



GreatLakesFloral
ASSOCIATION

**Industry Awards History
1950 - 2023**

1950

National Award	Alex Laurie
Retailers Award	Paul Krone
Growers Award	Edward Wangbichler
Achievement Award	Gilbert Furnival (MSU 49-50)

1951

National Award	Sam Pennock, Jr.
Retailers Award	John Henry Dudley
Growers Award	Burt Toornman
Achievement Award	Tom Billig (MSU student49-50)

1952

National Award	Dr. Kenneth Post
Retailers Award	Albert Pochelon (Posthum)
Growers Award	Dr. Harold B. Tukey
Achievement Award	Don Juchartz (MSU student)

1953

National Award	Bob Roland
Retailers Award	Bob Jean, Sr.
Achievement Award	Mel Schuman (MSU student)

1954

National Award	Tommy Bright
Retailers Award	Norm Kesel
Growers Award	Adrian Molesta
Achievement Award	Doug Mowry (MSU student)
Achievement Award	Joan Weber (MSU student)

1955

National Award	Harold R. Hewey
Retailers Award	Arthur Paselk
Growers Award	V. R. De Petris
Achievement Award	Robert Soos (MSU student)

1956

National Award	John Hannah
Growers Award	Dr. W. J. Haney
Achievement Award	Francis Baxter (MSU student)

1957

National Award	Gurney Mann
Retailers Award	Harold VanderSalm
Growers Award	Aleks Kivilaan
Recognition Award	Dr. Robert Scheffer
Special Recognition	Mrs. Marian Clark
Achievement Award	Carol Jones (MSU student)

1958

Retailers Award	John Lapelle
Special Appreciation	Pat Murphy
Art Paselk Trophy-Work in obtaining advertisers for M.F.	Harold Hutchings
Special National Award	Paul Krone
Achievement Award	Kenneth Leib (MSU student)

1959

National Award	Oscar G. Carlstedt
Retailers Award	Harry Miller
Growers Award	Dr. Richard Lindstrom
Achievement Award	Wayne Manthel (MSU student)
A plaque commemorating the 50 th anniversary of FTDA	Irving Allen (accepting for FTDA)

1960

National Award	John Henry Dudley
Achievement Award	John Hora
A plaque for his distinguished service to the industry and an honorary lifetime membership in MSFA	Anton Gaertner

1961

National Award	Granville Gude
Achievement Award	Jack Stokes (MSU student)
Gift of Appreciation	Paul & Nedra Krone

1962

National Award-For all segments of Floral Industry	O. Ben Haley
National Award-outstanding contribution to the retail phase of floriculture	Edward A. Goepfner
Retailers Award	Dean Doty
Growers Award	Harold Weber
Achievement Award	Charles Schroeder (MSU student)

1963

Retailers Award	Morse Laible
Growers Award	Dr. C. E. Wildon
4 Year Achievement Award	Frank Manker (MSU student)
2 Year Achievement Award	Carol Spangler (MSU student)

1964

National Award	Harry Miller
Retailers Award	Lawrence Stansfield Smith
Special Award	Ralph Bachman
4 Year Achievement Award	Mike Gunesch (MSU student)
2 Year Achievement Award	Tom Reynolds (MSU student)

1965

National Award	John H. Walker
Retailers Award	Harold G. Hutchings
Growers Award	Dr. Richard Stinson
Special Award	Einar A. Frandsen
4 Year Achievement Award	James Corfield (MSU student)
2 Year Achievement Award	Randall Mulbarger (MSU student)
Outstanding Service Award	John Henry Dudley
Recognition of the fine service given to MSFA (tape recorded)	Harold G. Hutchings

1966

National Award	S. Cook
Retailers Award	Gordon P. Anthony
Growers (Production) Award	Joseph B. Vermeulen
2 Year Achievement Award	Hadley G. Putnam (MSU student)

