture and botany that includes positions at the Massachusetts State College, U.S. Agriculture Department; Longwood Gardens and National Science Foundation; explorations in South America; his plant collections; and as an author and photographer.
1976	Toshio		Murashige	Professor, Department of Plant Science, University of California	Riverside	CA	For his contributions to the development of plant tissue growth medium.
1977	William		Ingwersen	Birch Farm Nursery	Sussex	England	TBD
1977	Arnold Arboretum Case Estates				Weston	MA	TBD
1977	Nancy	Allis	Clafin, III		Belmont	MA	TBD
1978	Constance		Derderian		Boca Raton	FL	For her outstanding work in bonsai.
1978	Kathryn		Taylor		Dover	MA	For generously sharing her knowledge for successfully growing plants in New England.

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1979	Joseph		Jennings	Horticulturist, Wellesley College Greenhouses	Wellesley	MA	For his supervision of the extensive and varied collections at the Wellesley College Greenhouses, and for sharing his knowledge and service to the Society as a teacher and inspired creator of many beautiful and educational exhibits at the New England Flower and Garden Show.
1979	Cynthia		Westcott		Croton-on-Hudson	NY	For important work in plant pathology.
1980	Weston Nurseries, Inc.				Hopkinton	MA	For consistently developing and maintaining the highest standards of production and marketing; an extensive program of hybridizing, breeding and selection and introduction of a significant number of noteworthy plants to the trade.
1981	No Award: 1979 and 1980 awards given in 1981 to coincide with the American Horticultural Society Convention in Boston in 1981.						
1982	R.	Henry	Norweb, Jr.	Retired Director, Holden Arboretum	Cleveland	OH	For his leadership in developing a first class arboretum with significant educational and horticultural programs.
1982	<i>The Avant Gardener</i>				New York	NY	For its consistently produced new, updated, coherent information on all aspects of horticulture.
1983	No Award						
1984	Harriet	B.	Creighton	Botanist, Wellesley College	Wellesley	MA	For her long service to the Society, as a renowned botanist at Wellesley College and her horticultural concern in the community.
1984	American Rock Garden Society				Georgetown	MA	For 50 years its enthusiastic and dedicated members have collected and distributed alpines, unusual wild flowers and dwarf shrubs and introduced them to the home gardener.
1984	Massachusetts Electric Company				Westborough	MA	For nine years this company has sponsored community gardens on land under its transmission lines, near its substations and in other locations, offering 1800 garden plots in 18 communities.
1985	Jean	M.	Plummer	Massachusetts Horticultural Society	Westwood	MA	For her 15 years of leadership on the Society's Exhibitions and Awards Committee.

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1985	Fred	B.	Widmoyer	Professor of Horticulture, New Mexico State University	Las Cruces	NM	For his studies related to commercial trees in the desert southwest, and for his leadership in numerous professional horticultural organizations.
1986	J.	Liddon	Pennock, Jr.	Pennsylvania Horticultural Society and Philadelphia Flower Show	Meadowbrook	PA	For his leadership with the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society and Philadelphia Flower Show.
1986	George		Taloumis	Former Editor, <i>Horticulture</i> Magazine and Boston Globe Columnist	Peabody	MA	For his work as a garden columnist for the Boston Globe and <i>Horticulture</i> Magazine.
1986	Mary "Polly"	M. B.	Wakefield		Milton	MA	For her years of volunteer service at the Society
1987	Daniel	J.	Foley	Author, Lecturer, Curator of Gardens at the House of Seven Gables and former Editor of <i>Horticulture</i> .	Salem	MA	For significant contribution to contemporary horticultural literature and outstanding service to the Massachusetts Horticultural Society.
1987	Allen	C.	Haskell	Allen Haskell Nursery	New Bedford	MA	For eminent horticultural accomplishments in growing plants and for outstanding service to the Society at the New England Spring Flower Show.
1987	James		Sutherland	Former Chief Gardener, First Church of Christ Scientist	Newton	MA	For outstanding service to the Massachusetts Horticultural Society and effective demonstrations of public horticulture.
1988	Buxton Branch of the American Begonia Society				Boston	MA	For its eminent horticultural accomplishments and outstanding service to the Society in its 50th anniversary year.
1988	Vincent	N.	Merrill	Landscape Architect, Shurcliff and Merrill	Lincoln	MA	For his lifetime of distinguished service in horticulture, landscape architecture and to the Society.
1988	Carl	A.	Totemeier, Jr.	Vice President of Horticulture, New York Botanical Garden	Bronx	NY	For his outstanding horticultural accomplishments and outstanding service to the Society.
1989	Boston Urban Gardeners				Boston	MA	For the enormous contribution made to the City of Boston in improving the quality of life in its poorer neighborhoods.
1989	Heritage State Park Program, Department of Environmental Management, Commonwealth of Massachusetts				Boston	MA	For the strong design and great sensitivity to the varied sites of parks that are aesthetic amenities in formerly blighted or inaccessible areas.

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1989	Robert	D.	Rodale	Chairman, Rodale Press, Inc.	Emmaus	PA	For his contribution in leadership to the magazine <i>Organic Gardening</i> .
1990	Friends of the Public Garden and Common				Boston	MA	In recognition of the tireless and effective work of Henry Lee and his organization in protecting and renovating the Boston Public Garden and Common.
1991	Susan	E.	Dumaine	Not in Minutes	Weston	MA	For amazing horticultural skill in growing her own landscape and for years of devoted service to the Massachusetts Horticultural Society
1991	The Trustees of Reservations				Beverly	MA	For a century of conserving land and for providing international leadership in promotion of land protection.
1992	Francis	H.	Cabot	Founder, The Garden Conservancy	Cold Spring	NY	For his exemplary contributions to the American gardening tradition.
1992	Friends of Post Office Square				Boston	MA	For extraordinary commitment to the creation and maintenance of one of the most successful downtown parks in America.
1992	Worcester County Horticultural Society				Worcester	MA	For its 150th Anniversary.
1992	James	S.	Hoyte		Lexington	MA	For sensitive and dedicated service to the Society as long-time friend and interim Director.
1992	Walter	T.	Punch	Society Librarian	Boston	MA	For his contributions to the Society as Editor of the book, <i>Keeping Eden: A History of Gardening in America</i> .
1992	Worcester County Horticultural Society				Boylston	MA	For its 150 year influence on the horticultural life of central Massachusetts.
1993	Corliss	Knapp	Engle		Brookline	MA	For her contributions, support and dedication to the Society.
1993	Roger		Kindred	Mount Auburn Cemetery	Cambridge	MA	For his skill in horticulture and arboriculture, maintaining the highest standards at Mount Auburn Cemetery.
1993	Gary		Koller	Arnold Arboretum	Jamaica Plain	MA	For his skill and accomplishment in environmental horticulture.
1994	Mary	Ann	McGourty	Horticulturist, Hillside Gardens	Norfolk	CT	For being an innovative practitioner and maintaining a viable plant nursery while being an environmental gardener, lecturer, writer, designer and working horticulturist.

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1994	Elizabeth		Scholtz	Director Emeritus, Brooklyn Botanic Garden	Brooklyn	NY	For being a pathfinder at the Brooklyn Botanic Garden which is a direct reflection of her and for bringing a sense of stability and excellent programs to BBG.
1995	Tovah		Martin	Horticulturist, Logees' Greenhouse	Danielson	CT	For her extraordinary service to horticulture, especially greenhouse and indoor plants.
1995	Steven		Still	Doctor of Science, Ohio State University	Hilliard	OH	For being a leading world expert in perennial plants.
1996	American Orchid Society					FL	For providing richness of service and quality on the occasion of the 75th anniversary of its founding.
1996	Old Sturbridge Village				Sturbridge	MA	For its contributions over the past half century to promote horticulture and its history.
1996	Roger	B.	Swain	Science Editor, Horticulture and host, of PBS's <i>The Victory Garden</i> .	Boston	MA	For his power to inspire others in the field of horticulture through both his speaking and writing talents.
1997	Allan	M.	Armitage	Professor, Department of Horticulture, University of Georgia	Athens	GA	For extensive field trials and published research in floriculture which have brought a broader and original perspective to our uses and understanding of perennial plants.
1997	William	C.	Clendaniel	President, Mount Auburn Cemetery	Cambridge	MA	For his strong leadership in reaffirming the important linkage of history, horticulture and public use at one of Massachusetts' most venerable horticultural institutions.
1997	Robert	E.	Cook	Director, Arnold Arboretum	Jamaica Plain	MA	For his imaginative use of the Arnold's extensive resources to enrich local science curricula, to forge a collaborative with the National Park Service and to support botanical research.
1997	Paul	E.	Rogers	Stonehedge Gardens	Charlton	MA	For his exceptional skills as a knowledgeable and humorous communicator who artfully led countless individuals and institutions to new heights of horticultural achievement.

