



Announcing the 2021 Bertrand H. Farr Lifetime Achievement Award Recipient Carol Adelman

Honoring the Best in Peonies and the People Who Love Them

Over the last century, the American Peony Society has promoted numerous international awards in support of the peony. These awards recognize not only outstanding peony flowers, but the people who serve as passionate advocates of this beloved plant.

Past awardees include hybridizers, APS Board members, educators, growers, peony ambassadors, authors, artists, researchers, thought leaders and dedicated volunteers.

APS is honored to announce and congratulate Carol Adelman.



Bertrand H. Farr Lifetime Achievement Award – Carol Adelman, Salem, Oregon

The Bertrand H. Farr Lifetime Achievement Award is given to members who have contributed to the society and peony world in numerous ways, over many years. Authors, growers, ambassadors, organizers and leadership are among the many attributes recognized for this prestigious award.

Carol Adelman is a longtime American Peony Society member, passionate peony exhibitor, author, business cultivator and all-around plants woman. She has as served more than 15 years on the APS Board of Directors, and is an important contributor to the Society's leadership. Carol is also currently the president of the Pacific Northwest Peony Society.

Throughout her life, Carol has served as one of the peony's most respected and knowledgeable promoters. Her willingness to encourage others and share her knowledge has inspired thousands of peony enthusiasts.

Carol and her husband, Jim, are legendary competitors and supporters of the APS Annual Flower Show and Exhibition, held at our annual convention. They typically bring hundreds of fresh blooms, and their breadth of entries has provided a dazzling showcase of beautifully-grown, premier quality peonies, including rare, seldom-seen varieties. The Adelmans' leadership has inspired growing member involvement, helped new participants learn about the art of showing the peony, and created healthy competition between exhibitors nationwide.

Along with Jim, Carol is a founder of Adelman Peony Gardens, one of the world's largest and most respected peony nurseries. Now a second-generation business, the nursery supports Society activities through tours, information and now hybridizing efforts.

It is with great pride we award the Bertrand H. Farr Award to the member who has provided the peony world with leadership, education, and an invitation to beauty.