1967

National Award	Leland T. Kintzele
Retailers Award	Kenneth G. Burgett
Growers Award	James B. Dinser
Special Meritorious Service Award Flower Bulb Research Proj. MSU) August	Albert De Hertogh
Special Meritorious Service Award Adv., Pub. Rel. and General Association Management	Ralph J. Lipinski
Trophy & Check for \$50	Larry A. Weir (MSU student)

Checks presented at the Ag. Honors
Banquet and trophies presented during
Annual Meeting Convention Design School

1968

National Award	Gene Endres
Retailers Award	Vincent P. Adamo
Special Award	Don Juchartz
Special Award	Reverend Gardfield Brown

1969

National Award	Ralph Bachman
National Award	John Bodette
National Award	Fred Flipse
Retailers Award	Bob Moore
Growers Award	Cloy Miller
Special Recognition Award	William E. Randolph
4 Year Achievement Award	Juanita A. Levine (MSU student)
A plaque in recognition of the Allied Florists Assoc. of Illinois Chicago Allied's 50th Anniversary	

1970

National Award	Jack Kaufman
Retailers Award	Dr. John Carew
Growers Award	Dr. Will Carlson
Young Man of the Year	Carl Swanson (first recipient of award)
Achievement Award	Matthew J. Benvenuto (MSU student)

1971

Special National Award	Colonel Walter Mossmiller, Jr.
National Award	Gustave Springer
National Award	James C. Krone
National Award	Neil W. Stuart, Ph. D.
Growers Award	Dana Perkins
Young Man of the Year	Joe Gaertner
4 Year Achievement Award	Duane J. Beach (MSU student)
2 Year Achievement Award	Kenneth L. Carnes (MSU student)

1972

Special National Award	Charles Johnston
National Award	Everett Conklin
Retailers Award	Gil Furnival
Growers Award	John Morris
Young Man of the Year	Fred Nielsen
Special Recognition	Lloyd Thompson
4 Year Achievement Award	Allyne M. Malthy (MSU student)
2 Year Achievement Award	Nancy Sherman (MSU student)

1973

Special Award	Weber Bros.
Retailers Award	Lucile Belen
Growers Award	Ross Billig
Young Man of the Year	Paul Weiss
Tradesman's Award	Bill Kunst (first recipient of award)
4 Year Achievement Award	Maxine Paterson (MSU student)
2 Year Achievement Award	LuAnn DeGroot (MSU student)

1974

National Award	James Vosters
Retailers Award	Margaret Linke Knechtel
Special Recognition	Dr. William Carpenter
Special Recognition	George Ritter
Tradesman's Award	Chuck Salt
4 Year Achievement Award	Thomas Benner (MSU student)
2 Year Achievement Award	Everett Parker (MSU student)

1975

Special National Award	James (Jim) Mikkelsen
National Award	Henry M. (Marc) Cathey
Retailers Award	Ruby Dunstan
Growers Award	John Schwartz
Young Man of the Year	Jacob (Jack) Smith
Tradesman's Award	Warren Bickes

Special Recognition	Willie Jackson
A plaque for his distinguished service to the industry and an honorary lifetime membership in MSFA	
4 Year Achievement Award	John Henry Dudley
2 Year Achievement Award	Kimberly Tallarico (MSU student) Mark Thode (MSU student)

1976

Retailer of the Year	Don Patterson
Grower of the Year	Ed Wangbichler
Young Person of the Year	Gordon Perkins
Nat. Research & Education Award	Ward Beard

Tradesman's Award	Israel Schneider
4 Year Achievement Award	Marjorie Pudlo (MSU student)
2 Year Achievement Award	Barbara Lorabel (MSU student)

1977

National Service Award	Robert J. Jelly
Retailer of the Year	Richard Flipse
Wholesale Grower Award	Lewis Helbling
Young Person of the Year	David Mansfield
Tradesman's Award	Paul Miller
4 Year Achievement Award	Steve Barkwell (MSU student)
2 Year Achievement Award	Tim Kczykaniak (MSU student)

