

## 2017 Hamilton Award

The Hamilton Award and cash prize are presented each year to an unsung hero, a quiet leader, or patient mentor in the field of professional horticulture. It honors the tremendously impactful, though often understated, Dr. Bruce Hamilton, Director Emeritus, Rutgers Gardens. This award seeks to recognize those who embody the essence of selflessness by helping others advance and who place personal ambition aside for the greater good. The ideal nominee is not involved with horticulture for personal gain, but rather for the love of plants and a dedication to the advancement of those plant lovers whose lives they grace.

### Hamilton Award Nomination and Selection Process

#### Nomination

A Nominator must submit a letter of nomination detailing the ways in which their candidate has selflessly helped to influence and shape the lives of others through his or her love of plants. Along with the nomination letter, at least two seconding letters, and a curriculum vitae for the candidate are requested. This documentation must be submitted to the Rutgers Gardens by May 1, 2017. In nominating your candidate, please include the following information where applicable:

- Education
- Work history
- Research
- Plant society memberships
- Professional achievements
- Awards/honors
- Speaking engagements, radio and TV

#### Selection Process

The Hamilton Award Selection Committee consists of eight members representing various fields of professional horticulture.

The Executive Dean of the School of Environmental and Biological Sciences or his/her representative will be the non-voting Chair of the Committee, and the Director of Rutgers Gardens acts as the non-voting Committee Secretary.

Committee members will receive all nominations for review and will meet annually. Nominations are held in confidence. The winner will be announced July 15, 2017.

The award and \$1000 cash prize are presented each year at the annual Gardens Party held in the fall. The recipient must be present to accept the award acknowledging this honor. Travel expenses for the recipient will be provided by the Rutgers Gardens in addition to the cash prize awarded.

Please send your candidate's curriculum vitae, your nominating letter, and at least two seconding letters by May 1, 2017 to:

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Hamilton Award Selection Committee  
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