



# Awards Committee Report

Submitted by Steve Smith – Chair

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The new awards committee consists of three members and was formed in late 2020 and the primary goal was to renew the awards programs that have been overlooked in years past. The committee consists of Steve Smith, Craig Aiken, and Brandie Orchard, with Nate Bremer assisting as needed.

The committee was also tasked with creating award medals for our personal awards program. We have completed that assignment and have on hand 100 medals that should last many years.

Our personal award nominations were submitted from the website. The committee then reviews nominations and makes the final decisions and presents those to the Board of Directors and then announced to the public. There were two nominations for the lifetime achievement award, two for the A.P. Saunders Memorial Medal and five for the APS Medal.

The committee reviewed each nomination and chose a winner in each category. It's possible that we may not have awards presented each year, as we want to make sure they are only given to those who are most deserving of them. Winners are announced and presented with the award at the next convention.

The three awards that were chosen this year are as follows:

**Bertrand H. Farr Lifetime Achievement Award – Presented to Carol Adelman**

**A.P. Saunders Memorial Medal – Presented to Tim Stanek**

**American Peony Society Medal – Presented to Kris Jurik**

The fall 2021 bulletin will feature a special article about each award winner.

The committee's final task is selecting the cultivar for the Gold Medal Peony Award. Nominations are submitted from the public via the website and with the help of Nate Bremer to narrow down selections based on the award criteria. The board then votes on the handful of cultivars, and the cultivar with the most votes is determined the winner. The winner of the 2021 Gold Medal Peony was 'Joker'.

The board also voted for the 2022 Gold Medal Peony so that we can announce that winner earlier in the year. Expect that announcement around Fall/Winter of 2021.