

History of Wilder Award Winners

Year	Wilder Medal Awardee
1873	'Clapp's Favorite' Pear
1875	Marshall P. Wilder - For founding and building the society.
	Patrick Barry - For valuable service to the society as chairman of the fruit committee.
	Thomas P. James - For faithful service as treasurer of the society.
	John J. Thomas - For designing the Wilder Medal.
1877	William B. Weeks - For pears.
1881	Robert Manning - For long and valued service in the cause of American pomology.
1885	Professor William J. Beal - For valuable services as secretary of the society.
1911	Lue Gim Gong Orange - Glen St. Mary's Nurseries Company, Deland, FL.
1913	'Goudeau' Orange - L.A. Goudeau, Lake Charles, LA.
	'Branch' Apple - James. M. Hoge, Virginia (Bronze medal).
1915	'Hubbard' Grape - T. S. Hubbard Company, Fredonia, NY.
1917	'Turley Winesap' Apple - Joseph A. Burton, Mitchell, IN.
1919	'Golden Delicious' Apple - Stark Bros. Nursery & Orchard Company Louisiana, MO.
1921	Dr. Liberty Hyde Bailey - For his notable contributions to horticulture and his work for the society.
1922	E.A. Riehl - For his work in chestnut tree evaluation, production, and propagation.
1923	'Lobo' Apple - Central Experimental Farm Ottawa, Ontario.
	'Cortland' Apple - New York State Agriculture Experiment Station, Geneva, NY.
1926	'Starking' Apple - Stark Bros. Nursery & Orchard Company Louisiana, MO.
1927	University of Minnesota Fruit Breeding Farm - Noteworthy achievement in breeding hardy fruits, of which 32 seedlings have been named and introduced out of a total of 80,500 tested and represented at meeting by 69 plates of 39 seedling apples.
	'Sheridan' Grape - New York State Agriculture Experiment Station, Geneva, NY.
	'Melba' Apple - Central Experimental Farm Ottawa, Ontario.
	'June' Raspberry - New York State Agriculture Experiment Station, Geneva, NY (Bronze medal).
1929	Professor N. E. Hansen - For Plant Exploration.
	Professor W. T. Macoun - For Developing Cold Hardy Fruits.
	'Howard 17' or 'Premier' Strawberry - Everett C. Howard Belchertown, MA.
	Young Dewberry - B. M. Young, Morgan City, LA.
1939	USDA 814 Pecan - USDA (Bronze medal).
1947	Maurice A. Blake - New Jersey. Peach breeder.
	New York State Agricultural Experiment Station, Geneva, NY - For Origination and Introduction of Meritorious Varieties of Fruit
1948	Liberty H. Bailey - Cornell University - Plant explorer, writer, horticulturist.
	William H. Chandler - California. Research in pomology & hort. publications.
	George M. Darrow - USDA. Fruit breeding, especially blueberries & strawberries.
	Ezra J. Kraus - Oregon & University of Chicago for economic botany, morphology & physiology.