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1997	John	W.	Trexler	Executive Director, Worcester County Horticultural Society	Boylston	MA	For his steady clear vision and selfless dedication to the growth of Tower Hill Botanic Garden, a place where all can share in and learn the deep satisfaction of making a garden.
1997	Virginia		Wood	Executive Director, New England Grows	South Natick	MA	For her skillful leadership in bringing together the different segments of the Green Industry in a dedicated pursuit of excellence, ably demonstrated by the success of the New England Grows show.
1997	American Horticultural Society						For its 75th Anniversary.
1998	Orlando		Capizzi	President, Capizzi Company	West Newton	MA	For his unique understanding of horticulture and remarkable design talent which has enriched numerous public and private Massachusetts landscapes and magnificent gardens.
1998	Thomas		Cooper	Editor, <i>Horticulture</i> Magazine	Boston	MA	For his enthusiastic and distinguished leadership in horticulture publishing and his steadfast promotion of American horticulture.
1998	John		Furlong	Coordinator, Radcliffe Seminars	Cambridge	MA	For his role as a leading educator and landscape preservationist, instilling a lasting appreciation for landscape design and historic gardens in students, professionals and the public.
1998	Craig		Halvorson	The Halvorson Company	Boston	MA	For his exceptional skill in landscape architecture and design, and his profound, highly sophisticated understanding of landscape plants.
1998	Henry		Lee	President, Friends of the Public Garden	Boston	MA	For his complete devotion to the Public Garden and Boston Common, and his work to preserve and maintain Boston's green spaces for future generations.
1998	May (Polly)	H.	Pierce	Former President, New England Wild Flower Society; Former Society Trustee	Dedham	MA	For her exceptional gardening skill and deep love for plants and the environment, and her distinguished and tireless support of gardening organizations.
1999	David	B.	Balfour	Commissioner, Metropolitan District Commission	Boston	MA	For his outstanding service to the Massachusetts Horticultural Society and commitment to green spaces in the Commonwealth.
1999	F.A. Bartlett, Tree Expert Company				Stamford	CT	For its outstanding contribution to the tree care industry and leadership in tree science.

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1999	Paul		Cavicchio	President, Cavicchio Greenhouses	Sudbury	MA	For innovations in growing quality plant material and support of the Massachusetts Horticultural Society.
1999	Jonathan		Healy	Commissioner, Department of Food and Agriculture	Boston	MA	For his leadership role in promoting awareness at the professional as well as the consumer level of critical importance of Massachusetts agriculture, horticulture and floriculture.
1999	Anita	Hinkley	Hovey		Chestnut Hill	MA	For outstanding service o the Massachusetts Horticultural Society.
1999	Carol		Johnson	Carol R. Johnson Associates, Inc.	Cambridge	MA	For eminent horticultural accomplishments, sound horticultural practices and environmentally sensitive and sustainable landscapes.
1999	Wilson Family			Wilson Farms	Lexington	MA	For their innovations in production and marketing and leadership in promoting responsible growing and marketing practices.
1999	Walter		Hunnewell	Massachusetts Horticultural Society	Wellesley	MA	For eminent horticultural accomplishment and outstanding service to the Massachusetts Horticultural Society. Designated "Grand Gold Medal," awarded posthumously.
2000	D.	Scott	Birney	Massachusetts Horticultural Society	Boston	MA	For tremendous service to the New England Spring Flower show and the Massachusetts Horticultural Society
2000	Brent and Becky		Heath	Brent and Becky's Bulbs	Gloucester	VA	For their horticultural leadership and promoting the use of a wide variety of bulbs in the garden.
2000	Patricia	Pruyn	Storey	Former President, Massachusetts Horticultural Society	Dedham	MA	For her outstanding service to the Massachusetts Horticultural Society and commitment to its legacy.
2000	Judith	B.	Tankard	Author, Founder & Editor, New England Garden History Society	Newton	MA	For her advancement and dissemination of knowledge of the history of the garden in New England.
2000	Frances		Tenenbaum	Editor, Houghton Mifflin	Boston	MA	For reading things through, thinking beyond the text and asking the pertinent gardening questions, keeping both the forest and the trees in mind.
2000	New England Wildflower Society				Framingham	MA	For the nation's oldest institution dedicated to the conservation of wild plants on the occasion of its Centennial Year.

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2001	Lise		Cormier	Creator, Mosaicultures Internationales Montreal	Montreal	Canada	For her leadership, innovative ideas and creativity that have brought horticulture within the parks and gardens of Montreal to a higher level of excellence.
2001	Victor		DeRosa	DeRosa Florist, Inc.	Natick	MA	For horticultural achievement, equaled only by his generosity in sharing plants, expertise, encouragement and enthusiasm.
2001	Wanda and Richard		Macnair		Cambridge	MA	For the demonstration of the spirit of volunteerism and their joint commitment to horticulture.
2001	Faith	K.	Tiberio		Sherborn	MA	For her indefatigable energy, quick wit and strong commitment to horticulture and the landscape of New England.
2001	Pieter		van Loon	Landscape Architect, Hollandschap-Eurolandscape	Moerkappelle	The Netherlands	For being a passionate practitioner of the art and science of horticulture and an inspiration to landscape architects worldwide.
2001	Natalie		Wolf		West Newton	MA	For her work as an educator, judge and volunteer, inspiring new floral designers and aspiring gardeners to make horticulture a part of their lives.
2001	The Pennsylvania School of Horticulture for Women				Ambler College, Temple University, Ambler	PA	For the nation's oldest school of horticulture for women and its continuing commitment to hands-on horticultural education.
2001	Art in Bloom				Museum of Fine Arts, Boston	MA	For promoting the synergy that exists between flowers and art, enhancing both.
2002	Mabel	Maria	Herweg		Dedham	MA	For her contributions to horticulture as a volunteer and teacher
2002	Charles William	Eliot	Paine	Director, Holden Arboretum	Kirtland Hills	OH	For his eminent accomplishments in horticulture and plant conservation.
2002	Marion		Pressley	Pressley Associates	Cambridge	MA	For communicating and encouraging the awareness of historic landscapes and garden preservation in New England.
2002	John		Schumacher	Retired, Schumacher Landscaping	Wayland	MA	For his contributions to the New England Landscape.
2002	Justine	Mae	Liff	Boston Parks Commissioner	Boston	MA	For improving and preserving Boston's parks. She made Boston more beautiful for all of us.
2002	Timber Press				Portland	OR	For being a leader in horticultural book publishing.

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2003	Allen		Bush Jr.		Wellesley	MA	For preserving the infrastructure and character of Elm Bank and helping to sustain its intrinsic beauty.
2003	Faith		Cass	The Cass School of Floral Design	Watertown	MA	For encouraging the public to see the beauty and spectacular plants in her creations.
2003	Allyson	M.	Hayward		Wellesley Hills	MA	For her scholarship and promotion of New England Garden history.
2003	Northeastern University				Boston	MA	For promoting horticultural improvements in an urban environment
2003	Julia		O'Brien	Metropolitan District Commission	Roslindale	MA	For her commitment to public Service and the environment.
2004	Keith	A.	Hutchins	The Flower Hutch	Townsend	MA	For his partnership efforts as Co-President of the Massachusetts Horticultural Society and continued leadership in the horticulture industry.
2004	Joel		Toner	Publisher, <i>Horticulture Magazine</i>			For strong leadership in the horticultural publishing industry and enthusiastic support of the Massachusetts Horticultural Society's membership initiative.
2004	Nan	Blake	Stinton	Director of Programs, <i>Horticulture Magazine</i>			For her tireless advocacy of horticulture, design and the joys of the garden through writings, educational programs and tours.
2004	Pat		Bigelow	Bigelow Nurseries	Southborough	MA	For serving in many leadership roles, both in her family's business, as well as in the leading regional horticulture industry professional associations.
2004	Elaine	W.	Fiske	Weezie Foundation	Dover	MA	For her unflagging fundraising and leadership efforts as Co-President of the Massachusetts Horticultural Society as well as her tireless work on behalf of the Weezie Foundation.
2004	Garden Club of Massachusetts				Wellesley	MA	For its wide-ranging educational programs and enthusiastic support of the New England Spring Flower Show.
2005	Carl		Cathcart	Arborist Representative, Bartlett Tree Experts	Maynard	MA	For tremendous accomplishments in arboriculture as well as dedicated leadership of several industry groups and service as a judge at the New England Flower Show.