1978

National Service Award	Bill Suyeyasu
Retailer of the Year	Bob Longfield
Wholesale Grower Award	Roger Semrau
Special Recognition	Robert R. White, Jr.
Young Person of the Year	Richard Thibodeau, Jr.
Tradesman's Award	Smithers-Oasis
Ruby Dunstan Award introduced by Teleflora	Gary Wells (first recipient of award)
4 Year Achievement Award	Patricia Voth (MSU student)
2 Year Achievement Award	Kim Devereaux (MSU student)

1979

National Service Award	Earl R. Hebert
Retailer of the Year	Salvatore (Sam) F. Viviano
Young Person of the Year	Roger L. Miller
Tradesman's Award	Ruth & Charles Engewald
Ruby Dunstan Award	Gary Wells (2nd time win this award)
4 Year Achievement Award	Michale Maliszewski (MSU student)
2 Year Achievement Award	Christine Mead (MSU student)

1980

National Service Award	Bill Hixson
Retailer of the Year	Fred Boehringer
Wholesale Grower Award	Adrian Molesta
Special Service Award	Louis Brand
Tradesman of the Year	Burt Moore

1981

Wholesale Grower Award	Dick Derks
Special Award of Honor	Don Weber

1982

Retailer of the Year	Robert Weigold
Grower of the Year	Joe Smith
Young Florist of the Year	Gary Wells
Special Service Award	Blaise Raona
Special Recognition Award	Dr. Harry Tayama
Special Recognition Award	Michigan Bankcard

1983

Tradesman of the Year	Oakley Davidson
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1984 - 1988

The only awards given between 1984 & 1988 were to the MSU students 2 and 4 year.

This list was not updated.
These were given at the Ag. Honors Banquet.

1988

Retailer of the Year	Dave Bos
Young Person of the Year	Dale Grooters
National Service	Bill Maas
Grower of the Year	Ed Gallagher
Special Recognition	Bob Heron

1989

Retailer of the Year	Frank DeVos
Wholesale Tradesman	Jim Nordlie
Young Person of the Year	Kristi Flatt
National Service	Herman Meinders
Grower of the Year	Bruce Bordine
Special Recognition	Kathy Petz

1990

Retailer of the Year	Ruth O'Brien
Wholesale Tradesman	Del Demaree
Young Person of the Year	Jackie Burrell
National Service	John Biernbaum
Grower of the Year	Fred Blackmore
Special Recognition	Chuck Bannow

1991

Retailer of the Year	Roy Sabo
Wholesale of the Year	Pete Garcia
Young Persons of the Year	Jim & Tami Tucker
National Service	Jim Gaunt
Grower of the Year	Tom Smith

1992

Retailer of the Year	The Patterson Family
Young Person of the Year	Raya Johnston
National Service	Bud Lipinski
Grower of the Year	Rick Mast
Special Recognition	Dr. Barb Fails
Industry Promotion	AFMC

1993

Retailer of the Year	The Gerych Family
National Service	Dr. Will Carlson
Wholesaler of the Year	Dave Oatley
Young Person of the Year	Jerome Raska
Grower of the Year	Weiss Family
Special Recognition	Carmen Cosentino
Lifetime Achievement	John Henry Dudley
	Dean Doty
	George and Florence McClure

1994

Retailer of the Year	Jacobsen Family
Wholesale of the Year	Warren (Kit) Bickes Jr.
Grower of the Year	Joe Vermulen - Floral Avenue Greenhouse
Young Person of the Year	David Schroetamo
Special Service	Kim Herbers
Lifetime Achievement Award	Lucile Belen
	Adrian Molesta

1995

Retailer of the Year	Bruce Anderson, Moehring-Woods Flowers
Grower of the Year	D. Lynn Mayer, Lynn Mayer's Great Lakes Glads
Young Person of the Year	Jared Sparr, Sparr's Greenhouse
National Service Award	Tom Butler, American Floral Services
Lifetime Achievement Award	Harold and Virginia Hutchings
	Margaret Knechtel

