**THE GUY BLAKE HEDRICK JR. AWARD**

Established in memory of Guy Blake Hedrick Jr., to recognize outstanding rose exhibitors who display the highest levels of excellence, integrity and respect for the ideals of showing roses, the Guy Blake Hedrick Jr. Award is intended as a lifelong achievement award for an exhibitor who has been a successful national, district and local exhibitor, and also a model in sharing his/her knowledge in growing championship roses. Nominees for the award shall be members of the ARS, and nominations may be made by any person. The ARS

Horticultural Exhibitors’ Committee will select the Blake Hedrick Award recipient. Acts worthy of this

recognition include:

* *Sustained success in showing roses at the national, district and local levels for a decade or longer by an individual or team who has consistently exhibited rose show entries of the highest caliber with integrity and spirit for the ideals of the ARS.*
* *Sustained lifetime achievement by an individual in devoting and focusing his or her educational talents and expertise to promoting the art of exhibition of the rose.*
* *Significant and sustained acts of achievement by an individual in organizing and overseeing the conduct of successful rose shows at all levels.*

 2003 Evan T. ‘Slats’ Wathen

 2004 Jeff Stage

 2005 Drs. Satish & Vijaya Prabhu

 2006 Harold & Jean Baker

 2007 Robert B. Martin, Jr.

 2008 Dr. Thomas Cairns & Luis Desamero

 2009 John & Donna Hefner

 2010 Bob & Sandy Lundberg

 2011 Don & Paula Ballin

 2012 Larry & Doris Meyer

 2013 Bob & Doris House

 2014 Dale & Elaine Martin

 2015 John Mattia

 2016 Andy Plasz

 2017 Eddie & Minnie Garcia

 2018 Dennis Konsmo

 2019 Louise Coleman

 2020 Bill & Kathy Kozemchak

 2021 Kitty & Bob Belendez

 2022 John & Cherilynn Smith

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