Volunteer Award

2025 Carol Larvick
2025 Teri Ourada-Hubka
2024 Steve Rodie
2023 Ken Franzen
2022 Lois Luthy
2021 Dan Kostka
2020 Heidi Novotny
2019 Dorothy Rippe
2018 Jim & Jan Wilhelm
2017 Taylor Arboretum volunteers
2016 Franc Wagner
2015 Karen Creswell
2014 Russell Moomaw
2013 Joel Lundak
2012 Wade VanDiest
2011 Highland Park Arboretum Comm.
2009 Bob Vogel
2009 Betty Poague
2009 Betty Olson
2007 Karen McMahon
2006 Marlene & Fred Gakle
2005 Rob Parolek
2004 Ann Wubbels
2002 Martin Hansen
2000 Larry Bockelman
2000 Robert Sage
2000 Jean Schneck
1999 Kathy Jeffers
1998 Peggy Gustafson
1997 Norman & Betty Anderson
1997 Rex Jones
1997 Claude Wright
1996 Donald Baldwin
1996 Jan Jorgensen
1995 Hope Robb
1995 Howard DeWitt
1994 Lawrence Fuchs
1993 John K. & Bonnie Ward



Community Landscape Award

2025 Beveridge Middle School & PTO
Jan & Ken Tell
Denton Community Center &
Denton Historical Society Museum
2024 Annette Langan & Scottsbluff 4-H Club
2023 Bruce Hoffman & Gretna Arbor Society
2022 Heritage Park, Battle Creek & Community Ever Green House, Gering
2021 Gus Von Roenn
2020 Gifford Park, Omaha
Central Community College— Grand Island Environmental Sustainability
Hastings Students 4 Sustainability
Columbus Facilities staff
Ord Center
2019 Barnes Park, Madison
Dundee Presbyterian, Omaha
Mulhall's, Omaha
Sacred Seed Pop-up, Omaha
Wilber Pathways to Progress
2018 Southeast Nebraska Cancer Memorial Garden
2018 Vintage Heights Neighborhood Arboretum
2017 City of Lincoln Antelope Valley
2017 Omaha Correctional Center
2016 Adams County Nebraska Extension Master Gardeners
2016 Northfield Elementary
2016 Spring Lake Park Green Infrastructure
2015 McCook Highway 6 and 34 projects
2015 Salem Cemetery
20115 Sun Valley Landscaping
2014 Annie Folck
2014 City of Omaha Environmental Services Quality Control Division
2014 UNL Stormwater Management Education Team

Tree Planters

2007 Richard Sutton
2006 Ibrahim "Pappy" Khouri
2005 Omaha Public Power District
2004 Waco Village Tree Board
2002 Steve Rasmussen
2001 John Skold (Nebraska State Fair)
2000 Papio-Missouri NRD
1999 Backyard Farmer
1998 Omaha World Herald
1997 Dennis Adams
1996 NE Conservation Tree Program
1995 Jim Goeke
1994 Bob Chilvers
1993 Frank Morrison
1992 Dr. Gilbert McMillen
1991 First Federal Lincoln
1990 Cyril Bish & NE Nutgrowers
1989 Bud Dasenbrock
1988 UNL & Martin Massengale
1987 Dave Osterhout
1986 Roger Uhlinger
1985 Alice Abel
1984 Orville Hatcher
1984 Lawrence Enersen
1982 Lola Leu
1982 Harold Gifford, Jr.
1981 Nebraska Department of Roads
1980 Kermit Hansen
1980 Joseph Young

Young Planters

2006 Alissa Doerr
2005 Sacred Heart School
2004 Beatrice H.S. Science Club
2002 Kahoa Elementary School
2001 Southeast Nebraska Consolidated School
2001 Science Club
1998 Christopher Rhea
1997 Norfolk Public High School FFA
1997 O'Neill High School Soil Class
1996 Matthew Cox
1989 Schuyler FFA
1988 Children of North Platte
1987 Shelley Coe
1985 Joni Buckow
1984 Bill Moser