1996

Retailer of the Year	Anthony and Mark Brewer, Nature Nook Florist
Grower of the Year	Meiring Greenhouse and Farms
Young Person of the Year	L. Skeeter Parkhouse, All Events Floral
National Service	Francis Porterfield Dudley
Lifetime Achievement Award	Earl Hebert

1997

Wholesaler of the Year Dave Shipps, The John Henry Co.
Retailer of the Year The Perkins Family, Perkins Flowers
Young Person of the Year Martin Murdick, Conner Park Florist
National Service Award PromoFlor, Jim Wanko
Lifetime Achievement Award Lou Brand, The John Henry Co.

1998

Young Person of the Year Emily Gough, Weber's Floral & Gift
Special Recognition Award Howard Silver, AIFD, Dearborn Flower Shop
Retailer of the Year Johnny & Peg Long, Saline Flowerland
Wholesaler of the Year Steven B. Moore, Moore Greens, Inc.
Lifetime Achievement Award Jim Nordlie, Nordlie, Inc.

1999

Youngperson of the Year Suzie Kostick, MCF, Horizons Conference Center
Retailer of the Year Bruce Furnival / Cindy Conant, Furnival's Flowers
Wholesaler of the Year Dave Goodman, Hyacinth House
National Service Award Rocky Pollitz, AIFD, AAF, PFCI, CMG, Teleflora
Lifetime Achievement Award Vince Adamo & Agnes Loweke, Conner Park Florist

2000

Youngperson of the Year Daniel Stober
Retailer of the Year Vogt's Flowers, Flint, MI
Wholesaler of the Year Saginaw Valley Flower Exchange, Saginaw, MI
Special Recognition Award Tim Latimer, MCF, Michigan State University
National Service Award Bud Lipinski, American Floral Services, Inc
Lifetime Achievement Award Jim Jordan, FTDA

2001

Youngperson of the Year Bradley Youngstrom, Wild Thyme Flowers, Pentwater, MI
Retailer of the Year Ray Hunter Flowers, Southgate, MI
Wholesaler of the Year Southview, Inc, Romulus, MI
Special Recognition Award Chelsea Greenhouse, Chelsea, MI 100 years of service
Special Recognition Award Webers Floral, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 100 years of service
National Service Award Paul Goodman, Teleflora, LLC

2002

Youngperson of the Year Scott Awad, AIFD, CAFA, Lansing, MI
Retailer of the Year VanderSalm's Flower Shop, Kalamazoo, MI
Wholesaler of the Year Mains Importing, Hillsdale, MI

2003

Youngpersons of the Year Troy Wasserman and Angie Wasserman-Neland, Wassermans Flowers, Muskegon, MI
Retailer of the Year English Gardens – Dearborn Heights, MI
Wholesaler of the Year Vans Floral Products – Grand Rapids, MI
Special Recognition Award John Hosek AIFD, CAFA, MCF – Floral Impressions, E. Lansing, MI
Centennial Award (100 years in business) Smith Floral Co. – Lansing, MI
Lifetime Achievement Award John and Harriet Anthony – Jon Anthony Florists – Lansing, MI

2004

Young Persons of the Year Marisa Rakowski MCF - Hastings Flower Shop - Hastings, MI
Retailer of the Year Flowers by Ray & Sharon – Muskegon, MI
Wholesaler of the Year Denver Wholesale Florist – Flint, MI
National Service Award Stan Pohmer / Will Carlson Jr. - Flower Promotion Organization - Ovid, MI
Special Recognition Alice Waterous AIFD, MCF Waterous Floral Consulting - Grand Haven, MI
CF Member of the Year Barbara Zuleski CF – Designs Unlimited - Jackson, MI

