

Jim Kluck
Honor Award



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
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1997	Carl Rohman
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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 6 th 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

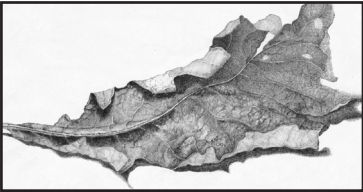
2024	Wanda Kelly
2023	Bill Pospichal
2022	Dr. Ron Yoder

Note: awards are given for previous year's efforts, so 2025 awards are announced and bestowed in fall of 2026.

President's
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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



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

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 University Heritage Arboretum
2010	Chadron State College
2009	Campus of a Thousand Oaks
2007	Gilman Park Arboretum

Blazing Star
Award

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 Riggenschach
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

Educator Award

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

Volunteer Award	Community Landscape Award
2024 Steve Rodie	
2023 Ken Franzen	
2022 Lois Luthy	2024 Annette Langan & Scotts Bluff 4-H Club
2021 Dan Kostka	2023 Bruce Hoffman & Gretna Arbor Society
2020 Heidi Novotny	2022 Heritage Park, Battle Creek & Community Ever Green House, Gering
2019 Dorothy Rippe	2021 Gus Von Roenn
2018 Jim & Jan Wilhelm	2020 Gifford Park, Omaha Central Community College—Grand Island Environmental Sustainability
2017 Taylor Arboretum volunteers	Hastings Students 4 Sustainability
2016 Franc Wagner	Ord Center
2015 Karen Creswell	2019 Barnes Park, Madison
2014 Russell Moomaw	Dundee Presbyterian, Omaha
2013 Joel Lundak	Mulhall's, Omaha
2012 Wade VanDiest	Sacred Seed Pop-up, Omaha
2011 Highland Park Arboretum Committee	Wilber Pathways to Progress
2009 Bob Vogel	2018 Southeast Nebraska Cancer Memorial Garden
2009 Betty Poague	2018 Vintage Heights
2009 Betty Olson	Neighborhood Arboretum
2007 Karen McMahon	2017 City of Lincoln
2006 Marlene & Fred Gakle	Antelope Valley
2005 Rob Parolek	2017 Omaha Correctional Center
2004 Ann Wubbels	2016 Adams County Nebraska Extension Master Gardeners
2002 Martin Hansen	2016 Northfield Elementary
2000 Larry Bockelman	2016 Spring Lake Park Green Infrastructure
2000 Robert Sage	2015 McCook Highway 6 and 34 projects
2000 Jean Schneck	2015 Salem Cemetery
1999 Kathy Jeffers	2015 Sun Valley Landscaping
1998 Peggy Gustafson	2014 Annie Folck
1997 Norman & Betty Anderson	2014 City of Omaha Environmental Services
1997 Rex Jones	Quality Control Division
1997 Claude Wright	2014 UNL Stormwater Management Education Team
1996 Donald Baldwin	
1996 Jan Jorgensen	
1995 Hope Robb	
1995 Howard DeWitt	
1994 Lawrence Fuchs	
1993 John K. & Bonnie Ward	

Past Awards	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 High School Science Club	
2002 Kahoa Elementary School	
2001 Southeast Nebraska Consolidated School Science Club	
2001 Christopher Rhea	
1998 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	Special Awards
2007 Pat Evans	1994 Dorris Marxhausen
2006 Jay Fitzgerald	1993 Alice Hemsath
2006 Kendra Sullivan	1992 Luanne Finke
2006 Sara Bailey	1988 Michele & Jon Farrar
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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