Commendation

2007 Pat Evans
2006 Jay Fitzgerald
2006 Kendra Sullivan
2006 Sara Bailey
2005 Madonna Rehabilitation Hospital
2005 Dave Stenberg
2004 Mary Lanning Memorial Hospital
2002 Centennial Garden
2001 Cedar Bluffs Public Schools
2001 Carmen Frickenstein
2000 Big Mac Kiwanis Club
1999 James Cronin
1999 Jim Foster
1998 Fremont Tree Disaster Relief
1998 Nebraska Department of Roads
1997 John Campbell, Ray Lineweber
1997 Cherry County Master Gardeners
1996 Lower Platte South NRD
1996 SOAR, Boy Scouts of America
1996 Marjorie Reicks
1996 NE Game & Parks State Fair
1995 Schuyler FFA
1993 D.T. McGill, Galen & Nellie
1987 Carolyn Peterson
1987 Dave Nuland
1987 Friends of Maxwell Arboretum
1986 Eunice Kawamoto
1986 Tim Richley
1986 Fred Thomas
1985 Pat Hancock
1985 Twyla Hansen
1985 Kirk Nelson
1985 Dave Nicklas
1984 Gilbert McMillen
1984 David Osborn
1984 Lyle Shaughnessy
1983 Cyril Bish
1983 Orville Hatcher
1983 D.E. Hutchinson
1983 Dale Lindgren
1983 Chuck Maier
1983 Dorothea Plum
1983 Blanche Sandoz
1983 U.E. Wendorf
1983 Rob Wikel

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2025 George Acker
2024 Bryan Kinghorn
2023 Heather & Brian Byers
2022 Justin Evertson
2021 Mike Vrtiska
2020 Gene Maffitt
2019 Gary Zimmer
2018 Jeff Kennedy
2017 Bob Brandt
2016 Ron Seymour
2015 Lucinda Mays
2014 John Royster
2012 Leonard Boryca
2011 Todd Faller
2010 Bob & Carol Lynch
2009 B n E Construction (Eric Johnson & Bill Hubbel)
2007 Matthew Goff
2006 John Lauber
2005 Gary Carlson
2004 Donald Gentry
2002 Alma Rotary Club
2002 Good Samaritan Landscape Committee
2001 Ron Ernst
2001 Kinghorn Gardens, Inc.
2000 HWS Consulting, Inc.
1999 Rita Orton
1998 Mack Deveraux
1997 Diana Harms
1997 Carl Rohman
1997 Gary Zimmer
1996 Luci Prier
1996 Anna Marie White
1997 Diana Harms
1997 Carl Rohman
1997 Gary Zimmer
1996 Luci Prier
1996 Anna Marie White
1990 Mike Coe
1989 Ed & Elvina Lyman
1989 Dave McGill
1989 Augusta Lux
1989 Bob Diller
1988 Henry Brandt
1988 Charles Fenster
1988 Klaus Hartmann
1987 Lincoln Airport Authority
1987 Gladys Jeurink
1987 Roger Nelson
1986 Don & Olive Forney
1986 Bob Storz
1986 Jim Stubbendieck
1985 Loup City 6th graders
1985 Deon & Susan Bahr
1984 Mervin Jacobsen
1984 Ed Rasmussen
1984 Robert Roselle
1983 Bill Gustafson
1983 Joe Range
1983 Ernie Rousek



Ron Yoder Service Award

2025 Julie Zahn
2024 Wanda Kelly
2023 Bill Pospichal
2022 Dr. Ron Yoder

Note: awards are given for previous year's efforts (2025 awards are announced in fall of 2026, etc.)

President's Citation

2025 Lyle Karre
2024 Robert Gittins
2023 Richard Gilbert
2022 Emily Levine
2021 Karma Larsen
2020 Bob Brandt
2019 Randy Crawford
2018 Bluebird Nursery
2017 Eric Berg
2016 Friends of Maxwell Arboretum
2015 Nebraska Environmental Trust
2014 Gary Zimmer
2009 Robert E. Campbell (posthumous)
2007 Jim Goeke
2006 Dave Stock
2005 Walter Bagley
2004 First Lady Stephanie Johanns
2002 Randy Fox
2001 Dale Lindgren
2000 Dave Mooter
1999 Gary Hergenrader
1998 Irvin T. Omtvedt
1997 Kim Todd
1996 Charles Maier
1995 Michael McGinnis
1994 Ralph Steyer
1993 Kiewit Foundation
1992 Lola Leu
1992 Jerry Hackenholz
1990 Orville Hatcher
1989 George Briggs
1988 First Federal Lincoln
1987 Ken Hake
1986 Harlan & Shirley Hamernik
1985 Bud Dasenbrock
1984 Allen Wilke
1983 Richard Beran
1982 Peter Jensen