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2005	John		Collins	Principle, The Delta Group and Retired Chair and Professor of Landscape Architecture and Horticulture, Temple University	Glenside	PA	For his design work converting unused or neglected urban sites into beloved, ecologically friendly community spaces incorporating public art and architecture.
2005	Catherine (Pippen)		Cook	New England Flower Show	Marion	MA	For her service to the New England Spring Flower Show, particularly facilitating the move to a complex but efficient computerized system and supervision of the Professional Exhibit Judging.
2005	James		Foster	Horticulturist, James Foster & Co	Shrewsbury	MA	For creative and horticulturally knowledgeable exhibits at the New England Spring Flower Show.
2005	Caroline		Whitney	Dandy Lion Designs	Cambridge	MA	For her leadership on the New England Spring Flower Show Committee.
2005	Jane		Pepper	President, Pennsylvania Horticultural Society	Philadelphia	PA	For her leadership in oversight of the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society's activities and programs that have seen tremendous growth, including the Philadelphia Flower Show.
2006	Lucia		Droby	Executive Director, COGdesign	Waltham	MA	For founding and as Executive Director of the Community Outreach Group for Landscape Design.
2006	Paul		Mahoney	Owner, Mahoney's Garden Centers	Winchester	MA	For his leadership in horticultural associations and his enthusiasm behind dozens of award-winning, educational and inspiring Flower Show Exhibits.
2006	Allen		Baker	Society Master Gardener		MA	For his assistance in bringing the Master Gardener Program to the Society in the 1990s.
2006	Fred		Dabney	Owner, Quansett Nurseries	Storrs	CT	For his work in attaining and creating the All American Trial Garden at Elm Bank.
2006	Matthew		Armorello	Former Chair, Massachusetts Transportation Authority	Boston	MA	For his support of the Society's efforts to secure the appropriate funds and infrastructure resources to create Boston's next public botanic garden.
2007	Rudi		Favretti	Landscape Architect & Author	Storrs	CT	For being a leading authority in the field of historic landscape preservation.

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2007	Chris		DeRosa	New England Bamboo Company	Rockport	MA	For his work in creating a thriving market for bamboo and spreading his passion for these plants as a frequent speaker to industry.
2007	Barbara		May	Incoming President, National Garden Clubs	Wayland	MA	For her leadership in the Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts and as a Trustee Emeritus of the Society.
2007	Judith		Zuk	Past President, Brooklyn Botanic Garden	Brooklyn	NY	For her leadership at Brooklyn Botanic Garden and commitment to education and community outreach that established innovative programs at BBG.
2008	Deb		Howard	Howard Garden Design	West Newton	MA	For her many award winning gardens at the New England Flower Show and for her work at the Massachusetts Audubon Society and the Massachusetts Office of Environmental Affairs.
2008	Julie	Moir	Messervy		Saxtons River	VT	For her career in landscape design, including Weezie's Garden at Elm Bank and as an author.
2008	Les		Mehrhoff	Curator , University of Connecticut's George Stafford Torrey Herbarium	Storrs	CT	For his tireless advocacy and enthusiasm that led to great improvements in the scientific understanding of the habitats for invasive plants as well as effective early detection and rapid response techniques.
2009	Arabella	S.	Dane	Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts, Inc., American Horticultural Society	Center Harbor	NH	For her creative vision and commitment to excellence in all fields of horticulture.
2009	Robert	E.	Cook	Director, Arnold Arboretum	Jamaica Plain	MA	For his vision and leadership in steering the Arnold Arboretum, a botanical treasure into the 21st century.
2009	Maureen		Horn	Librarian, Massachusetts Horticultural Society	Natick	MA	For her dedication to the advancement of the Society as Librarian and volunteer serving members, gardeners, and scholars throughout New England.
2009	Peter		Sadeck	President, Peter Sadeck Landscaping	Lakeville	MA	TBD
2009	Brian		Maynard	Professor of Plant Science, University of Rhode Island	Kingston	RI	For his research of integrated pest management of deer in nurseries and landscapes.

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2009	Mark		Sellew	President, Prides Corner Farm	Lebanon	CT	For his outstanding retail and wholesale nursery where he grows a wide selection of containerized plants in the northeastern United States.
2010	Warren		Leach	Tranquil Lake Nurseries	Rehoboth	MA	For his horticultural expertise, landscape design as well as years of forcing plants and creating exceptional displays in the New England Spring Flower Show.
2010	Elizabeth		Russell	Russell Nursery	Sudbury	MA	For being a tireless champion of new cultivars and native plants.
2010	Stanley		Kozak	Head Gardener, Isabella Stewart Gardener Museum	Boston	MA	For cultivating a series of year-round indoor and outdoor displays that beautifully complement the 1903 building
2010	Neal		Sanders		Medfield	MA	For volunteer work at the Society.
2011	Joyce		Bakshi	Massachusetts Horticultural Socie	Andover	MA	For her work on the Festival of Trees.
2011	Theodore		Landsmark	President, Boston Architectural College	Boston	MA	For his work on behalf of the Landscape Institute.
2011	Organic Gardening Magazine				Emmaus	PA	For its promotion of ecologically sound practices in gardening and farming.
2011	Ellen	Ecker	Ogden	Writer	Manchester	VT	For her articles, essays and talks on organic gardening.
2011	Carrie		Waterman		Dover	MA	For her outstanding volunteer work over several decades on behalf of amateur horticulture.
2012	Logee's Gardens				Danielson	CT	For growing tropical and rare plants.
2013	Allandale Farm				Brookline	MA	For promoting urban farming and community involvement.
2013	Arthur		Scarpa		Reading	MA	For excellence in growing cacti and succulents and as a long-time Society volunteer.
2013	Garden Club of America				New York	NY	For its 100 year anniversary of working to promote a greater understanding of the importance of horticulture, environmental protection, and community improvement across the United States.
2013	University of Massachusetts, Stockbridge School of Agriculture				Stockbridge	MA	For its 150 years of leadership in agriculture education.
2014	Cactus & Succulent Society of Massachusetts				Norfolk	MA	For the enthusiasm that its exhibitions elicit and the organization's contributions to excellence in horticulture.

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2014	Kathryn		Kennedy	Center for Plant Conservation, Missouri Botanical Garden	St. Louis	MO	For organizing the cooperative effort to stabilize and protect rare, native plants.
2014	Kerry	Ann	Mendez	Perennially Yours	Kennebunk	ME	For exceptional teaching and writing that increases public enjoyment and appreciation of horticulture
2015	Roger		Cook	WGBH, <i>This Old House</i>	Boston	MA	For his expertise on <i>This Old House</i> and his promotion of the public's understanding and appreciation of horticulture and gardening.
2015	Dorrance	H.	Hamilton	Preservation Society of Newport County	Newport	RI	For her support of excellence in horticulture through the Preservation Society of Newport County Flower Show.
2015	Maureen		Ruettgers	Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum	Boston	MA	For her support of excellence in horticulture at the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum and her beautiful "Gardens at the Clock Barn" in Carlisle, MA.
2016	Karen	E.	Binder	Executive Director, Blithewold, Inc.	Bristol	RI	For her work at Blithewold, Inc., reinvigorating the organization and further preserving the property as a garden and arboretum destination.
2016	Clark	W.	Bryan	Mass Horticultural Society, Volunteer	Wellesley	MA	For his 14 years of service to the Society as Director of Operations.
2016	Hollis		Perry	Mass Horticultural Society	Dedham	MA	For being a long-time volunteer at the Society and member of the Board of Trustees.
2017	No Award						
2018	Betsy	Ridge	Madsen	Massachusetts Horticultural Society	Boston	MA	For her leadership at the Society and her dedication to continuing the Society's legacy.
2018	Carol		Stocker	Columnist, <i>The Boston Globe</i>	Milton	MA	For her work as a garden writer promoting the art and science of horticulture to thousands of readers.
2019- 2020	No Award						
2021	John	A.	Cronin		Milton	MA	For his significant contributions serving in various capacities advising the Society and introducing possibilities for improvements in accomplishing the Society's mission and objectives.
2021	William (Ned)		Friedman	Director, Arnold Arboretum	Jamaica Plain	MA	For his public outreach successes that enhance the public understanding of sciences, horticulture and collections and for his innovative and beautiful digital output.

