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# 2024 Court of Honor Ceremony

Wednesday, August 21, 2024  
Horticulture Building Courtyard  
New York State Fairgrounds  
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mentorship, commitment to excellence, and  
dedication to the industry and our company***



## Greetings from NYSNLA's President

Dear NYSNLA Community and Fairgoers,

The Court of Honor Celebration at the Great New York State Fair has always been my favorite NYSNLA event. To have a place for our community to gather is very special, to have one built by their own hands, is extraordinary.

In this courtyard our members have gathered each season to lovingly attend to our garden. Clearing away leaves and debris from last season's celebration, tending to our Sensory Garden, created through the generous donations of members throughout the years.

It is here we gather to say thank you to the best and brightest of our Green Industry. The awards presented here give honor and thanks to those who have given exemplary service to NYSNLA. These awards are nominated and chosen by their peers making them extra special to each recipient.

It is a time to remember with honor and respect those who have received these prestigious acknowledgements in the past. The mentors, professors, educators, colleagues, and friends, who changed our lives by inviting us into this thriving community.

It is so very special to see NYSNLA members, friends and family from every generation in our community garden each year. Our place to honor our leaders, and cultivate, tend to, and grow the next generation. A time to remember who brought you to our garden, and to ponder who YOU will bring.

Thank you so much to the NYSNLA State Fair Committee for their planning, to the CNLP's and plant CNY members who participated in cleanup and planting, to those who donated materials and resources, and to those behind the scenes who made today possible.

Congratulations and thank you to our Court of Honor celebrants! Thank you for your incredible commitment and contributions!

Sincerely,



Elizabeth J. Snyder, Sr. CNLP  
NYSNLA President



**OUR MAN OF  
THE YEAR,  
EVERY YEAR**

Love, Marcia

## Message from the State Fair Committee

Dear NYSNLA Colleagues and Fairgoers,

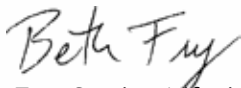
### Welcome to the Great New York State Fair!

Today, we come together in the Court of Honor to celebrate our extraordinary Annual Award Honorees. As NYSNLA members and devoted supporters from across our state gather, we invite you to explore the Horticulture Building Courtyard and join us in honoring this year's distinguished awardees.

Behind the scenes, a devoted committee and an incredible team of volunteers have worked diligently to transform the Courtyard into a haven of horticultural beauty. The Sensory Garden, thoughtfully designed and lovingly tended, awaits your discovery. With its fragrant blooms, soothing textures, and harmonious colors, it offers a serene space to pause, breathe, and immerse yourself in the splendor of nature.

As you review the program, take a moment to acknowledge the individuals and efforts that made this event possible. After the ceremony, I encourage you to wander through the Sensory Garden, where you can learn more about NYSNLA and the expertise of our Certified Nursery and Landscape Professionals (CNLPs). These dedicated members and professionals raise the standard in our industry, blending knowledge with artistry to enhance landscapes far beyond these fairgrounds.

Enjoy your time at the Fair!



Beth Fry, Senior Lifetime CNLP  
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Congratulations Steve!

We are so glad your peers see the dedication and perseverance you have. We are extremely proud of you and are pleased to know the NYSNLA continues to honor talent, expertise and excellence.

With much love from your siblings  
John, Bill, Paul, Gail, Clair and Bob  
and all your family

# 2024 Court of Honor Ceremony at the Great New York State Fair



## - Order of Program -

Welcome Message from NYSNLA  
Elizabeth Snyder, Senior CNLP  
*President*  
*2020 CNLP of the Year*



## - Presentation of the 2024 NYSNLA Annual Awards - Certified Nursery & Landscape Professional of the Year



2024  
Steven S. Sypniewski, Lifetime CNLP  
*Presented by Beth Fry, Lifetime CNLP*  
*NYSNLA Vice President &*  
*Professional Development Committee Co-Chair*  
*2022 Hall of Fame Inductee*

## NYSNLA Hall of Fame



2024  
Anthony Caggiano, Lifetime CNLP  
NYSNLA Past President  
*Presented by Melissa Caggiano, CNLP*  
*NYSNLA Immediate Past President &*  
*Government Affairs Committee Chair*  
*2017 CNLP of the Year*

Amazing things happen  
to  
amazing people....