Johnny Appleseed Award

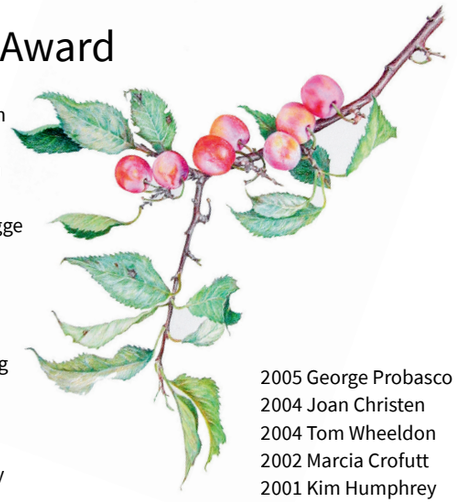
2025 Jon Forney
2024 Jerry Hardin
2023 Steve Brey
2022 Dean Cole & Duane Johnson (posthumous)
2021 Lincoln & Monte Williams
2020 Steve Rasmussen
2019 Dennis Bammerlin
2018 Mark Wilson
2017 Philip Schmitt
2016 Jessica Kelling
2015 Great Plains Nursery
2014 Galen Wittrock
2009 Larry Martin
2007 Cynthia Shuck
2006 Jim Kluck
2005 Gerald Hopp
2004 Kenneth Glandt
2002 Wilton Dorris
2001 Bob Feurer
2000 Barton James Barcel
1999 Wanda Kelly
1998 Thomas Gibbens
1997 Dean Robinson
1996 Eugene Soloman
1995 D.T. McGill
1994 Sue Kohles
1993 Larry Jacobsen
1992 Dr. Marvin Bichel
1991 Ken Berney
1991 Curt Twedt
1989 Twyla Hansen
1988 NE Association of Nurserymen
1987 Allen Wilke
1986 Steve Kemper
1985 Max Peterson
1984 Blanche Sandoz
1983 Walt and Virginia Bagley
1982 John Bliese
1981 Ralph Steyer
1980 Hans Burchardt

Affiliate Excellence Award

2025 Blair Community Arboretum
2024 Schramm Education Center
2023 Franklin-Cotterell Greens Arboretum
2022 Bennington Heritage Arboretum & Doug Nelson Youth Complex Arboretum
2021 Central Community College
2020 Hastings College
2019 Lauritzen Garden
2018 Wayne State College
2017 Northeast Arboretum
2016 Joslyn Art Museum
2015 Jim Kluck Memorial Railside Green
2013 Pender Community Arboretum
2012 Lincoln Regional Center
2011 Midland UniversityHeritage Arboretum
2010 Chadron State College
2009 Campus of a Thousand Oaks
2007 Gilman Park Arboretum

Educator Award

2025 Mary Moser
2024 Kendra Sullivan
2023 Terri James & Tom Wheeldon
2022 Scott Evans
2021 Mary Jane Frogge
2020 Marjie Ducey
2019 Eric North
2018 Steve Rodie
2017 Leann Sato
2016 Sarah Browning
2015 Amy Seiler
2015 Wes Pokorny
2014 Kim Todd
2009 McKenzie Barry
2007 Rusty Bartlett
2007 John Tripp
2005 Ann Danner
2005 George Probasco
2004 Joan Christen
2004 Tom Wheeldon
2002 Marcia Crofutt
2001 Kim Humphrey
2001 Mary Elizabeth Lomax
1999 Rich Carey



Blazing Star Award

2025 Pollinator Alliance of the Heartland & Amanda Stastny
2024 Stacey Coury
2023 Cathy Prettyman
2022 Yvonne Meyer
2021 Kay Kottas
2020 Benjamin Vogt
2019 Itha Krumme Arboretum
2018 The Nature Conservancy
2017 Bruce Hoffman
2016 Jim Locklear
2015 City of Lincoln
2014 Jan Riggenbach
2009 Peg & Larry Fletcher
2007 Spring Creek Audubon Center
2006 Harlan Hamernik
2006 Kay Kottas
2004 Tim Knott
2002 Louis & Geri Gilbert
2001 Jim Stubbendieck
2000 Bill and Jan Whitney
1999 Ernie Rousek