

Chastagner Short Biographical Sketch

Dr. Gary Chastagner is a professor of plant pathology at Washington State University where he has worked since 1978. He received his Ph.D. from the University of California-Davis. His research and extension program deals with the management of diseases on ornamental bulb and cut flowers, Christmas trees, and nursery crop; and factors that affect the postharvest quality of peonies and Christmas trees.

Dr. Chastagner's lab has worked on the management of *Botrytis* and other diseases on peonies since 2013. He has co-authored numerous publications, including 13 book chapters relating to the management of diseases on ornamental bulbs and cut flowers. He has been an active member of the International Society for Horticultural Science Working Group on Flower Bulbs and Herbaceous Perennials (ISFBHP), serving as its Chair (2016-2019) and served on the organizing and/or scientific committees for ISFBHP symposia in the U.S., Japan, Netherlands, China, South Korea, and Poland.

Over his career, he has received several honors and awards, including being named a Fellow of the American Phytopathological Society (APS) in 2023 and receiving the Alaska Peony Grower Association Distinguished Service Award – 2018; APS Pacific Division Lifetime Achievement Award – 2013; and the APS Excellence in Extension Award – 2011.
