



**The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society's
GOLD MEDAL PLANT AWARD
ENTRY APPLICATION**

Any person or organization is encouraged to submit a plant for consideration. The award is made to the plant, not to the nominator. Plants eligible for plant society awards may not be nominated (i.e., Rhododendron).

Entries should be:

- ◆ woody shrub, tree or vine
- ◆ species or cultivars not currently widely used for ornamental purposes
- ◆ new plants resulting from selection or breeding, or
- ◆ plants newly introduced to the area from other parts of the United States or from abroad
- ◆ hardy within 150 miles of Philadelphia (in an area extending from Washington, DC, to New York City)

**The information in this application is used for evaluation and is the source for all publicity should the plant be selected for Award.
Please duplicate the application as needed.**

SCHEDULE	September 15	Deadline for entrants to submit entry form
	Winter	Evaluators review entries and select plants
	Summer	Evaluators meet to make final Award selections

HELPFUL INFORMATION

LOCATIONS In addition to information regarding the plant(s), each entry should be represented by landscape-size plants that are accessible to evaluators in a public garden, park, or nursery located within 150 miles of Philadelphia in an area extending from Washington, DC, to New York City.

IMAGE DOCUMENTATION High resolution digital images are preferred or 35mm slides of the following types help expedite this application and are very valuable for the program as we prepare to consider the plant for Award. Any images you have would be helpful and can be returned.

- Images showing relevant seasonal change
- the whole tree or shrub
- close-up images detailing specific qualities for which this plant is held to be superior
- any other image you feel is appropriate

AVAILABILITY To assist in evaluations and ensure a plant can be promoted, if possible please furnish evidence of an active propagation program—i.e., growers you know to be propagating or who are currently looking at your selection. This information will also be used to compile source lists for Award winners.

GOLD MEDAL PLANT AWARD WINNERS ARE ANNOUNCED each October in the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society's magazine, *Green Scene*, with photographs and cultural information. Promotional materials about the winners are distributed to horticultural publications, garden writers, and representatives within the horticultural community.

**If you need assistance with the application,
contact Joe Ziccardi Jr.,
Gold Medal Plant Award Manager,
(215-988-8800) jziccardi@pennhort.org**

**Return form to: The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society
Gold Medal Plant Award
100 N. 20th St. - 5th Floor
Philadelphia, PA 19103-1495**

PROVIDE BELOW AS MUCH INFORMATION AS POSSIBLE

NOMENCLATURE

Botanical Name of Entry _____

Genus

Species

Cultivar

Common Name _____

Trademark (if applicable) _____

Patented (if applicable - include patent #) _____

Authority with which the cultivar name is registered _____

Name of plant introducer _____

Address _____

_____ Telephone _____

ORNAMENTAL CHARACTERISTICS

FOLIAGE _____ Evergreen _____ Deciduous

Color in Spring _____ Summer _____

Fall (give dates) _____ Winter _____

FLOWERS Color _____

Dates of Bloom _____

FRUIT Color _____ Date of best color _____

Endures how long? Do birds eat it, etc. _____

OTHER Bark Characteristics _____

Winter Beauty _____

Habit _____

Other (describe) _____

CULTURAL INFORMATION USDA Hardiness Zone _____

Environmental Characteristics - **P** for preferred, **T** for tolerated by the plant.

_____ Sun _____ Bog _____ Acid soil _____ Pollution sensitive
_____ Part sun _____ Moist _____ Neutral soil _____ Pollution tolerant
_____ Shade _____ Dry _____ Alkaline soil

Pests _____ Deer Resistance (**yes** or **no**) _____

Disease _____

Maintenance (note any special requirements) _____

Maintenance problems (e.g. growth, invasive, etc.) _____

Best means of propagation: ___ Cutting ___ Budding ___ Grafting ___ Seed

PLANT CHARACTERISTICS

GROWTH RATE _____ Slow _____ Moderate _____ Rapid

GROWTH FORM ___ Ground Cover ___ Vine ___ Shrub ___ Tree ___ Other (describe) _____

Height & spread at maturity _____

BEST USES ___ Specimen ___ Street tree ___ Mass ___ Hedge ___ Foundation planting

Other (describe) _____

HOW DOES THIS PLANT COMPARE *to existing cultivars, the typical species or related species in cultivation and to the standard for the class, if one has been designated? **What makes this plant an Award winner?***

Date of Entry ___ / ___ / ___

Your Name _____

Address _____

_____ Zip _____

Telephone _____ Email _____

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1) _____

Address _____

Contact person (if any) _____ Telephone _____

2) _____

Address _____

Contact person (if any) _____ Telephone _____

3) _____

Address _____

Contact person (if any) _____ Telephone _____

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