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2021	Penni	Ferris	Jenkins		Walpole	MA	For her longstanding dedication of time, energy and talents to the Society's finances, operational programs and major events.
2021	Heidi		Kost-Gross		Hopkinton	MA	For her decades of service to the Society and intense involvement in countless activities that befit the organization and its members.
2021	Katherine	K.	Macdonald	Former President and Executive Director of the Society	Wellesley	MA	For her skill and success in stabilizing the fundamentals of Society operations during a critical time in organizational transition, setting new standards for future growth.
2022	No Award						
2023	Lucinda		Brockway	Managing Director of Cultural Resources, Trustees	Boston	MA	For her unique contributions and lofty accomplishments at every stage of an eminent career of horticultural leadership.
2023	Debbi		Edelstein	Executive Director, Native Plant Trust	Framingham	MA	For her leadership of Native Plant Trust, exceptional positive impact for native plants and legacy for future generations.
2023	Jeanne		Leszczynski	Generous supporter and Former Chair and Member of the Society's Board of Trustees	Needham	MA	For her exceptional long-standing service to the Society as an advisor, confidant and mentor.
2023	R.	Wayne	Mezitt	Chairman, Weston Nurseries and Former Chair and Member of the Society's Board of Trustees.	Hopkinton	MA	For his exceptional professional horticultural accomplishment and leadership service to the Society.
2024	David		Barnett	President and CEO, Emeritus, Mount Auburn Cemetery	Cambridge	MA	For his pioneering and leadership in public horticulture and eminent service at Mount Auburn.
2024	Thomas	R.	Ryan	Senior Principal and owner,	Waltham	MA	For his unique and innovative contributions to horticulture, the profession of Landscape Architecture and to the designed landscapes of New England.



Massachusetts Horticultural Society

Silver Honorary Medal

1929-2021



The Honorary Silver Medal was first awarded in 1929, as a Special Centennial Silver Medal. Prior to that year, silver medals were routinely awarded for various achievements, primarily at exhibitions and for gardens. Today, this Honorary Medal, replica of the Large Gold Medal is bestowed for noteworthy service in horticulture.

Awards by the Committee on Exhibitions and the Committee on Gardens are not included in this listing.

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1929	Special Centennial Silver Medals were awarded this year and are listed separately.						
1931	Cambridge Plant Club				Cambridge	MA	In recognition of the fact it is the oldest garden club in America.
1932	Edwin	Hale	Lincoln	Photographer	Pittsfield	MA	For his unique service to horticulture through his remarkable photographs of wild flowers, especially wild orchids.
1933-1934	No Award						
1935	John	C.	Brodhead	Assistant Superintendent, Boston Public Schools	Boston	MA	For his enterprise and success in developing school gardens.
1935	Richard	J.	Hayden	Superintendent, Boston Parks System	Boston	MA	For his work in horticultural education.
1935	Charles	M.	Lamprey	Schoolmaster, Boston Public Schools	Boston	MA	For his work in horticultural education.
1936	Rufus	Whitaker	Stimson	Supervisor of Agricultural Education, Massachusetts	Palmer	MA	For a distinguished career of leadership in the training of youth for agriculture.

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1938 -1953	No Award						
1954	Sarah	E.	Brassill		Weymouth	MA	For her long time teaching of gardening techniques to children.
1955	No Award						
1956	W.	Ray	Hastings	Executive Secretary All-American Winners	Harrisburg	PA	For his service since 1933 as coordinator and publicist of this nationwide organization that is concerned with the introduction of new and improved varieties of annuals and vegetables.
1957-1958	No Award						
1959	Henry	G.	Wendler	Head, Agricultural Department, Jamaica Plain High School	Jamaica Plain	MA	For his work with the Boston Public School Garden Program.
1960 to 1972	No Award						
1973	Nancy	Robinson	Fitzwater		Huntington	WV	For her outstanding service to horticulture as a hobbyist hybridizer primarily with daffodils, three of which are registered with the Royal Horticultural Society.
1973	Joseph	Hicks	Pyron	Executive Secretary and Editor, Camellia Society	Renyolds	GA	For his fourteen years with the American Camellia Society and publishing of 56 issues of the <i>Camellia Journal</i> and 14 issues of the <i>Camellia Yearbook</i> .

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1973	Aaron	N.	Kanouse		Olympia	WA	For his breeding of daffodils, working for a split trumpet and for better texture; two of his introductions are registered with the Roayl Horticultural Society.
1973	Doris	Jeane	Watson	Garden Writers Association of America	Wilmington	DE	For her reorganization and building a strong base for the Garden Writers Association of America.
1974	H. Laura	Lincoln & Louise	Foster		Falls Village	CT	TBD
1974	Elisabeth	C.	Miller		Seattle	WA	TBD
1975	Richard	W.	Lighty	Coordinator Longwood Graduate Program and Associate Professor University of Delaware	Newark	DE	For his impact on the horticultural world through his teachings and development of the Longwood Program.
1975	Mary "Polly"	Louise Butcher	Hill		Martha's Vineyard	MA	For her work in testing hybrid evergreen azaleas and other plants in her arboretum; and for her exchange of information with other specialists, especially in Japan.
1975	Robert & Bernard		Schreiner	Schreiners Gardens	Salem	OR	For bringing great distinction to the field of iris hybridizing.
1976	Frances		Batcheller		Durham	NH	For her authority on light gardening and the popular plant family <i>Gesneriads</i> and <i>being a fine horticultural photographer, lecturer, editor and writer.</i>

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1976	Gordon		Dillon	Executive Secretary, American Orchid Society	Cambridge	MA	For being an outstanding botanical illustrator; for being directly responsible for the multimillion dollar commercial orchid industry and his leadership at the American Orchid Society.
1976	Logees				Danielson	CT	For their greenhouses containing one of the finest collections of plant material in North America available to the general customer.
1977	Virginia and George		Elbert		New York	NY	For their outstanding contributions to the literature of horticulture: their <i>Indoor Light Gardening Book</i> ; <i>The Miracle Houseplants — The Gesneriad Family</i> , and other books on the culture of house plants.
1977	John	M.	Fogg, Jr.	Director, Arboretum of the Barnes Foundation	Merion Station	PA	For his contribution to horticulture for many years and recently including the Barnes Lecture series as well as his eminently successful horticultural courses.
1977	Elizabeth		McClintock		San Francisco	CA	TBD
1977	Catherine "Kay"	Hauberg	Sweeney	Kampong	Coconut Grove	FL	TBD
1978	David	M.	Bates	Bailey Hortorium	Ithaca	NY	For the publication of <i>Hortus Third</i>
1978	William		Lachman	Retired Professor University of Massachusetts Department of Horticulture	Amherst	MA	For his work with corn, tomatoes and day lilies.
1978	Mildred & Edward	J.	Thompson		Southampton	MA	For their publications on begonias.

