

The D. Todd Gresham Award for 2000

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The Magnolia Society presents the D. Todd Gresham Award to a person who has made a significant contribution to the development, knowledge, or promotion of magnolias, or who has provided outstanding service.

The D. Todd Gresham Award for 2000 was awarded posthumously to Dr. John Allen Smith at the annual meeting on the evening of Friday, April 28. The award was presented to Dr. Smith's wife, Fran. Dr. Smith was a long time member of TMS and had served as President of the organization. A dentist by occupation, Dr. Smith developed a strong interest in plants, both native and exotic, and became a recognized expert on the native plants of the southeastern U.S.A. His interest in magnolias led to his involvement in the evaluation of the Gresham hybrid seedlings housed in the Gloster Arboretum in Mississippi. These evaluations resulted in the selection of a number of seedlings for propagation and introduction. As a means of making the Gresham selections more widely available, Dr. Smith started a commercial nursery, Magnolia Nursery. John Allen hosted two meetings of The Magnolia Society, and on both occasions welcomed attendees to his home and extensive gardens in Chunchula, Alabama. Dr. Smith passed away unexpectedly in July, 1999, and we regret that we were not able to present this award while he lived.

Following is a complete list of recipients of the D. Todd Gresham Award:

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| 1981 | John M. Fogg, Jr.
Joseph C. McDaniel | 1992 | August Kehr
Carl Ferris Miller |
| 1982 | Sara Gladney | 1993 | Frank Galyon
Joseph Hickman |
| 1983 | Philip J. Savage, Jr. | 1994 | Karl Flinck |
| 1985 | Harold Hopkins | 1995 | Phelan Bright
Harry Heineman |
| 1986 | William Dodd
Tom Dodd, Jr. | 1996 | Perry Narten |
| 1987 | Elizabeth Johnstone
Neil Treseder
Julian Williams | 1998 | Philippe de Spoelberch |
| 1988 | Ken Durio | 2000 | John Allen Smith |
| 1989 | Sir Peter Smithers | | |