

About the American Peony Society Personal Awards

Acknowledging Exemplary Contributions

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APS Awards Committee Chair*

I am excited to announce that in 2021, the American Peony Society is revitalizing our personal awards program. These awards recognize exemplary individuals or groups who have given their time and talents to advance the mission of the APS and make the peony world a better place.

The APS Awards Committee has been busy setting the groundwork to forward this important tradition. In the past several months, we have worked to better define our APS awards goals and recognition processes. We now are ready to open entries for our 2021 Awards and encourage our members to submit nominations.

For those who do not know much about the program, personal awards can be given to APS members who have given their time and talents and contribute to the peony world in a variety of ways. Awardees include hybridizers, APS Board members, growers, peony ambassadors, authors, and other personalities important to the peony world.

These official recognitions include the A.P. Saunders Memorial Medal, the American Peony Society Medal, the Bertrand H. Farr Lifetime Achievement Award, and the American Peony Society Board of Directors Service Award.

Groundbreaking hybridizers are often recognized for their efforts with the **A.P. Saunders Memorial Medal**. This award is named in honor A.P. Saunders, the first hybridizer to undertake an extensive hybridizing program that produced outstanding cultivars that are currently still popular and form the basis of many hybridizing programs today. Awardees may also have contributed to the peony world through other notable activities.

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.

The American Peony Society Medal has been given for meritorious contributions of 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.

Members may also be recognized for their commendable work in support of the Board of Directors through the **American Peony Society BOD Service Award**.

The American Peony Society is forever thankful for past support and the hard-working volunteers that continue to move the peony world forward. The awards committee is working on new awards that will be announced in 2021 at the Annual General Membership Meeting.

Now is the time to nominate those APS members who you feel are making a positive impact in the peony world. Nominations may be submitted online through the APS Member Portal at: <https://americanpeonysociety.org/member-portal/pages/contribute/polls-and-surveys/#personal-award-nominations>

or may be emailed to the Awards Chair at: snlgardens@gmail.com. Nominations are due by April 1, 2021 for consideration this year. More information on the nominations and the award process can be found on the APS Member Portal website at: <https://americanpeonysociety.org/about/awards/#personal-awards>

TEXT BOX:

Know an APS Member Making a Positive Impact? Submit Your Award Nominations by DATE!

ACTION CALLOUT→ If you know an APS member who has made positive impact in the peony world, we would love to hear about them. Please visit the APS Website's member portal to submit your nominations by April 1, 2021. Your information will be sent to the APS Awards Committee for vetting and consideration for the 2021 awards.