



American Peony Society Personal Awards

Award Definitions and Information



The American Peony Society has a long and proud tradition of recognizing meritorious work involving peonies and related activities through personal awards. Traditionally awardees have been APS members which have forwarded the peony in any of a number of ways and are held in high regard. Awardees are recognized and awarded at the Annual General Membership Meeting, held in conjunction with the Annual Convention. Further recognition is provided through public announcements and through record in the APS archives. These awards are defined below.

The Awards

A.P. Saunders Memorial Medal

This award is named in honor A.P. Saunders, the first hybridizer to undertake an extensive hybridizing program which produced outstanding hybrid cultivars, many of which remain currently popular and form the basis of most hybridizing programs today. Groundbreaking hybridizers are often recognized for their efforts with the A.P. Saunders Memorial Medal. Candidates may have introduced notable cultivars into commerce, provided educational opportunities in the area hybridizing, developed new techniques, or are respected for their advancement of the peony. Awardees may also have contributed to the peony world through other notable related activities.

Bertrand H. Farr Lifetime Achievement Award

The Bertrand H. Farr Lifetime Achievement Award is given to members that have contributed to the Society and peony world in numerous ways over an extended period. Authors, growers, ambassadors, organizers, and leadership are among the many attributes recognized for this prestigious award. Leadership within the American Peony Society is an important factor in consideration of this award.

American Peony Society Medal

The American Peony Society Medal has been given for meritorious contributions by any person or group to the American Peony Society or the peony world through research, activity support, art, imagery, literature, authoring, publicity, ambassadorship, or any other number of peony related actions. Awardees may have provided a singular meritorious contribution, but are often multiple contributors to the peony world. The recipient of this medal need not be an American Peony Society member.

Past recipients of Awards may be found at: <https://americanpeonysociety.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/04/Awards-Honors.pdf>.

Members are encouraged to submit deserving candidates and supporting information for consideration through the American Peony Society's Member Portal (you'll need to login): [Contribute>>Polls and Surveys>>Personal Award Nominations](#).

<https://americanpeonysociety.org/member-portal/pages/contribute/polls-and-surveys/#personal-award-nominations>

All submissions will be carefully considered and those who most exemplify their work in a given area will receive priority. All nominations are due by April 1 of the year for consideration.