*Congratulations*



**2024 CNLP of the Year  
Steven S. Sypniewski, Lifetime CNLP**

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**Angelo, Betty, Neil, Sal, Olivia & Mikey**





# 2024 Court of Honor Ceremony at the Great New York State Fair

## The President's Award

Honoring commitment and collaboration with NYSNLA in improving the mission of the association and advancing Green Industry education in New York State



Carolyn A. Stanko,  
Senior CNLP  
SUNY Niagara



Adam J. Olinski, CNLP  
SUNY Morrisville



Jonathan M. Lehrer, PhD  
Farmingdale State College

*Presented by President Elizabeth Snyder, Senior CNLP*

### - Closing Remarks -

Elizabeth Snyder, Senior CNLP

*President*

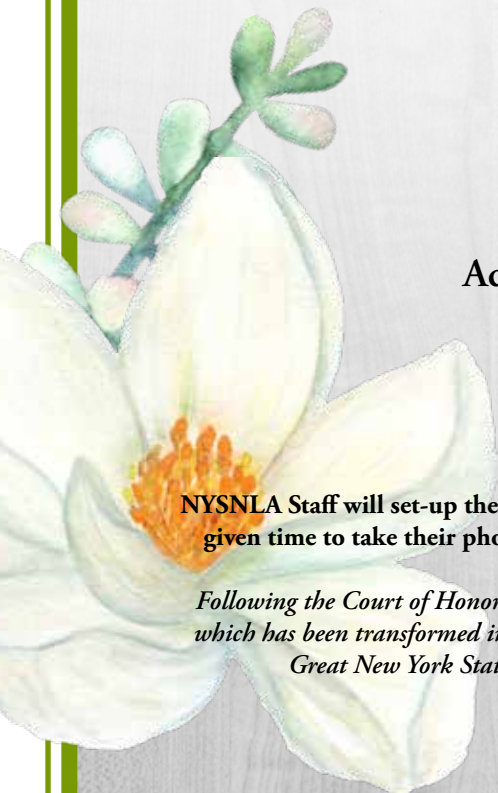
*2020 CNLP of the Year*

Adjournment & Group Photography Session

#### Please Note:

NYSNLA Staff will set-up the photographic shots, the association photo will be taken, then guests and friends will be given time to take their photographs of the group and individual Honorees. We thank you for your cooperation.

*Following the Court of Honor Ceremony, we encourage all in attendance to take in the Horticulture Building Courtyard, which has been transformed into the NYSNLA Sensory Garden for the enjoyment and education of all those attending the Great New York State Fair—and to help promote our NYSNLA Members and the value of nursery and landscaping professionals in the Empire State.*





# Acknowledgments

**NYSNLA wants to thank all of the following who supported our efforts at the Great New York State Fair and the Court of Honor.**

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## **Volunteers**

Planning, Courtyard Clean-Up & Maintenance

Sensory Garden Installation & Maintenance

Plants, Mulch, Decorative Elements & Supplies

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**State Fair Committee**  
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Melissa Caggiano, CNLP  
Elizabeth Snyder, Senior CNLP

**CNLP of the Year Selection Committee**  
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Mina Vescera

**Hall of Fame Selection Committee**  
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Mike Frank  
Phil Tripi



# CNLP OF THE YEAR



*Past Honorees*

The CNLP of the Year award recognizes an individual's extraordinary commitment to the green industry, his or her family and community, and the betterment of others through the Certified Nursery & Landscape Professional Program. The award is presented at the NYSNLA Court of Honor on opening day of the New York State Fair in August.

2006 Edward Dore <small>Senior Lifetime CNLP</small>	2007 Vincent Drzewucki <small>Senior CNLP</small>	2008 Ralph W. Tuthill III <small>Senior Lifetime CNLP</small>	2009 David Linehan <small>Senior Lifetime CNLP</small>	2010 Jason Engel <small>Senior CNLP</small>	2011 Michael Grimm <small>Senior Lifetime CNLP</small>	2012 Jerry Parmenter <small>Senior CNLP</small>	2013 Sally Cunningham <small>CNLP</small>	2014 Kim Schichrel <small>CNLP</small>	2015 Julie Liebmann <small>CNLP</small>	2016 Dannielle Carr <small>CNLP</small>	2017 Melissa Daniels <small>CNLP</small>	2018 Beth Fry <small>Senior CNLP</small>	2019 John Gaylaro <small>CNLP</small>	2020 Elizabeth Snyder <small>CNLP</small>	2021 Amy Howansky <small>CNLP</small>	2022 Elizabeth Berkeley <small>CNLP</small>	2023 David R. Clark <small>CNLP</small>	2024 Steven S. Sypniewski <small>Lifetime CNLP</small>
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# HALL OF FAME

NYSNLA Hall of Fame Inductees are individuals who have made outstanding and unselfish contributions to the nursery and landscape industry in the State of New York.



