

Award of Distinguished Service to AIFD

This award is given to longstanding members of the American Institute of Floral Designers in grateful recognition of extraordinary service to the Institute, upholding its goals and supporting its activities. Recipients shall be known as 'Fellows of AIFD' and are granted Life Membership.

Lori Novak	2016	James Hynd	2015
Tom Simmons	2013	Chris Norwood	2012
Eddie Payne	2011	Richard Salvaggio	2008
Bobbi Ecker Blatchford *	2006	Lynne Moss	2006
Derrick Vasquez	2005	George Mitchell	2004
David Hope	2003	Holly Money-Collins	2003
Susan Tomlinson	2002	Lynn Lary McLean	2001
Frank Laning	2000	Patti Pottle	1999
Jim Morley	1998	Allen Beck	1997
Bill J. Harper	1996	Wilton Hardy	1994
Rocky Pollitz	1993	Bill Taylor	1991
Frankie Shelton	1989	Thomas Powell*	1988
Ralph Null	1987	Robert Gordon	1986
Janice Bjurstrom	1984	Herbert Mitchell*	1984
Don Stothart *	1984	Teresa Riddle	1981
Eulalah Overmeyer *	1980	Bea Frambach*	1972

Award of Distinguished Service to the Floral Industry

This award is presented to AIFD members who have made a significant contribution to the floral industry.

Tim Farrell	2017		
James DelPrince	2016	Sylvia Bird	2015
Richard Milteer	2015	Robert Friese	2014
Richard Seabolt*	2014	Bill McKinley	2010
René van Rems	2009	Talmage McLaurin	2008
Phil & Cathy Rulloda	2007	Richard Salvaggio	2006
Carol Caggiano	2005	Kirk Pamper*	2005
Jim Marvin	2004	Marie Ackerman	2003
Mary Lee Evans	2002	Johnny Childers*	2001
Joe Smith*	2000	Jim Johnson	1999
James Hynd, Jr.	1998	Bobbi Ecker Blatchford	1997
Eulalah Overmeyer*	1996	Arthur Ito*	1995
Thomas Powell*	1993	Rocky Pollitz	1992
Jim Morley	1991	Jennie Lee Ireys*	1990
Jean Williams *	1990	Betty Deprez *	1990
Jim Moretz	1989	Joyce* & Dean White	1989
Michael Polychrones*	1987	Haskell Eargle	1986
Frankie Shelton	1985	Frank Joyce *	1984
M. Buddy Benz *	1978	William Kistler *	1978

Award of Design Influence

The Award of Design Influence recognizes floral design visionaries whose creative body of work has national influence and constitutes a legacy of innovation.

Rene Van Rems	2016	Ralph Null	2007
John Haines	2000	Hitomi Gilliam	1998
Els Hazenberg	1996	Gregor Lersch	1993
Buddy Benz *	1992	Phil Rulloda	1991

Special Award of Recognition

Presented by the Board of Directors in recognition of meritorious and dedicated services to the American Institute of Floral Designers.

Kristen Philips, CAE – 2014

Patti Pottle AIFD – 2012

Bill & Crystal Wyatt – 2007

AIFD Foundation – 2003

Ron Mulray – 2012

Bette Lou Barker AIFD – 2009

Society of American Florists – 2005

Thomas C. Shaner, CAE – 2000

* *Denotes deceased*

Award of Merit Industry

This award is presented to members of the floral industry who are not members of AIFD but who are involved in the floral industry.

