

Society News

Distinguished Service Awards

Each chapter sponsoring a convention can recognize dedicated members for special service. Five Azalea Society of America Distinguished Service Awards were given by Buddy Lee, the awards chairman, and the Louisiana Chapter at the luncheon at the Bracys' home. Each award concluded with a lovely line of poetry by Ralph Waldo Emerson: "The earth laughs in flowers." Surely this was a Buddy touch.

► ASA Distinguished Service Award to Dr. Regina Bracy in recognition of your outstanding service, loyalty and devotion to the highest ideals of the Azalea Society of America. Your visionary guidance and appreciation of azaleas have inspired others and truly advanced our organization. Thank you for your service as a board member of both the national society and the Louisiana Chapter, and for your distinguished career in horticultural research and extension.

► ASA Distinguished Service Award to Allen Owings in recognition of your outstanding service, loyalty and devotion to the highest ideals of the Azalea Society of America. Your visionary guidance and appreciation of azaleas have inspired others and truly advanced our organization. Thank you for your service as a board member of both the national society and the Louisiana Chapter, and for your distinguished career in horticultural research and extension.

► ASA Distinguished Service Award to Dr. Larry and Mrs. Florence Brown in recognition of your outstanding service, loyalty and devotion to the highest ideals of the Azalea Society of America. Your outstanding career in horticultural research and azalea breeding have inspired others and truly advanced our organization.



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◀ ASA Distinguished Service Award to Peggy Cox in recognition of your outstanding service, loyalty and devotion to the highest ideals of the Azalea Society of America. Your visionary guidance and appreciation of azaleas have inspired others and truly advanced our organization. Thank you for your service as a board member of the national society and long-time president of the Louisiana Chapter, and for your notable career in horticultural preservation and education.



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◀ ASA Distinguished Service Award to Jim Campbell in recognition of your outstanding service, loyalty and devotion to the highest ideals of the Azalea Society of America. Your visionary guidance and appreciation of azaleas have inspired others and truly advanced our organization. Thank you for your service as a board member of both the national society and the Louisiana Chapter.



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Best Article Award

Based on Society voting, Carolyn Beck won the award for Best Article in *The Azalean* for 2016 for her article in the Spring issue, "The Klimavicz Hybridizing Project." In presenting this to her, we recognized "...her perceptive and informative writing, her depth of research on the topic, and her knowledgeable selection of illustrative photographs."

◀ Barbara Stump, editor of *The Azalean*, presents to 2016 Best Article award to Carolyn Beck.