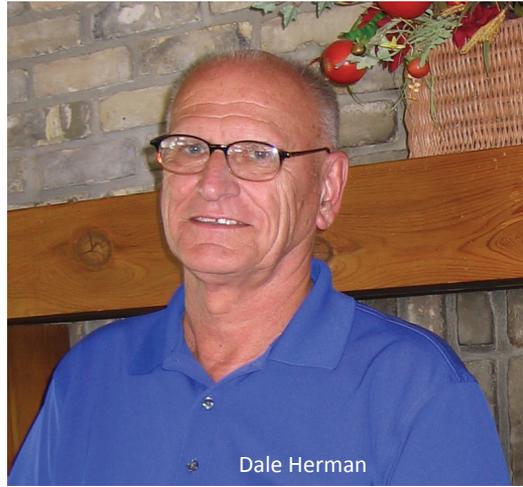


The 2013 Prairie Garden Award for Excellence

was awarded to
Dr. Dale Herman
at a luncheon in Winnipeg on
Tuesday, August 27, 2013.

by Ed Czarnecki



Dale Herman

The Prairie Garden Award for Excellence has been awarded annually to an individual or group making a significant contribution to the advancement and/or promotion of horticulture on the Northern Great Plains. This is the fourteenth year this award has been presented.

Dr. Dale Herman grew up on a farm at Brinsmade, ND and graduated from Leeds high school in 1956. He received his B.S. degree from North Dakota State University in 1960; his M.S. and Ph.D. degrees from Purdue University in 1963 and 1966, respectively. He served on the faculty of horticulture at South Dakota State University from 1966-71. He has been a faculty member at North Dakota State University (NDSU) since 1971 and was a member of the horticulture faculty for 39 years when he retired in 2010.

Dale has had a very productive career as a Woody Plant Specialist and Professor of Horticulture in the de-

partment of Plant Sciences at NDSU. While at NDSU, he taught 10 different courses to undergraduate and graduate students including woody plant identification, plant propagation, nursery management, etc.

Dr. Herman's research project involving the breeding, selection and introduction of hardy woody plants for the Northern Great Plains has been highly successful in broadening the range of adapted, hardy trees and shrubs for this challenging climate. Dale has been directly involved with the introduction of over 50 different woody plants for commercial production and landscape use during his career. These releases began in 1986 and continued even after his retire-

ment in 2011. With the presence of Dutch Elm disease and the imminent threat of the emerald ash borer, Dale's research has focused on creating greater species diversity by broadening the list of adapted hardy trees and shrubs for growing in the challenging climate of the Northern Great Plains. Cultivars released are being trademarked in the U.S. and Canada and four were patented.

Dr. Herman has received many honors and awards during his ca-

reer. Notably among these was the Manitoba Horticultural Association Stevenson Commemorative Award for "Conspicuous Achievement in Horticulture". He has also written numerous publications, and served as an author for "The North Dakota Tree Handbook" and the book "Trees and Shrubs for Northern Great Plains Landscapes" by D. E. Herman and V. C. Quam, published July, 2006, by the NDSU extension service. 🌿

Previous Winners of The Prairie Garden Award for Excellence

- 2000 Phyllis Pierrepont
- 2001 B. J. Buck Godwin
- 2002 Hugh Skinner
- 2003 Bryce Farnsworth
- 2004 Memorial Rose Garden
- 2005 Honeywood (Dr. A. J. Porter) Heritage Nursery
- 2006 Dr. Wilbert Ronald; Barbara Laschkewitsch
- 2007 Southwest Farm Women's Network Garden Tour
- 2008 Sara Williams
- 2009 Ken Ivey & Brenda Cameron; Albert Parsons
- 2010 International Peace Garden and Doug Hevenor
- 2011 Barry Strohman
- 2012 Renata Klassen