ASHS offers many opportunities for recognizing outstanding Horticulturists. Outstanding can mean: brilliant, champion, distinguished, excellent, expert, great, master, superb, virtuoso, prominent, spectacular, and/or all of the above.

Businesses and organizations have long recognized the importance of successful peer recognition. There is even a company called “Give-a-WOW,” which specializes in peer recognition programs. Part of this includes encouraging a culture of leadership and recognition, rewarding superior performance, reinforcing cultural values, and creating a culture of inclusiveness. Companies and organizations understand that engaged individuals are better performers.

The ASHS Awards Program is a means by which the Society recognizes outstanding member accomplishments in horticultural research, extension, and education. The awards program is organized into various categories: Professional, Working Group/Committee; Student; Appreciation/Recognition; and Landmarks. The Student awards category provides recognition for outstanding accomplishments, and scholarships for outstanding horticulture students. The Appreciation/Recognition category provides recognition for various types of service to ASHS. Winners are recognized with a certificate suitable for framing or an engraved plaque, depending on the award. Student scholarship award winners may also receive a cash award. Awards are given each year at an awards ceremony and the Annual Business Meeting at the ASHS Annual Conference, and are also noted in the ASHS Newsletter and HortScience.

All the Info is on the ASHS Website

If you go to the ASHS website, all the ASHS peer recognition awards are listed along with information for submitting worthy candidates. To facilitate things, nominations for ASHS Awards are handled online. Each nomination is reviewed by an appointed committee. Selection Committees are responsible for reviewing Professional Awards, while Screening Committees are responsible for reviewing the ASHS Publications Awards.

Variety of ASHS Awards

There are some excellent Professional Awards, including the Fellows Award, which is the highest honor that ASHS can bestow on its members, in recognition of truly outstanding contributions to horticulture and the Society. Jules Janick was the most recent recipient of the Hall of Fame Award, which is to honor distinguished horticultural pioneers who have made extraordinary contributions to horticulture, and whose significant achievements have contributed to the science and profession of horticulture and to the greater public good.

There are Career Awards for Outstanding Extension Educator, Outstanding Graduate Educator, Outstanding Industry Scientist, Outstanding International Horticulturist, Outstanding Researcher, and Outstanding Undergraduate Educator.

Publication Awards include the Cross-Commodity Publication Award, Education Publication Award, Extension Publication Award, Fruit Publication Award, Ornamentals Publication Award, and Vegetable Publication Award.

Appreciation & Recognition Awards include the Endowment Fund Contributor Recognition, Membership Recruitment Award and Outstanding Reviewer Award.

Student Awards include the ASHS Scholars Award, Collegiate Scholars Award, Outstanding Undergraduate Horticulture Student, as well as various travel grants, including the Miklos Faust International Travel Award, a joint award with the International Society for Horticultural Science (ISHS).

The Horticultural Landmark Award is designed to commemorate sites of horticultural accomplishments, selected for historical, scientific, environmental, and aesthetic value.

We Dropped the Ball

I know that everyone is time-poor and over-worked these days, but this year we failed to nominate some worthy candidates for significant career awards: Outstanding Graduate...
Golf Tournament

9 Holes

Wednesday, September 28, 2011
Hilton Waikoloa Beach Resort - Kings’ Course
3:00 pm $60.00 per person

Tee times are every 8 minutes. 20 golfers take 5 tee times. If the first group starts at 3:00 p.m., the 2nd at 3:08 p.m. etc. The last group of 4 golfers will start at 3:32 p.m.

Price includes a shared cart, bottle of water and unlimited use of the practice facilities on the day of play.

About the Course: (description from the Hilton Waikoloa website):

The Kings’ Course, designed by former British Open champion Tom Weiskopf and Jay Morrish, is a Big Island golf course offering the best of two worlds: a great links-style layout that reflects the rugged seacoast of Scotland – yet set on an island paradise where brilliant color flashes across the thousand shades of green, and Mauna Kea towers in the distance.

The 7,000+ yard Kings’ Course meanders over and around an ancient lava flow, and its wide, undulating fairways are framed by palm trees and vibrant flowers of Hawaii.

Multiple tee placements, and challenging pot bunkers add complexity to the Big Island Hawaii golf course complete with a double green on holes #3 and #6.

Par 72, 7074 yards, Slope: 135, Rating: 73.4

Note: Each player must have their own set of golf clubs. The Golf Club currently has Nike Slingshot irons and Sasquatch drivers available to rent for $25.00 plus tax, per set.

ASHS Annual Conference—Waikoloa Hawaii

The response to the 2011 September annual meeting in Hawaii has been outstanding with the most abstracts submitted for papers and posters since the 1995 Conference in Montreal. Registration at regular rates is still open through July 15, 2011. Be sure to make your travel arrangements ASAP. The cut-off date for booking a room at the Hilton Waikoloa Village is August 20, which is 50% off the standard rate!

Hope you all have a great 4th of July! Keep in touch.

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