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1979	Michael	A.	Dirr	Director, Botanical Garden, University of Georgia	Athens	GA	For promotion of useful, but little known plants to amateur horticulturists, nurserymen and landscape architects, contributing to the diversity of urban and suburban landscapes.
1979	Anton		Lang	Professor, Plant Research Laboratory, Michigan State University	East Lansing	MI	For exhaustive investigations of auxins, gibberellins, cytokinins and other growth regulators and studies of the effects of water stress and air pollutants on plant growth that broaden the scientific base of horticulture.
1979	William	R.	Saylor		Brewster	MA	For his work with the genera <i>Nematanthus</i> , <i>Aeschynanthus</i> and <i>Cononanthus</i> that constituted to a better understanding of botanical and taxonomical problems in these genera and clarified relationships between them and his breeding work that has produced cultivars of great horticultural significance.
1980	Donald	Hyde	Scott	Geneticist and Horticulturist, United States Department of Agriculture.	Washington	DC	For being an outstanding authority on strawberry and blueberry genetics and breeding.

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1980	John	G.	Seeley	Former Head Department of Floriculture, Cornell University	Ithaca	NY	For his authority on the mineral nutrition requirements of plants, the role of soil structures and the use of chemical growth regulators uniting the efforts of educators, scientists and industry to promote effective research in floriculture.
1981	No Award: 1979 and 1980 awards given in 1981 to coincide with the American Horticultural Society Convention in Boston in 1981.						
1982	Jonathan	S.	Shaw	Former Executive Director, New England Wild Flower Society, Inc.	Framingham	MA	For his leadership at the New England Wild Flower Society and for his encouragement of propagation of wildflowers and the education of the public on the need to conserve native plants.
1982	William	L.	Theobald	Director, Pacific Tropical Botanical Garden, Hawaii	Kauai	HI	For being an outstanding administrator, horticulturist and scientist, responsible for developing this excellent tropical garden.
1982	Robert	S.	Hebb	New York Botanical Garden Cary Arboretum	Millbrook	NY	For his leadership in the plant collections and development of the plantings at the arboretum.
1983	No Award						
1984	Mr. & Mrs. Roy		Boutard	"Over the Hill"	New Lebanon	NY	For their enthusiastic teaching of horticulture to all ages and making Berkshire Garden Center, a well known and inspiring horticultural resource.
1984	George	H.	Pride		Scituate	MA	For his service to the Society and as a collector and connoisseur of plants and notable breeder of <i>Hemerocallis</i> .

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1985	Ann	L.	Crammond	Executive Director, Atlanta Botanical Garden	Atlanta	GA	For her leadership in the development of that garden.
1985	Bernice	G.	Schubert	Dr., Retired, Arnold Arboretum Herbaria	Jamaica Plain	MA	For work on begonias and work on publications for the Arboretum.
1986	Robert	L.	Dressler	Guest Curator, Florida State Museum			For pioneering work on the biology of orchids.
1986	Geraldine		Weinstein	Past Director of Horticulture, New York City	Boston	MA	For her work towards the restoration of Central Park.
1987	Katherine	A.	Hull		Manchester	MA	For noteworthy service in the growing of alpine plants.
1987	Boston Natural Area Fund				Boston	MA	For noteworthy service in horticulture in preserving and protecting Boston's urban wilds.
1988	Clare		Richards	Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts, Inc.	Groveland	MA	For her noteworthy service in horticulture
1989	Janet	R.	TenBroeck	Co-Creator of Wild Gardens of Acadia in Acadia National Park	Bar Harbor	ME	For her dedicated efforts in creating and developing The World Gardens of Acadia.
1989	Elizabeth	F.	Thorndike	Co-Creator of Wild Gardens of Acadia in Acadia National Park	Bar Harbor	ME	For her dedicated efforts in creating and developing The World Gardens of Acadia.
1990	The Mall at Chestnut Hill				Chestnut Hill	MA	In recognition of the outstanding landscaping scene by Allen Haskell, former trustee and renowned nurseryman.
1991	Laverne	R.	Collard	Chairperson, Operation Wildflower	Pocasset	MA	For tireless leadership of Operation Wildflower and promotion of beautification using native plants.

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1991	Sarah	A.	Dyer	Author of <i>But will it Grow in Massachusetts</i>	Stow	MA	For authoring the book: <i>But will it Grow in Massachusetts?</i> and stimulating gardening in New England.
1991	Public Facilities Department, Grassroots Vacant Land Reclamation Program				Boston	MA	For dedication to the beautification and rehabilitation of vacant land into places of community pride.
1992	No Award						
1993	Metropolitan Parks System				Boston	MA	TBD
1993	Radcliffe Seminars				Cambridge	MA	For its 25-year commitment to teaching all aspects of landscape design, horticulture, landscape history, environmental horticulture and land use studies.
1994	Patrick	A.	Nutt	Assistant Horticulture Department Head, Longwood Gardens	Kennett Square	PA	For a broad range of horticultural skills constantly demonstrated in the floral displays under glass at Longwood Gardens and shared with students there.
1995	Neil		Jorgensen		Harvard	MA	For excellence as an author, educator, horticulturist and landscape designer.
1995	Sarah		Stein		Pound Ridge	NY	For being a provocative explorer of the natural world and writer for both children and adults.
1996	Jeanne	Catherine	Gillis	Curator of Horticulture, Heritage Plantation	Sandwich	MA	For dedication as a horticulturist, teacher and volunteer.
1997	Blithewold Mansion and Gardens				Bristol	RI	For the consistently high horticultural standards shared with the public in their gardens and educational events.

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1998	Stanley	P.	Kozak	Head Gardner, Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum	Boston	MA	For his exceptional talent and skill in the year-round production and display of flowers and plants at the world-renowned Gardener Museum.
1998	Deborah		Swanson	University of Massachusetts Extension and Nursery and Urban Forestry Programs	Plymouth	MA	For her service as a leader and educator in disseminating key information about selection, culture and maintenance of woody ornamentals.
1999	Kathleen		Carroll	University of Massachusetts Extension and Nursery and Urban Forestry Programs	Amherst	MA	For her commitment to the Green Industry and consumer education.
1999	Dowse Family Orchards				Sherborn	MA	For their commitment to the family farm and their long history of service to Sherborn.
2000	Adelbert		Nickerson	Senior Horticulturist, Margaret C. Ferguson, Wellesley College Greenhouses	Wellesley	MA	For being a self-taught, creative, and skilled horticulturist and visionary leader who guided the gardens and glasshouses of Wellesley College into the 20th century.
2000	Jay		Veevers	Veevers Associates	Brookline	MA	For her leadership in open space projects.
2001	David		Barnett	Mount Auburn Cemetery	Cambridge	MA	For his horticultural contributions to the field of cemetery design.
2001	Robert and Jean		Cain	Norway Farms	Norfolk	MA	For their professional commitment, quality product, and sharing their passion for rare trees and shrubs with the public.
2001	Paul		Kelly	Head of Landscape Services, Federal Reserve Bank of Boston	Boston	MA	For creativity and style in urban landscaping.

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2001	Louis		Raymond	New England Spring Flower Show Designer	Hopkinton	RI	For combining great traditions of gardening with cutting edge and contemporary character.
2002	William		Cullina	Chief Propagator and Nursery Manager, New England Wildflower Society	Framingham	MA	For horticultural contributions to native plant propagation.
2002	Kevin		Doyle	Cairn Croft	Dover	MA	For creativity in garden design as evidenced at Cairn Croft.
2002	Sally		Muspratt	Sally Muspratt Landscape Design	West Roxbury	MA	For outstanding horticultural community service in New England.
2003	Ruah		Donnelly	Writer	Conway	MA	For her support of plant diversity and horticultural sources.
2003	Paul		Tukey	<i>People, Places & Plants</i> Magazine	N. Yarmouth	ME	For his contributions to gardening "know how" in New England.
2004	Claude		Benoit	Director of Horticulture, Mount Auburn Cemetery	Watertown	MA	For his leadership in historic preservation, high horticultural standards and client-sensitive cemetery design.
2004	Leo		Blanchette	Blanchette Gardens	Carlisle	MA	For his many contributions to improving the local landscape.
2004	Ron		Kujawski	Retired Nursery Specialist, University of Massachusetts Extension Service	Great Barrington	MA	For his staunch commitment to the education of local industry professionals, as well as to dedicated amateur gardeners.
2005	Lynda		Simkins	Farm Director, Natick Community Organic Farm	Natick	MA	For 25 years of service at the Natick Community Organic Farm, a non-profit, certified organic farm providing productive open space, food for the public and hands-on education for all ages, year-round.