2005

Young Persons of the Year Rob Stogdill – Rokay Floral – Plymouth, MI
Retailer of the Year Alma's Bob Moore Flowers – Alma, MI
Wholesaler of the Year Jim Wilson – Jim Wilson & Associates – Osseo, MI
National Service Award Syndicate Sales, Inc – Kokoma, IN
Special Recognition Kathy Petz AAF, MCF, PFCI – Teleflora – Los Angeles, CA
Lifetime Achievement Lucile Belen – Belen's Flowers – Lansing, MI
CF Member of the Year Larry Beard CF – Perkins Flowers – Lapeer, MI

2006

Young Persons of the Year Melissa Tjapkes – Avalon Floral – Spring Lake, MI
Retailer of the Year Cardwell Florist – Livonia, MI
Wholesaler of the Year Nordlie, Inc – Grandville, MI
Special Recognition Jackie Burrell AIFD, MCF – Flowers From Sky's the Limit – Petoskey, MI
75 Years in Business Southview, Inc – Romulus, MI

100 Years In Business Molesta Floral Company – Grand Rapids, MI
125 Years In Business Wasserman Floral – Muskegon, MI
CF Member of the Year John Hosek AIFD, CF, PFCI – Floral Impressions – East Lansing, MI

2007

Lifetime Achievement Award Don & Gloria Patterson – Patterson’s Flowers – Reed City, Big Rapids, Cadillac, Canadian Lakes, MI
National Service Award Richard Salvaggio AAF, AIFD, PFCI – Teleflora – Los Angeles, CA
Retailer of the Year Blumz...By JRDesigns – Detroit/Ferndale, MI
Retail Employee of the Year Jim Stamper – VanBochove’s Florist – Kalamazoo, MI
Wholesaler of the Year Nordlie, Inc. – Flint, MI
Wholesale Employee of the Year Kim Herbers – Saginaw Valley Flower Exchange – Saginaw, MI
Young Persons of the Year Libbie Deering – Gerych’s Distinctive Flowers – Fenton, MI
Special Recognition Cheryl Mast MCF – Kent Career Tech Center – Grand Rapids, MI
CF Member of the Year Jacklyn Burrell AIFD, CF – Flowers From Sky’s the Limit – Petoskey, MI

2008

Lifetime Achievement Award Ron Larsen – Vans Floral Products – Grand Rapids, MI
National Service Award Smithers – Oasis USA – Kent, OH
Retailer of the Year Eastern Floral & Gift – Grand Rapids, MI
Retail Employee of the Year Martin VanTil, AIFD – Flowers by Josie – Gaylord, MI
Wholesaler of the Year Dulaya Memories in Art – North Branch, MI
Wholesale Employee of the Year Jeff Myrick – Nordlie, Inc – Flint, MI
Young Persons of the Year Erica Andersson, MCF – Flowers From Sky’s the Limit – Petoskey, MI
Special Recognition Bob Friese, AIFD – Fruitport, MI
CF Member of the Year Suzie Kostick AIFD, CF – Cenflo Publishing – Rio Rancho, NM

2009

Lifetime Achievement Award Bobbi Ecker-Blatchford AAF, AIFD, PFCI – The Flora Pros – Chicago, IL
National Service Award Wayne Castleberry – MAC Technologies – Richmond, VA
Retailer of the Year Flowers & Such – Adrian, MI
Retail Employee of the Year Becky Guernsey MCF – Ridgeway Floral – Three Rivers, MI
Wholesale Employee of the Year Linda Hamilton – Vans Floral Products – Grand Rapids, MI
Gail Pabst – Kennicott Brothers – Chicago, IL
Young Persons of the Year Heidi Anderson – Hyacinth House – Lansing, MI
Special Recognition Roy & Jane Sabo – Sunnyslope Floral – Grandville, MI
CF Member of the Year Richard Gleason CF – Macomb Community College, Warren, MI