- Tony Graaf/United Floral, Inc.(2017)*For his countless contributions to the floral industry and his appreciation and promotion of excellence in floral design.*
- Fiesta Parade Floats (2016) *For their contributions of leadership, education, generous mentoring and promoting AIFD Members*
- Denver Wholesale Florist (2015) *For their outstanding dedication to the floral industry and their generosity, dedication and support of AIFD and our membership.*
- Dan Fisher/Fitz Design (2014) *For his dedication/support to AIFD Symposium and its members and for his continued support of education to the floral industry.*
- Eric Tanouye/Green Point (2014) *For his outstanding generosity and commitment in support of AIFD Symposium and AIFD members.*
- Accent Decor (2013) *For undeniable support of AIFD symposium and regional events and promotion of AIFD members*
- Mayesh (2013) *For long-held commitment and dedication to AIFD's symposium.*
- Julie Puckett (2012) *For personal and professional unselfish dedication, enthusiasm and support of AIFD and it's members*
- NORCAL/CAFGS (2012) *For long-held commitment and dedication to the AIFD Symposium*
- Kelly Mace (2011) *For her personal and professional dedication, untiring support and enthusiasm for AIFD, it's members and the floral industry.*
- Baisch & Skinner (2009) *For continued support of the AIFD National Symposium*
- BBJ Linen (2008) *For its tireless support of AIFD and the floral industry as a whole*
- Larry Crain (2007) *For Charisma Designs use of AIFD members in producing floral decor for Academy Awards and Tournament of Roses Parade floats.*
- Nancy Clarke* (2006) *For 25 outstanding years as the White House florist.*
- Ocean View Flowers (2005) *For their superior marketing and development of quality delphinium, larkspur, and stock and of education programs.*
- Stuppy's Inc. (2003) *For its long held commitment and dedication to AIFD's education*
- Harrison "Red" Kennicott (2002) *For his dedication and service to the floral industry and undeniable support of AIFD and it's education standards.*
- Pete Garcia (2001) *For his outstanding dedication to the floral industry and promotion of AIFD members.*
- Floralife, Inc. (2000) *For its programs of research and development and its generosity to AIFD and to the floral industry.*
- Lynda Resnick (1999) *For her and Teleflora's on-going commitment to AIFD's goals and projects as well as her promotion of AIFD members.*
- San Fran. Flower Growers Assn & California Flower Market (1999) *For outstanding dedication to the floral industry and the use of AIFD members in promoting fresh flowers.*
- Chuck Johnson (1998) *For his and Smithers-Oasis continued support and promotion of AIFD's educational goals.*
- Del Demaree (1997) -- *For his and Syndicate Sales' continued support and promotion of AIFD's educational goals.*
- Arlene Sorensen (1996) -- *For her commitment to furthering the goals of AIFD.*
- Dwight J. Larimer (1995) -- *For his and Design Master's continued support and promotion of AIFD's educational goals.*
- Walter & Rita Rojhan (1994) -- *For their continued use of AIFD members & Product donations.*
- Francois Bernatchez (1992) -- *For regularly promoting the work of AIFD members.*
- Bruce Wright (1992) -- *For continual support of AIFD intentions.*
- Mark Addison (1989) -- *For floral industry color advancement and product development.*
- Knud Nielsen (1989) -- *For his company's outstanding development of dried materials and the major contributions to the SAIFD program.*

Leonard Levy (1988) --	<i>One of AIFD's most supportive wholesalers in the country.</i>
Herman Meinders (1987) --	<i>For his advancement of floral design education and for his recognition of professionalism in floral design.</i>
Ronaldo Maia (1986) --	<i>For his promotion of the appreciation and love of flowers.</i>
Georgia Effertz (1986) --	<i>For her enthusiasm for the floral industry which brought a new approach to education, public relations and sales.</i>
Frances Porterfield (1985) –	<i>For her promotion of the floral industry and AIFD through her writing in trade and professional journals.</i>
Duane Benton (1984) --	<i>Proprietor of Creative Candles of Kansas City, MO and an active supporter of educational programs in the industry.</i>
Donald Hall (1984) –a	<i>President of Hallmark Cards, in recognition of Hallmark's use of flowers in greeting cards, calendars and other products.</i>
Paul Ecke (1983) --	<i>Breeder, developer and grower of poinsettias.</i>
John Van Hanford (1983) –	<i>President of Hanford's Inc., Charlotte, NC, one of the most innovative wholesalers in the floral industry.</i>
Clark Herman (1983) --	<i>Retail florist and industry commentator and promoter.</i>
George DeGennaro (1981) --	<i>Famous for his photography of food and flowers.</i>
Rusty Young (1980) --	<i>Head florist at the White House for many years.</i>
Vinnie Anderson (1979) --	<i>Founder and creative force of Fiesta Floats of Pasadena, CA.</i>
Tournament of Roses Assn. (1974)	<i>Sponsors of the Rose Parade, Pasadena, CA.</i>

Award of Merit Non-Industry

This award is presented to individuals outside the floral industry who are selected because of their personal or professional use of fresh flowers in such a manner as to be a credit to the floral profession.