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2005	Joanne		Vieira	Horticulture Director, Tower Hill Botanic Garden	Boylston	MA	For overseeing the development and maintenance of the grounds and gardens of the stunning 132-acre site in Boylston, Massachusetts.
2005	Carolyn		Weston	Director of Flower Show & Special Events, Massachusetts Horticultural Society	Wellesley	MA	For directing the New England Spring Flower Show and Special Events at the Society.
2006	Nancy		Chambers	Director, Enid A. Haupt Glass Gardens	New York	NY	For her work in the field of horticultural therapy.
2006	Eric	T.	Fleisher	Director of Horticulture, Battery Park City Park Conservancy	New York	NY	For bringing the Battery Parks to the forefront as the only public garden in the city to employ a completely sustainable approach to landscape management.
2006	Mary		Owen	Turf Program Coordinator, University of Massachusetts Extension Services		MA	For her leadership in the development and implementation of a comprehensive educational program for professional turf managers and associated industry professionals, exceptional personnel and other clients.
2006	Fred		Yalouris	Director of Architecture & Urban Design, Central Artery/Tunnel Project, Massachusetts Turnpike Authority	Boston	MA	For his 15 years experience as a senior public manager, including 8 years as Director of Architecture and Urban Design for the Central Artery/Tunnel Project.
2007	Laura		Eisener	Landscape Designer, Associate Editor, <i>People, Place and Plants</i> magazine	Saugus	MA	TBD

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2007	Deborah		Krause	Horticulture Therapy Teacher, Perkins School for the Blind	Watertown	MA	For the horticulture Program at Perkins School for the Blind; a national model for horticultural therapy.
2007	Julie		Morris	Director of Horticulture, Blithewold Mansion & Gardens	Bristol	RI	For her oversight of Blithewold's educational programs, volunteers, and the gardens.
2008	Robert	D.	Childs	Entomology Dept., University of Massachusetts	Amherst	MA	For his work in identification and management of insect pests associated with trees and shrubs and on issues surrounding pesticides.
2008	Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens				Boothbay	ME	For being Maine's first and New England's largest Botanical Garden with a spectacular collection of ornamental gardens.
2009	Bemis Family			Bemis Farms Nursery			TBD
2009	Leslie & Peter		Van Berkum	Co-founder's and Owners, Van Berkum's Nursery	Deerfield	NH	TBD
2010	Jill		Nooney	Founder, Bedrock Gardens	Lee	NH	For creating Bedrock Garden, an extraordinary marriage of horticulture and sculpture in Lee, N.H.
2010	Ellen		Wells	Editor at Large, <i>Green Profit</i> Magazine			For her success in maintaining contacts among large numbers of growers through the magazine, <i>Green Profit</i> ; that combines a solid knowledge of horticulture and provides superb advice for garden center owners on how to grow their business.

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2010	David		Fiske	Garden Curator, Massachusetts Horticultural Society	Wellesley	MA	For his role as Gardens Curator for the Elm Bank estate.
2011	Russ		Billings	Greenhouse Manager, Mount Holyoke College	So. Hadley	MA	TBD
2011	Lyman Plant House, Smith College				Northampton	MA	TBD
2012	<i>Fine Gardening Magazine</i> , Taunton Press						For being generally considered one of the most, if not the most, helpful and widely read publications for gardeners. It is prized for its timely articles and quality presentations.
2012	Vivien		Bouffard	Former Society Volunteer Coordinator	Norwood	MA	For her dedicated volunteer work at the Society including the Nomenclature Committee for the New England Spring Flower Show and as the Society's Volunteer Coordinator.
2013	Katherine		Tracey	Avant Gardens	North Dartmouth	MA	For her work over 25 years as an accomplished plants woman, horticultural lecturer, garden writer, photographer and landscape designer.
2013	David		Epstein	Meteorologist	South Natick	MA	For his web site offering both weather and gardening wisdom to help both new and advanced gardeners.
2014	Boston Committee of the Garden Club of America				Boston	MA	For public education of best horticulture practices and assistance in beautifying public spaces.

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2014	David		Dusenbury	Superintendent, Walter Hunnewell Estates	Wellesley	MA	For his noteworthy service in horticulture, overseeing historic grounds and plant collections.
2015	Preservation Society of Newport County, Flower Show				Newport County	RI	For promoting the appreciation and understanding of horticulture to the general public.
2015	Suzanne		Thatcher	Russell's Garden Center	Wayland	MA	For noteworthy service in horticulture.
2016	Edward	H.	Elliman	Plant Ecologist, New England Wildflower Society	Framingham	MA	For his work as plant ecologist for the New England Wildflower Society.
2016	Janet	S.	Hirschi	Founding Director, City Sprouts	Boston	MA	For Founding City Sprouts and developing outdoor classrooms and gardens in local school yards.
2016	Volante Farms				Needham	MA	For continued development of the farm, garden center and farm stand expansion.
2017	No Award						
2018	Karen	M.	Perkins	Owner, Garden Vision Epimediums	Phillipston	MA	For her efforts in the propagation and promotion of Epimediums.
2018	Trish	Wesley	Umbrell	Farm Administrator, Natick Community Organic Farm	Natick	MA	For her work as a garden educator.
2019-2020	No Award						
2021	Sarah	B.	Cummer	Librarian at the Society	Medford	MA	For her many projects and accomplishments as a volunteer in the Society's Library.
2021	Michael	S.	Dosmann	Keeper of the Living Collections, Arnold Arboretum	Jamaica Plain	MA	For his innovative and visionary accomplishments in his role as curator of the Arnold Arboretum.
2021	Kathi	D.	Gariepy		Attleboro	MA	For her many years volunteering her varied talents for our Society.

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2021	Rosalind	L.	Hunnewell		Wellesley	MA	For her many years of critical and diligent research and other volunteer service in the Library.
2022	No Award						
2023	Rodney		Eason	CEO, Mount Desert Land and Garden Preserve	Seal Harbor	ME	For exceptional accomplishment in ornamental horticulture and leadership in public gardens.
2023	Christopher		Grallert	President, Green City Growers	Somerville	MA	For his leadership of Green City Growers, innovation in the business model of urban horticultural services and the impact his programs are having on tens of thousand of young growers every year.
2023	Lynne		MacDowell	Founder, Stonegate Gardens and former Board Member of the Society	Lincoln	MA	For her exceptional service to the Society's Board and the horticultural community.
2023	Robert	P.	Marzilli	Founder and President, R.P. Marzilli Company	Medway	MA	For his service to horticulture and the Society over a long and successful leadership career.
2024	Patrick		Chassé	Landscape Architect	Mount Desert Island	ME	For his life's work in historic landscape preservation and public education.
2024	Barbara	E.	Millen	Professor, Boston University	Boston	MA	For her extensive, exceptional and high impact board and volunteer service to multiple organizations committed to plant conservation, horticulture and public access to nature.

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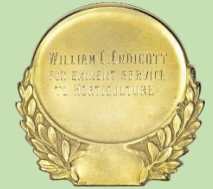
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2024	Murphy		Westwood, PhD	Vice President of Science and Conservation at Morton Arboretum	Lisle	IL	For her noteworthy and significant contributions and her global leadership in research and practical threatened tree species conservation.



Massachusetts Horticultural Society

Society's Centennial Medals

1929



Limited edition Centennial Medals were awarded in 1929—the Society's Centennial year. Sculptor John Francis Paramino (1888-1956) was paid \$300 to design the medal. It is unique in form: a two inch diameter circle rests on a base that is embellished with laurel leaves on both the obverse and reverse. The obverse is a reproduction of the Society's emblematic seal with the goddess Flora distributing her bounty of fruits and flowers over the earth. The center of the reverse has space for the recipient's name and the reason the medal was awarded. The medal weighs approximately 4.5 ounces. Whitehead & Hoag Company of Newark, New Jersey made the dies and the medals. The design of the sterling silver and 14kt gold medals are identical. Initially the medals were to be cast in gold, silver and bronze, however no bronze medals were bestowed. In addition to Centennial Medals, the Society also awarded Large Gold Medals and Special Centennial Medals at the Spring Exhibition for 1929.

The reason the award was bestowed is under the column labeled "Notes."