2010

Lifetime Achievement Award James Gaunt – Southview, Inc. – Romulus, MI
National Service Award Regency Group – East Lansing, MI
Retailer of the Year Ridgeway Floral & Gifts – Three Rivers, MI
Retail Employee of the Year Tracie Kuck-Martin – Frankenmuth Floral – Frankenmuth, MI
Wholesaler of the Year Nordlie, Inc. – Warren, MI
Wholesale Employee of the Year Ed Karaba – Saginaw Valley Flower Exchange – Saginaw, MI
Young Persons of the Year Derek Woodruff CF – The Floral Underground – Traverse City, MI
Special Recognition Robbin Yelverton AIFD, CF, PFCI – Blumz by JRDesigns – Detroit/Ferndale, MI
CF Member of the Year Kathy Petz AAF, CF, PFCI – Teleflora – Holly, MI
100 Years in Business DWF – Flint, MI

2011

Lifetime Achievement Award Ray Genter – Flowers by Ray & Sharon – Muskegon, MI
National Service Award Peter J. Moran – Society of American Florist – Alexandria, VA
Retailer of the Year Crystal Springs Florist – Benton Harbor, MI
Retail Employee of the Year Ronald Thompson, Royal Expressions Flowers & Gifts - Blissfield, MI
Wholesaler of the Year Rokay Floral – Battle Creek & Plymouth, MI
Wholesale Employee of the Year Jodi Rice, Rokay Floral - Plymouth, MI
Young Person of the Year Jason Goei – Eastern Floral Co. – Grand Rapids, MI
Special Recognition Colleen Siembor – Cardwell Florist – Livonia, MI
Certified Florist
Member of the Year Tim Latimer CF – Michigan State University – E. Lansing, MI
100 Years in Business Florists’ Transworld Delivery, Inc. – Downers Grove, IL

2012

Lifetime Achievement Award Stan Pohmer – Pohmer Consulting Group - Minnetonka, MN
National Service Award Marie Ackermann – Teleflora - Oklahoma City, OK
Retailer of the Year Don’s Flowers & Gifts – Zeeland, MI
Retail Employee of the Year Libbie Deering – Country Lane Flowers - Howell, MI
Wholesaler of the Year Lion / Offray Ribbon, Tom Swientek – Berwick, PA

Wholesale Employee of the Year

Brenda Kaye Counts – DWF – Flint, MI
Young Person of the Year
Certified Florist
Garrett Fairbanks CF - Bakman Floral Design – S. Lyons, MI
Member of the Year
Jody Brown-Spivey AIFD, CF – Expressions Floral Design Studio – Gahanna, OH
MFA Designer of the Year
Doug Bates CF – Designs by Vogt’s – Sturgis, MI

2013

Lifetime Achievement Award
Kathy Petz AAF, CF, PFCI – Teleflora – Los Angeles, CA
National Service Award
Dr. Bridget Behe CF – Michigan State University – E. Lansing, MI
Retailer of the Year
Norton’s Flowers & Gifts – Ypsilanti, MI
Retail Employee of the Year
Kiersten Schulte – Eastern Floral & Gift – Grand Rapids, MI
Supplier of the Year
FloraCraft Corporation – Ludington, MI
Wholesale Employee of the Year

Chris McGahey – Nordlie, Inc. – Flint, MI
Young Person of the Year
Doug Bates CF – Designs by Vogt’s – Sturgis, MI
Certified Florist
Member of the Year
Lea Kuklinski CF – Fruit Basket Flowerland – Grand Rapids, MI
MFA Designer of the Year
Jerry Baker CF – Wesley Berry Flowers – Detroit, MI

2014

Lifetime Achievement Award
Jim Wilson – Jim Wilson Associates, Osseo, MI
Retailer of the Year
Flowers From Sky’s The Limit – Petoskey, MI
Retail Employee of the Year
Rochelle Silcox – Blumz by JRDesigns, Detroit/Ferndale, MI
Supplier of the Year
Accent Décor – Norcross, GA
Wholesale Employee of the Year