1960  
Dr. A.M.A. Pridham, Charles Perkins,  
Val Curtis, Edwin Costich

1961  
Louis Weinstock, John W. Kelly, Joseph  
Bosch, Clarence Vanderbrook, Robert Auld

1962  
Dr. Harold B. Tulley Sr., John Vivas,  
Tobbie Marrino

1963  
Eugene S. Boerner

1964  
Frank S. BonGiorno

1965  
Al Synesael

1966  
William F. Kuhl

1967  
Harry Raben

1968  
C. Powers Taylor

1970  
George W. Wren

1971  
Bernard B. Stangler

1972  
Lawrence L. Labriola

1973  
Edward Pettillon

1974  
Herman Eberhard

1975  
Dave Schade

1976  
John Newhouse

1978  
Dr. George Good

1979  
William Bailey

1980  
Edwin M. Fava

1981  
Anna Feile

1982  
Bob Case

1983  
George Schichtel

1984  
George Kallfelz

1985  
Henry Weller

1986  
Alfred H. Krautter  
Lifetime CNLP

1987  
Fritz Schaefer  
Lifetime CNLP

1988  
Frank Ferraro

1989  
Kenneth Wilk

1990  
Jack Lander

1991  
David Linehan  
Senior Lifetime CNLP

1992  
Heinrich Fischer  
Lifetime CNLP

1993  
Fred Mitchell

1994  
Jim Shearer

1995  
John Braddell

1996  
George "Skip" Miller

1997  
George Gibbs

1998  
Peter Costich

1999  
Dave McIntyre

2000  
Jan Jansen  
Lifetime CNLP

2001  
Kenneth R. Hill  
Senior Lifetime CNLP

2002  
Edward Dore  
Senior Lifetime CNLP

2003  
Marj Olds

2004  
William "Bill" Head

2005  
David M. Taylor

2006  
Bob Kretzer

2007  
Dale Turtle  
Lifetime CNLP

2008  
Gregory Frank

2009  
David Ryan  
Senior Lifetime CNLP

2010  
Vincent Drzewucki  
Senior Lifetime CNLP

2011  
Robert Smith

2012  
Mike Pollack

2013  
Donna Moramarco, CNLP

2014  
Michael Grimm  
Senior Lifetime CNLP

2015  
Jeffrey Rogers, CNLP

2016  
Jackie Crane, CNLP

2017  
Chris Zeisz  
Lifetime CNLP

2018  
Jim Presutti  
Lifetime CNLP

2019  
Jerry R. Parmenter  
Senior Lifetime CNLP

2020  
David B. Dailey, Jr  
Lifetime CNLP

2021  
Bud Nestler  
Lifetime CNLP

2022  
Beth Fry  
Lifetime CNLP

2023  
Gary G. Gasparini  
Lifetime CNLP

2023  
Sharlene L. Reeves  
Lifetime CNLP - Posthumously Awarded

2024  
Anthony Gaggiano  
Lifetime CNLP

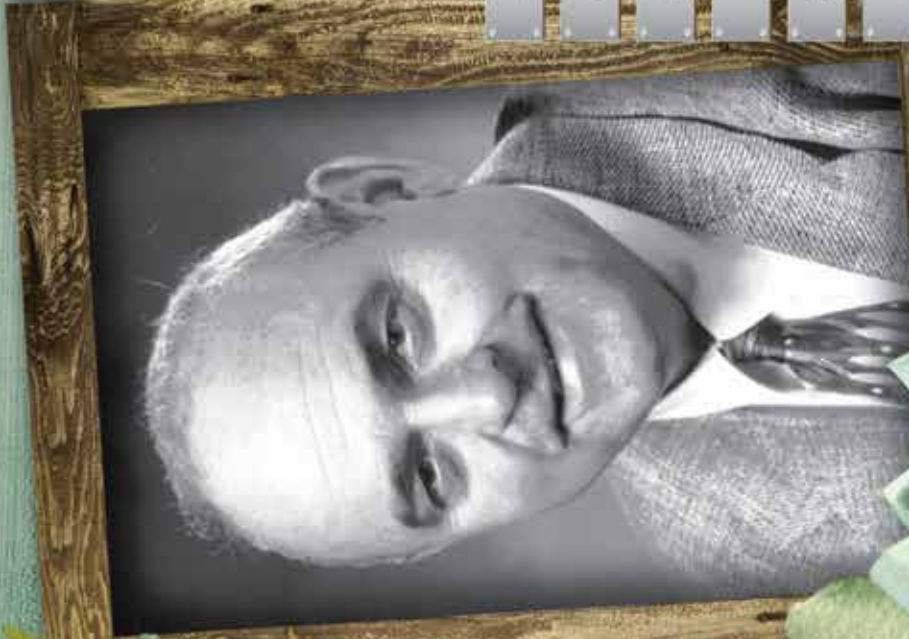
2025

2026

# DR. GEORGE L. GOOD GOLD MEDAL OF HORTICULTURE

NYSNLA awards its highest honor, the Dr. George L. Good Gold Medal of Horticulture, to an individual who has made outstanding contributions in the field of horticulture in the State of New York.

Dr. George Lawrence Good spent his entire career on the Department of Horticulture faculty at Cornell University's College of Agriculture and Life Sciences. He was an active, engaged member of NYSNLA and received the Gold Medal of Horticulture himself in 1997. After his death in 2008, the award was rechristened the Dr. George L. Good Gold Medal of Horticulture in his honor.



1982 Dr. P.P. Pirone	1992 Beatrice Jones	2002 George V. Schichriel	2012 Paul Fuhrmann	2022 Thomas Mitchell
1983 Edwin Costich	1993 Warren T. Johnson	2003 Richard Weir	2013 Edward Dore <small>Senior Lifetime CNLP</small>	2023 Jerry R. Parmenter <small>Senior CNLP</small>
1984 Frank Karpick	1994 William "Bill" Head	2004 Dr. Nina Bassuk	2014 Steven Perry	2024 Not Presented