Centennial Gold Medals

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Theodore	A.	Havemeyer	President, Horticultural Society of New York	Brookville	NY	For his many years of distinguished service to horticulture.
F.	R.	Newbold	Secretary of the Horticultural Society of New York	New York	NY	For his many years of distinguished service to horticulture.
John	C.	Wister	Secretary of the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society	Philadelphia	PA	For his many years of distinguished service to horticulture, especially through his writings and lectures.
Worcester County Horticultural Society				Worcester	MA	For being a potent factor in the advancement of horticulture in Massachusetts since its organization in 1840.
Henry	P.	Walcott	Former President of the Massachusetts Horticultural	Cambridge	MA	As a fitting tribute as a former president of the Society.
Nathaniel	T.	Kidder	Former President of the Massachusetts Horticultural	Milton	MA	As a fitting tribute as a former president of the Society.
Francis	H.	Appleton	General; Former President of the Massachusetts Horticultural	Boston	MA	As a fitting tribute as a former president of the Society.
William	C.	Endicott	Former President of the Massachusetts Horticultural	Boston	MA	As a fitting tribute as a former president of the Society.
Albert	Cameron	Burrage	President, Massachusetts Horticultural Society	Boston	MA	For eminent service in horticulture.

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Oakes		Ames	Professor, Harvard University	Easton	MA	For his service to orchidology. The botany of the orchid has been Professor Ames' life study and no man stands higher in his field.
Ernest		Wilson	Professor, Arnold Arboretum	Jamaica Plain	MA	For his inspirational books. Besides being the greatest of living plant hunters, Mr. Wilson has a rare capacity for transferring his knowledge to paper.
Olmsted Brothers				Brookline	MA	For their work in raising the standard of landscape architecture and especially in the development of public parks. There is hardly a corner of the country where their influence has not been felt.
Harlan	P.	Kelsey	Founder, Kelsey Highlands Nursery	East Boxford	MA	For his work in behalf of better horticultural nomenclature. He was New England's representative on the committee responsible for Standardized Plant Names.
Alexander		Montgomery	Montgomery Company, Inc.	Hadley	MA	For his work in originating new roses. The fame which Hadley, Crusader, Templar and Talisman have brought to the man who originated them is shared with the state in which he lives.
Susan	D.	McKelvey	Botanist, Arnold Arboretum	Boston	MA	For her notable monographs on the lilac, the most important work of the kind ever undertaken in this country.
S. (Mrs.)	V. R.	Crosby	President of the New England Wild Flower Preservation Society	Boston	MA	For her work in the conservation of wild flowers. Her high purposes and practical methods have won the deepest respect and appreciation.
Marian	Roby	Case	Hillcrest Farms	Weston	MA	For her work with boys at Hillcrest Gardens. For twenty years Miss Case has devoted her time and fortune to an experiment in education and horticulture which has proved unique and has attracted wide attention.
Kidder, Peabody & Co.				Boston	MA	For demonstrating the fact that a beauty spot can be made in the heart of a great city.
William Filene and Sons Company				Boston	MA	For the example set by them in their consistent use of window boxes on business houses.
Benjamin	Lincoln	Robinson	Professor; Head of the Gray Herbarium	Cambridge	MA	For his eminent service to botany. Professor Robinson has carried on much important work with distinguished success.

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Centennial Silver Medals						
R.	W.	Thatcher	President of the Massachusetts Agricultural College	Amherst	MA	For his distinguished service to horticulture in four states-Washington, Minnesota, New York and Massachusetts.
Charles	O.	Dexter		Sandwich	MA	For his original and extensive work in the propagation of rhododendrons.
Frank	Albert	Waugh	Professor, Massachusetts Agricultural College			For his work in raising the standard of horticultural education.
Edwin	Hale	Lincoln		Pittsfield	MA	For his unique service to horticulture through his remarkable photographs of wild flowers and especially wild orchids.
Peter		Fisher		Ellis	MA	For his long and distinguished service to horticulture, particularly in the development of new carnations.
Rebecca		Manning		Salem	MA	For preserving the Manning garden, which was established in 1822.
Sarah Parkman	Rackemann	Wigglesworth		Topsfield	MA	For her service to horticulture in promoting and directing horticultural exhibitions and especially for her work at the Centennial Spring Exhibition.
Thomas		Dooley	Instructor; Jamaica Plain High School	Jamaica Plain	MA	For his work in stimulating interest in horticulture among students. Mr. Dooley is considered the outstanding figure among the horticultural instructors in the state's high schools.
William	P.	Rich	Secretary of the Massachusetts Horticultural Society	Boston	MA	For his twenty years of service.
Springfield Park Department				Springfield	MA	For the unusual skill with which it has developed the parks of Springfield, particularly Riverside Park, where the aquatic planting is remarkably good.
Town of Stockbridge				Stockbridge	MA	For its pioneer work in village improvement, which has been maintained for fifty years.
Phillips Andover Academy				Andover	MA	For demonstrating the effective use of planting and landscape work around a school.

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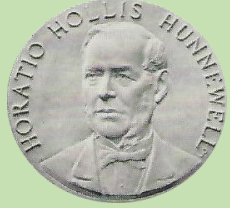
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			The Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company	Springfield	MA	For the example which it has set by the skillful planting of the grounds which surround its office building and an enclosed courtyard.
			Francis William Park	East Walpole	MA	For a combined park and playground which can be considered a model for other communities. It should be said that this park was made possible through the generosity of the late Charles Sumner Bird.
			Massachusetts Girl Scouts	Waltham	MA	For the development of an extensive and carefully planted wild flower sanctuary at Cedar Hill, fostered by Mrs. J. J. (Helen Osborne) Storrow.
			Woman's Club at Shelburne Falls	Shelburne Falls	MA	For its unique work in transforming an abandoned street railway bridge into a flower garden, which is kept in excellent condition all summer.
			Springfield Garden Club	Springfield	MA	For its work in landscaping and planting the Shriners' Hospital, making it a conspicuous example of institutional beautification.
			Town of Weston	Weston	MA	For raising the standard in the design and planting of town commons. The common and the Colonial town hall which overlook it are considered models.

Centennial Large Gold Medals

William	N.	Craig		Weymouth	MA	For his long and distinguished service to horticulture and his many years of active work in the Massachusetts Horticultural Society.
Edward	I.	Farrington	Secretary of the Massachusetts Horticultural Society	Weymouth Heights	MA	For his services as Secretary of the Massachusetts Horticultural Society and especially for his educational work as editor of <i>Horticulture</i> .
Peter		Arnott		Chestnut Hill	MA	For his skill as a gardener and especially for his work at the Centennial Spring Exhibition.
John	S.	Doig		Manchester	MA	For his skill as a gardener and especially for his work at the Centennial Spring Exhibition.
Allen		Jenkins		Shrewsbury	MA	For his skill as a gardener and especially for his work at the Centennial Spring Exhibition.
Frederick	W.	Pocock		Beverly Farms	MA	For his skill in growing orchids and especially for his work at the Centennial Spring Exhibition.

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Special Centennial Medals at the Spring Exhibition						
Mr. & Mrs. Albert	Cameron	Burrage		Boston	MA	For their huge tropical garden at the Centennial Exhibition, an accurate reproduction of a tropical glade.
Albert	Cameron	Burrage		Boston	MA	For his group of orchids at the Centennial Exhibition.
Martha		Houghton		Chestnut Hill	MA	For their remarkable rock garden at the Centennial Exhibition.
Helen		Dane		Chestnut Hill	MA	
Thomas		Roland		Nahant	MA	For the artistic arrangement of his acacias at the Centennial Exhibition
Minnie		Hoyt		Pasadena	CA	For her desert garden and her redwood Exhibit at the Centennial Exhibition that was judged the most original of all.
Harriet	Eddy Parsons	James		Newport	RI	For her group of tropical foliage and flowering plants at the Centennial Exhibition.
Bay State Nurseries				North Abington	MA	For best exhibit by a nurseryman at the Centennial Exhibition.
Milton Garden Club				Milton	MA	For best exhibit by a garden club at the Centennial Exhibition.
Edwin	S.	Webster		Boston	MA	For his group of flowering plants at the Centennial Exhibition.
Albert	C.	Burrage		Boston	MA	For his model of a rotating greenhouse.