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	Horticulture Experiment Station, Vineland, Canada -Origination of fruit varieties.
	'Ruby' grapefruit - Outstanding red-fleshed grapefruit.
1949	Frank C. Reimer - USDA, Oregon. Pear breeding.
	University of Minnesota. Fruit Breeding Farm - Origination of fruit varieties.
1950	H. Howard Hume - Florida. Subtropical & tropical horticulture.
	Archibald D. Shamel - California. Introduction of tropical & subtropical fruits, mutations.
	Jacob K. Shaw - Massachusetts. Identification of fruit tree varieties by leaf characteristics.
	Henry P. Stuckey - Georgia. Muscadine grape breeding & pecan culture.
1951	Stanley Johnston - Michigan. Breeding peaches and blueberries.
	'Richared' apple - Custody of Louis Richardson, Manitou, Washington.
	Central Experiment Farm, Ottawa, Canada - Fruit breeding research.
1952	Eugene C. Auchter - USDA. Pollination biology, horticultural writer, administrator.
	Elizabeth White - New Jersey. Blueberry breeding and introduction.
	Louisiana Agriculture Experiment Station – Klonmore strawberry.
1953	Maxwell J. Dorsey - Illinois. Peach breeding.
	Samuel Fraser - Cornell & American Apple Inst. Apple promotion, new fruit varieties.
	George F. Potter - New Hampshire & USDA. Winter hardiness, tung genetics & physiology.
	USDA - Origination of meritorious varieties of peaches.
1954	Paul H. Shepard - Missouri. Peach, apple and grape breeding.
	Richard Wellington - New York. Fruit breeding & evaluation, pollination.
	California Agriculture Experiment Station. Origination of strawberry varieties.
1955	William H. Alderman - Minnesota. Breeding of hardy fruits.
	Frederick W. Popenoe - USDA. Plant explorer, tropical & subtropical horticulture.
1956	John R. Magness - USDA. Physiology, nutrition, water relation, administration.
	Elmer Snyder - California. Grape breeding & resistant rootstocks.
	Harold B. Tukey - New York & Michigan. Morphology of fruits, size-controlling rootstocks.
1957	W.W. Magill - Kentucky. Outstanding extension horticulturist.
	Edmund F. Palmer - Vineland, Canada. Breeding fruits, esp. peaches.
	Warren P. Tufts - California. Pollination & morphology of deciduous fruits.
	Albert F. Yeager - North Dakota & New Hampshire. Breeding and genetics of fruits.
1958	Cecil L. Burkholder - Indiana. Variety evaluation, pollination.
	Victor R. Gardner - Oregon & Michigan. Pollination, fruit set & mutation studies.
	Henry Hartman - Oregon. Post-harvest physiology, esp. of pears.
	Ralph A. Van Meter - Massachusetts. Systematic pomologist and administration.
1959	Malcolm B. Davis - Ottawa, Canada. Nutrition and low temperature research.
	Harold P. Olmo - California. Grape breeding, cytogenetics. New Fruit Register.
	Thomas J. Talbert - Missouri. Fruit tree rootstocks & nutrition.
	N.Y. Fruit Testing Association - Geneva, New York. Promotion of new fruit varieties.
1960	Arthur P. French - Massachusetts. Nursery identification of fruit trees by leaf characters.
1961	Richard P. White - American Association of Nurserymen, Washington D.C. Horticultural promotion.
1962	Robert W. Hodgson - California. Subtropical & tropical horticulture, international service.

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	Leif Verner - Idaho. Posthumous. Breeding, training, thinning, water relations.
	USDA - Development of virus-free strawberries.
1963	No Recipients
1964	Frank P. Cullinan - USDA. Administration, peach breeding & physiology.
1965	No Recipients
1966	Laurence H. MacDaniel - Cornell. Pollination, fruit anatomy & morphology.
	Howard B. Frost - California. Citrus breeding and cytogenetics.
1967	No Recipients
1968	Reid M. Brooks - California. Posthumous. Flower & fruit morphology. New Fruit Register.
	George L. Slate - New York. Breeding strawberry, raspberry, blackberry.
1969	Fred W. Anderson - California. Breeding nectarines, peach, plum, and almond.
	John H. Weinberger - California. Breeding peach, apricot, and plum.
1970	Joseph R. Furr - California. Breeding and water relations of citrus.
	George Oberle - Virginia. Breeding peach, nectarine, apple and grape.
	George F. Waldo - Oregon. Breeding strawberry, blackberry and red raspberry.
1971	No Recipients
1972	Paul Stark Sr. - Missouri. Nurseryman, development of dwarfing rootstocks.
1973	O.A. Bradt - Ontario. Breeding peaches and apricots.
1974	Robert F. Carlson - Michigan. Breeding apple rootstocks.
1975	Chester D. Schwartze - Washington. Rubus breeding.
	Ralph H. Sharpe - Florida. Peach breeding.
1976	Franklin Correll - North Carolina. Peach breeding.
1977	Donald H. Scott - Maryland. Strawberry breeding.
	W.A. Luce - Washington. Fruit Agent, orchard consultant and Contributing Editor to the Goodfruit Grower .
1978	L. Fredrick Hough - New Jersey. Peach, apple and pear breeding.
	Harold W. Fogle - Maryland. Peach, apricot and cherry breeding.
1979	Royce S. Bringham - California. Strawberry breeding.
1980	Melvin N. Westwood - Oregon. Teacher, author and researcher of apples and pears.
1981	Frank Street - Kentucky. Peach grower and host of annual peach pruning demonstrations.
1982	Jim Moore - Arkansas. Peach, blackberry and grape breeding.
	Roger Way - New York. Apple, cherry and elderberry breeding.
1983	Gene Galletta - USDA, Maryland. Strawberry breeding.
	Don Fisher - British Columbia. Fruit researcher, administrator and author.
1984	Victor Prince - USDA, Georgia. Peach breeding.
	W.D. Armstrong - Kentucky. Extension Specialist. Outstanding fruit extension work.
1985	Roy Rom - Arkansas. Rootstock research.
	Roy Simons - Illinois. Fruit anatomy.
1986	Hugh Daubeney - Agriculture Canada, British Columbia. Small fruit breeding.
	Wallace Heuser - Michigan. Nurseryman. Fruit variety development.
1987	No recipients