1985 Gordon Jones	1995 James Cross	2005 Carolyn Klass	2015 Dr. Andrew Senesac	2025
1986 Dr. Arthur Bing	1996 Ernie Schaufler	2006 Charles Scheer	2016 Dr. A. Martin Petrovic	2026
1987 Joseph Harris	1997 Dr. George Good	2007 Margery Daughtrey	2017 Charles D. Schmitt,	2027
1988 Ralph Snodsmith	1998 Henry Weller	2008 Robert Mungari	2018 Dr. Gary A. Brown	2028
1989 Dr. Carl Gortzig	1999 John Hyde, W. Scott	2009 Dr. Donald Leopold	2019 Daniel O. Gilrein	2029
1990 Carl Totemeier	2000 Dr. Wayne Sinclair	2010 Dr. George W. Hudler	2020 Donna W. Moramarco, CNLP	2030
1991 Ronald O. Barrett	2001 Ralph N. Freeman, Alfred "Fred" H. Hicks	2011 Jan Jansen <small>Lifetime CNLP</small>	2021 Vincent Simeone	2031

# CNLP Day 2024



## CNLP Day 2024 at Buffalo and Erie County Botanical Gardens

Please join us for our annual CNLP Day on Friday, September 13,  
2024

from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.--followed by social/networking time. Earn 4  
CNLP Credits!

We look forward to exploring Buffalo and Erie County Botanical Gardens that has proudly served the community of Western New York for over 120 years by connecting people with nature and exotic plants from all over the world. Despite the economic, political, and environmental challenges that it faced, this beautiful glass conservatory continues to share its unique experience with visitors from all over the world year-round and will continue to grow and amaze visitors for generations to come.

NYSNLA's Professional Development/CNLP Committee has arranged for an informative guided tour of the property. Following the tour, attendees will be allowed to do a little exploring before we conclude and go enjoy some social and networking time.





# Get Involved in Your Region! Connecting Your Area with Our State Association



**Make the most of membership by getting involved in one of NYSNLA's eight Regions.** Connect with others in the community and take part in local events. Each Region operates with its own Board of Directors and By-Laws.

Together, all eight Regions are federated with NYSNLA, as the statewide association, with a Board of industry leaders working together, committed to expand services, deliver value to members, advocate for the industry, and help each other do business better.

**NYSNLA's Regions conduct their local programs with an eye toward creating relationships, grass-roots local advocacy, trade education programming, peer support and networking. The state association:**

- Develops education programs designed to help all members conduct business efficiently, professionally and profitably;
- Provides overall strategic direction for the association;
- Provides strategic quality member communications that deliver relevant and timely industry information;
- Manages the CNLP Program and develops professional development programs for owners and senior-level management;
- Conducts industry advocacy on the state level through relationships with stated agencies; and
- Hosts statewide events to create a sense of unity and purpose within the association.

## Here are the Regions:



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