Massachusetts Horticultural Society

H. H. Hunnewell Medal

1870-2001

In 1864, Horatio Hollis Hunnewell (1810-1902) endowed the Society's "Hunnewell Fund" for prizes "to be awarded from time to time" to owners of estates of three acres or more to promote the art of landscape gardening, regardless of whether or not professional advice was used.

The original award, known as the Triennial Premium, included a monetary prize of \$160. Beginning in 1923, the cash premium was replaced by the Hunnewell Award and the recipient received one of the Society's Gold Medals, paid for from the Hunnewell Fund. In 1933, an actual Hunnewell Medal was designed by John Paramino. The obverse of the medal bears the likeness of Hunnewell surrounded by the words "Horatio Hollis Hunnewell." On its reverse is an inscription that stating the award is for "an estate showing rare skill and beauty."

The Visiting Gardens Committee and its predecessors made recommendation for this award. Acting on its recommendation, the Board of Trustees conferred the award. Owners of estates applied for the award and until the middle of the 20th century, the gardens would be visited and evaluated for three years in a row. During those visits, the Committee would often recommend other awards for the properties viewed.

The Society's Transactions featured photographs and descriptions of the award winning properties. Links to the descriptions are provided under the column labeled "Description."

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1870	Edward	S.	Rand, Jr.	Dedham	MA	"Glen Ridge"	1869 Transactions pp. 110-115
1871 & 1872	No Award						
1873	William		Gray, Jr.	Dorchester	MA	"The Hermitage"	1871 Transactions pp. 129-132
1874 to 1878	No Award						
1879	Francis	Brown	Hayes	Lexington	MA	"Pine Hill"	1879 Transaction pp. 188-190
1880 to 1893	No Award						
1894	Nathaniel	T.	Kidder	Milton	MA		1894 Transactions pp. 318-320

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1895 to 1897	No Award						
1898	Harriet Blackburn		Nevins	South Framingham	MA	Ernest W. & James Bowditch, Landscape Architects	1896 Transactions pp. 283-285
1899	Arthur	F.	Estabrook	Beach Bluff	MA	"Barberry Lodge"	1899 Transactions pp. 248-249
1900	No Award						
1901	Oakes		Ames	North Easton	MA	"Oliver Ames Estate"	1901 Transactions. pp. 240-242
1902	Charles	H.	Tenney	Methuen	MA	"Greycourt"	1902 Transactions p. 228
1903	Henry	Huttleston	Rogers	Fairhaven	MA		1903 Transactions p. 234-235
1904 & 1905	No Award						
1906	Isabella	Stewart	Gardner	Brookline	MA	"Green Hill." Guy Lowell, Landscape Architect	1904 Transactions pp. 284, 291
1907	Morton	F.	Plant	Groton	CT		1907 Transactions p. 222
1908 & 1909	No Award						
1910	George	E.	Barnard	Ipswich	MA	"Riverbend"	1910 Transactions pp. 186, 188 -189
1911	Harry	E.	Converse	Marion	MA	"Moorings"	1911 Transaction pp. 153-155, see also p. 180
1912 to 1922	No Award						
1923	Henry & Mary Bowditch	Sargent	Hunnewell	Natick	MA	"The Cedars;" Charles Elliott, Landscape Architect and Harriet R. Foote, Rosarian	1924 Transaction p. 33
1924 & 1925	No Award						

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1926	Ellen Peabody	Crowninshield	Endicott	Danvers	MA	"Glen Magna Farms." Farrington's <i>History</i> erroneously attributes this award to "William S. Endicott." Herbert Browne, Architect; George Heussler, Gardener; and F.L. Olmsted, Landscape Architect	1927 Transactions pp. 26-28, see also p. 117
1927	Frederick	S.	Moseley	Newburyport	MA	"Maudesleigh Farm"	1928 Transactions pp. 25-28
1928	Richard & Florence Higinbotham	T.	Crane	Ipswich	MA	"Castle Hill." Olmsted Bros., Landscape Architects; Arthur Shurtleff, Landscape Architect; and Harriet R. Foote, Rosarian	1929 Transactions pp. 32-36
1929	Mary Adams	D.	Parker	Wianno	MA	Arthur Shurtleff, Landscape Architect and Harriet R. Foote, Rosarian	1930 Transactions p. 34, see also p. 38
1930	Edward & Mary Pratt	D.	Brandegee	Brookline	MA	"Faulkner Farm." Herbert Browne, Architect; Charles A. Platt, Architect; and H. H. Richardson, Architect	1931 Transactions pp. 22-26; see also https://tclf.org/landscapes/faulkner-farm
1931	John & Nancy McKinley Filley	S.	Ames	North Easton	MA	Col. Thomas Lee, Landscape Architect	1932 Transactions pp. 35, 38-40
1932	No Award						
1933	Homer & Mabel Knowles		Gage	Shrewsbury	MA	"Iris thorpe"	1934 Transactions pp. 24-27
1934	Grenville	Lindall	Winthrop	Lenox	MA	"Groton Place"	1935 Transactions p. 30, 31-24
1935	Russell		Tyson	North Andover	MA	"Rolling Ridge." Fletcher Steele, Landscape Architect	1936 Transactions pp. 34-35

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1936	No Award						
1937	Alice	Cheney	Baltzell	Dover	MA	"Elm Bank." Percival Gallagher, Landscape Architect, Olmsted Firm	1938 Transactions, p. 68
1938	Geoffrey & Alice Cornelia Thaw	George	Whitney	Milton	MA		1939 Transactions p. 78
1939	No Award						
1940	Clement & Martha Gilbert	S.	Houghton	Chestnut Hill	MA	Warren Manning, Landscape Architect; see here for today's garden	1941 Transactions p. 31, see also p. 40
1941	No Award						
1942	Elise Ames	A.	Parker	North Easton	MA	"Unity Close." Fletcher Steele, Landscape Architect	1943-44 Transactions p. 40
1943 to 1945	No Award						
1946	Ruby		Boyer-Miller	Wenham	MA	"Penquin Hall." Harrie T. Lindeberg, Architect	1947 Transactions p. 13
1947 & 1948	No Award						
1949	George	O.	Clark	Newburyport	MA	"Chailey"	1949-50 Transactions p. 24, see also p. 21
1950 to 1953	No Award						
1954	George & Virginia Chandler Peabody	Cheever	Shattuck	Brookline	MA	Perkins Estate, 450 Warren Avenue, Brookline, MA.	1955 Transactions pp. 34-38
1955 to 1957	No Award						
1958	John & Katherine G.	C. Kilburn	Bullard	Nonquitt	MA	"Pokanoket Farms"	1959 Transactions pp. 22-23

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1959	No Award						
1960	Ben & Marjorie Goodwin	P. P.	Moseley, Jr.	Ipswich	MA	"G. F. Swain Summer Estate. "Olmsted Firm, Landscape Architects (1917-25)	1961-62 Transactions p. 20
1961 to 1966	No Award						
1967	Richard & Mary Bowditch Rogers		Saltonstall	Sherborn	MA	"Charlescote Farm"	
1968 to 1990	No Award						
1991	Rita & Samuel		Robert			"Moor Views"	
1992 to 1993	No Award						
1994	Russell & Romalda Whiton	Burrage	Clark	Hamilton	MA		
1995	Leaflet shows photo from 1995 Hunnewell Award no other info to date						
1996	Katherine White	S.	McLennan	Tyringham	MA	"Ashintilly Gardens"	"A symphony of garden area, tonal in quality, with sculptured hills around them. A rushing brook, a tear shaped pool with jet fountain, all under a canopy of deciduous trees, creating a cathedral like ceiling."
1997	No Award						
1998	Peter & Leah Taylor		Roy	Cohasset	MA	"The Oaks" 49 Margin Street	
1999	No Award						

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2000	Theodore & Marion Morgan		Haffenreffer	Chestnut Hill	MA	46 Suffolk Road	"This is a landscape worthy of an old English estate. Over many years, Marion and Ted have transformed a hillside into a veritable fantasyland."
2001	Norman & Leslie		Frost	North Andover	MA	31 Lowell Street	"This creation will forever be a work in progress."