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1988	Francis J. (Whitey) Lawrence - Oregon. Strawberry and raspberry breeding.
	Robert E. Lamb - New York. Disease resistant apple breeding.
	Grady Auvil - Washington. Fruit grower
1989	Catherine Bailey - New Jersey. Peach, nectarine, and apple breeding.
1990	Don Craig - Nova Scotia, Canada. Strawberry breeding.
1991	Norm Childers - New Jersey and Florida. Fruit research and teaching.
	Elwyn Meader - New Hampshire. Development of cold-hardy fruits.
1992	K.O. Lapins - Agriculture Canada, British Columbia. Cherry breeding.
1993	Wayne B. Sherman - University of Florida. Peach and nectarine breeding.
1994	James Cummins - New York. Apple rootstock breeding.
	Elizabeth Keep - East Malling, England. <u>Rubus</u> breeding and genetics.
1995	Floyd Zaiger - Zaiger Genetics, Modesto, California. Stone fruit breeding.
1996	Jules Janick - Purdue University. Fruit breeding.
	R.E.C. Layne - Agriculture Canada, Ontario, Canada. Stone fruit breeding.
1997	Arlen Draper - USDA-ARS, Beltsville, Maryland. Small fruit breeding.
	Derek Jennings - Scottish Horticulture Research Institute, Scotland, UK. Small fruit breeding.
1998	Jim Ballington - North Carolina State University Small fruit breeding.
1999	John Maas - USDA-ARS, Beltsville, MD. Small fruit breeding.
2000	Silviero Sansavini - University of Bologna, Italy.
2001	Loren D. Tukey - Pennsylvania. Posthumous Penn. State University.
2002	Maxine M. Thompson - Oregon State University. Hazelnut Breeding and Germplasm Exploration.
2003	John Clark - University of Arkansas
2004	Harvey Quamme - Agriculture and Agrifood Canada, Summerland, British Columbia
2005	Schuyler Korban - University of Illinois. Outstanding contributions to pomology.
2006	David Curtis Ferree - The Ohio State University in recognition of his outstanding achievements in the evaluation of fruit rootstocks and varieties.
2007	David W. Ramming - USDA-ARS, Parlier, California, for outstanding achievements in stone fruit and grape breeding.
2008	James J. Luby - University of Minnesota for outstanding achievements in fruit breeding, germplasm collection and evaluation, and quantitative and population genetics of fruit crops.
2009	Paul M. Lyrene - University of Florida in recognition of outstanding achievements in blueberry breeding.
	Victoria H. Knight - East Malling Research Station, Great Britain for outstanding achievements in <u>Rubus</u> and <u>Ribes</u> breeding.
2010	Douglas V. Shaw - University of California, Davis, for outstanding contributions in strawberry breeding, genetics, and production research.
2011	Jim Hancock - Michigan State University, for outstanding achievements in fruit genetics and breeding.
2012	Shawn Mehlenbacher - Oregon State University, for outstanding contributions in hazelnut breeding genetics and cultivar development.
2013	Chad Finn - USDA-ARS, Corvallis, OR, for outstanding contributions in small fruit breeding and genetics.

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2014	<i>No Recipients</i>
2015	Patrick Moore - Washington State University, Puyallup, WA, for outstanding contributions in red raspberry and strawberry breeding.
2016	Susan Brown - Cornell University, Geneva, NY, for outstanding contributions in apple breeding.
2017	Ralph Scorza - USDA-ARS, Kearneysville, WV, for outstanding contributions in plum breeding.
2018	Dick Okie - USDA-ARS, Byron, GA, for outstanding contributions in peach and plum breeding.
2018	Greg Reighard - Clemson University, Clemson, SC, for outstanding contributions in stone fruit physiology.
2019	Essie Fallahi - University of Idaho, Parma, ID, for outstanding contributions in apple and grape fruit physiology and production.
2020	David Cain - International Fruit Genetics, Bakersfield, CA, for his outstanding contributions in grape breeding.
2021	Terence Robinson - Cornell University, Geneva, NY for outstanding contributions in apple physiology and production.
2022	Carlos Fear - Wish Farms, formerly Driscoll's, Watsonville, CA for outstanding contributions in raspberry and strawberry breeding.
2023	Bernadine Strik - Oregon State University, for outstanding service in the broad category of horticulture.
2024	Kate Evans - Washington State University, for outstanding contributions in pome fruit breeding and genetics.
2025	Gennaro Fazio - USDA-ARS, Geneva, NY, for rootstock breeding, genetics and physiology