

Master Gardener Award

The Master Gardener Award, established in 1956, is the highest honor The Association can give to any gardener. Any member may nominate the name(s) of worthy individuals to the executive committee. It may be awarded to a non-member of OAGC as well as to a member.

Nominations of potential award candidates and their qualifications must be submitted to the state president by March 15. Selection of the winner is determined by the executive committee and presentation of an engraved plaque is made at the annual convention.

When making a nomination for the Master Gardener Award, in addition to the name, address, and contact information, explain what makes this nominee worthy of the award. Information to consider might include a description of garden (photographs or video is helpful), noting varieties of plant material in garden and inclusion of garden accents (water features, etc). Is the garden open for tours? Has the nominee been featured in the newspaper, magazine, radio or TV? Does the gardener provide garden programs or seminars? Do they participate in conservation efforts or other beautification projects in the community?

Master Gardener Award Recipients

1956 Mark Russell	1995 Freda McGirr Region 11
1956 Mrs. C. P. Sticksel Region 4	1996 Emily Smith Region 11
1956 Prof. Victor H. Ries Region 9	1997 Mary Higgins Centerville
1956 Dr. R. C. Allen Region 14	1998 Berneice McPherson Region 11
1956 Mrs. V. R. Frederick Region 5	1998 Donn & Charlene Thornhill Region 3
1963 Mrs. William Pavey Region 16	1999 Mike & Ann Randall Region 3
1964 Arthur E. Curtis	2000 Dr. Gary & Cheryl Anderson Region 14
1965 None	2001 Suzy Taggart Region 11
1966 Everett A. Sanford	2002 Juanita Wilkins Region 2
1967 Mrs. John Ramsey	2003 Jan Poderys Region 7
1968 Mrs. Frederick Wassmann Region 12	2004 Duane & Debby Hurlbert Region 7
1969 Mrs. Harry Witte	2005 Barbara Rhoades Region 3
1970 Mrs. Clifton Reames Region 5	2006 Mary Strayer Region 6
1971 Miss Betty Ann Williams	2007 Lois Kingsley Region 4
1972 Mrs. Quentin Elder Region 8	2008 Walter & Sarah Marley Region 10
1973 Mrs. Charles Davis Region 7	2009 None
1974 Mrs. George Strietman Region 4	2010
1975 Mr. & Mrs. Irwin Jones Region 9	2011
1976 Dennis Hoffman Region 8	2012
1977 Mr. & Mrs. Charles Earhart Region 8	2013
1978 Harry Butler Region 3	2014
1979 Mr. & Mrs. W. Paul Reed Region 12	2015
1980 Mrs. John Brinkerhoff Region 14	2016
1982 Doris Schuster Region 3	2017
1982 Mr. & Mrs. Delbert Dunbar Region 1	2018
1983 Harrison Peters	2019
1984 Kate Pond Region 14	2020
1985 Mrs. William Cordes Region 4	
1986 Mrs. Dorsey Bumgarner Region 9	
1987 Mrs. Paul Weaver Region 10	
1988 Mrs. Eli Graber Region 14	
1989 Sandy Ross Region 6	
1990 Mary Jane Shedenhelm Region 6	
1991 Elinor Powell Region 2	
1992 Charles Applegate Region 7	
1993 Iva Stacy & Sally Smith Region 11	
1994 Juanita Bouton Region 7	