Ellen DeGeneres Show ('16)	<i>For the promotion of fresh flowers and green and flowering plants in her studio on her daily program.</i>
Chicago Flower/Garden Show ('14)	<i>For their passionate promotion of flowers, and their ongoing support of members of the American Institute of Floral Designers.</i>
Grace Ormonde Wedding Style ('12)	<i>For the magazine's promotion of outstanding and creative floral displays</i>
Bouquets To Art ('11)	<i>For generating and promoting awareness of floral art and for their support and use of AIFD Designers.</i>
DIFFA - Dining by Design - KC ('09)	<i>For their use of fresh flowers for the past 10 years on an event that raises awareness and funds for those infected by HIV.</i>
Mayor Richard Daley ('08)	<i>For his work in the greening of Chicago and promotional programs marketing the city's florists</i>
HGTV ('07)	<i>For promoting use of fresh flowers and plants in everyday life.</i>
Barry Humphries ('06)	<i>Known as Dame Edna Everage, the entertainer/comedian embraced flowers in "her" television specials; especially gladiola.</i>
NBC "Today" Show ('04)	<i>For generating public awareness of floral design by incorporating the use of floral design in the show's programming.</i>
Martha Stewart ('02)	<i>For creating outstanding public awareness by incorporating the use of fresh flowers in everyday living</i>
Walt Disney Corp. ('00)	<i>For the outstanding use of floral displays.</i>
Raul Rodriguez ('00)	<i>For the beautiful Rose Parade floats and the use of flowers as designed by his company R.R.R. Design.</i>
J.W. Marriott/Marriott Corp.('99)	<i>For the lavish use and display of fresh and permanent floral products in Marriott properties around the world.</i>
Veranda Magazine ('98) –	<i>From their 1987 to 1998's article on roses, to the use of professional floral designers and the crediting by names of the designer's work.</i>

PA Horticulture Soc. ('97) –	<i>For their promoting the art of floral design to the public with their annual Philadelphia Flower Show.</i>
Las Floristas ('96) --	<i>For promoting floral design with their Floral Headdress Ball to benefit the children at Rancho Los Amigos Medical Center.</i>
Museum Society Aux. ('93) --	<i>For contributions to floral art.</i>
Victoria Magazine ('93) --	<i>For creative and attractive use of fresh flowers.</i>
Boston Pops ('92) –	<i>For outstanding professional use of fresh flowers.</i>
Barbara Tober ('86) --	<i>For use of artistic and creative floral designs in "Brides Magazine" and for the recognition and credit the magazine gives to AIFD's designers.</i>
Lady Bird Johnson ('85) –	<i>For her promotion of flowers and wildflowers in Texas and the nation with Wild Flower Preserves.</i>
Aaron Spelling/Doug Cramer ('85)	<i>For their constant and outstanding use of floral creations on their television series, "Hotel" and "Dynasty."</i>
Anne Richardson ('85) --	<i>Editor and publisher of Texas Homes, for their repeated articles on flowers; for their creative use of flowers designed by top Texas floral artists; and their beautiful photography promoting flowers.</i>
Richard Dwyer ('83) --	<i>Professional ice skater who gives flowers to ladies in the audience at every performance.</i>
Nancy Reagan ('83) --	<i>Wife of former President Ronald Reagan. For her extensive use of flowers in the White House.</i>
Willard Scott ('83) --	<i>NBC-TV weatherman known for his boutonnieres.</i>
Annette Johnson ('80) --	<i>Executive editor, House and Garden Magazine.</i>
Dinah Shore ('79) –	<i>Movie star and TV personality.</i>
Mrs. C. Vanderbilt Whitney ('77)	<i>Prominent socialite and owner of Whitney Farms.</i>
Mrs. Commisar ('77) --	<i>Proprietor of La Maisonette restaurant in Ohio.</i>
Esther Lederer (Ann Landers) ('74)	<i>Syndicated columnist.</i>
Amy Vanderbilt ('71) --	<i>Encouraged use of flowers through her etiquette book.</i>
Margaret Chase Smith ('71) --	<i>Senator from Maine.</i>
Charles Masson ('70) --	<i>Proprietor of La Grenoville restaurant in New York.</i>
Shelton McHenry ('70) --	<i>Proprietor of Tail of the Cock restaurant in California.</i>
Mrs. Joshua Logan ('68) --	<i>Wife of Broadway and movie producer.</i>