

I had an opportunity to meet Dr. Halloway in November at the American Society for Horticultural Science meeting in Tucson, Arizona. She was very pleased to receive the IPPS Research Grant and was excited about the project. Unfortunately, other commitments, financial considerations, and climatic constraints prevent her from being here tonight. I spent two years at the University of Alaska and know not only how expensive it is to travel to the "lower 48" but also how difficult it is to fly out of Fairbanks when it is -30° F and blanketed in a thick ice fog.

Dr. Steve Still made the following Fellow Award presentations.

EASTERN REGION FELLOW AWARDS

During early 1990 the Executive Committee of the IPPS Eastern Region finalized plans for the Eastern Region Fellow Awards. This prestigious award was created to honor Eastern Region members for contributions to the Region and to plant propagation.

Fellows of the Region are to be recognized for outstanding contributions to plant propagation in one or more areas. These include leadership in plant propagation in industry or in the areas of teaching, research, or extension activities related to plant propagation. Contributions to Region functions are also considered.

Recipients of the Fellow Award must be active members of the Eastern Region with at least 10 years of membership. Any Eastern Region member may make one or more nominations of an individual(s) for the award.

Tonight it is my pleasure to present the first class of Fellows of the Eastern Region—International Plant Propagators' Society.

Our first award recipient is **Dr. Len Stoltz**. In the academic area Len has taught plant propagation at the University of Kentucky. He was one of the earlier pioneers in tissue culture in the Eastern Region. I am sure that many of you remember his presentation on how to develop a practical tissue culture lab in your kitchen. Len served many years as the Editor for the Eastern Region. He served as the Eastern Region President in 1983-84.

Our second recipient is **Kathleen Freeland**. Kathy's career in plant propagation has spanned several states. She has been an

energetic propagator at Weston Nurseries, the Chicago Botanic Garden, and Midwest Ground Covers. In 1987-88 Kathy served as our Eastern Region President. She presently serves as the International Director for the Eastern Region. Kathy is to be commended for her extra work in maintaining the direction of the Eastern Region following the unfortunate death of our friend, David Hamilton.

Our third recipient of the Fellow Award is **Wayne Lovelace**. Wayne has given a number of presentations on practical and innovative propagation and cultural procedures utilized at Forest Keeling Nursery. When I was at Kansas State University, I took my nursery production class to Forest Keeling and Wayne was always an enthusiastic promoter of the nursery industry and the importance of plant propagation. Wayne served as the Eastern Region President in 1979-1980.

The fourth recipient to receive the distinguished Fellow Award is **Ralph Shugert**. Ralph's participation in the International Plant Propagators' Society certainly meets the sharing motto. He has been sharing his knowledge since the 1950s. During that time he has presented 22 talks to the Society. He has been a fixture as one of the facilitators for the Question Box. Ralph served as Eastern Region President in 1967-68 and as the International President in 1971. He has been the only Historian of the International Plant Propagators' Society.

Our final recipient this evening is **Dave Dugan**. As we learned at Tuesday's lunch, Dave has been an active member of the Society since its first meeting in 1951. During that time Dave has served on numerous committees and was the president of the Eastern Region in 1968-69. In 1990 he was a very active member of the local site committee. Dave has introduced to the industry 'White Angel' crabapple and 'Sunspot' euonymus.