Angie Richards – Kennicott/Vans Floral Products, Grand Rapids, MI
Young Person of the Year
Katie Holton – Ludema’s Floral & Garden – Grand Rapids, MI
Certified Florist
Member of the Year
Alice Waterous AIFD, CF, PFCI – Waterous Floral Consultants, Grand Haven, MI
MFA Designer of the Year
Derek Woodruff AIFD, CF – Derek LLC, Traverse City, MI
Special Recognition
Tom Figueroa AIFD, CF – Nordlie, Inc, Warren, MI
MFA Past President’s Floriology
Scholarship
Lea Kuklinski CF – Fruit Basket Flowerland, Grand Rapids, MI

2015

Lifetime Achievement Award
Bob Friese, AIFD – Natures Creative Edge, Fruitport, MI
National Service Award
Jack Howard – Teleflora, LLC, Los Angeles, CA
Retailer of the Year
Smith Floral Co., Lansing, MI
Retail Employee of the Year
Pamela Prough – My Lady Florist, Westland, MI
Wholesaler of the Year
Kennicott Brothers Co. – Chicago, IL
Wholesale Employee of the Year

Ric Gaunt – Mayesh Wholesale, Romulus, MI
Young Person of the Year
Angela Christie, CF – Flowers From Natures Garden, Petoskey, MI
Certified Florist
Member of the Year
Arlon Slagh, CF, Holland, MI
MFA Designer of the Year
Enrika Matelyte-Karalius, AIFD – Royal Petal, Lemont, IL
Special Recognition
James Lutke, Spring Lake, MI
MFA Past President’s Floriology
Scholarship
Shelley Adair CF – Blumz by JRDesigns, Ferndale, MI

2016

Lifetime Achievement Award
Wayne Castleberry - MAC Horticultural Supplies. Richmond, VA
National Service Award
Dwight Larimer - Design Master Color Tool, Boulder, CO
Retailer of the Year
Wasserman’s Floral & Gifts, Muskegon, MI
Retail Employee of the Year
Kim Larsen - Patterson’s Flowers, Big Rapids, MI.
Wholesaler of the Year
Mayesh Wholesale Florist, Romulus, MI
Wholesale

Employee of the Year
Janna Herrington - DWF, Flint, MI
Young Person of the Year
Allison Ludema - Ludemas Floral & Garden, Grand Rapids, MI
Certified Florist
Member of the Year
Robbin Yelverton, AAF, AIFD, CF, PFCI – Blumz by JRDesigns, Ferndale/Detroit, MI
MFA Designer of the Year
Jason Rudicil - Eastern Floral & Gift, Grand Haven, MI
Special Recognition
Barbara Gilbert - *The Professional Florist*, Glenview, IL
MFA Past President’s
Floriology Scholarship
Ron Thompson - Lane Street Blooms, Blissfield, MI

2017

Lifetime Achievement Award
Alice Waterous - Waterous Floral Consultant, Grand Haven, MI
National Service Award
Ty Dudley - Armellini Express Lines, Palm City, FL
Retailer of the Year
Kennedy’s Flowers & Gifts, Grand Rapids, MI
Retail Employee of the Year
Edward Smith - Country Lane Flower Shop, Howell, MI
Wholesaler of the Year
Saginaw Valley Flower Exchange, Saginaw, MI

Wholesale	
Employee of the Year	Conseulo Lovelady - Mayesh Wholesale, Romulus, MI
Young Person of the Year	Jason Rudicil - Eastern Floral & Gift, Grand Haven, MI
Certified Florist	
Member of the Year	Jennifer Linehan, CF - Beautiful Blooms by Jen, Sylvania, OH
MFA Designer of the Year	Dave Pinchock - Vogt's Flowers & Gifts, Flint, MI
Special Recognition	Pat Dahlson - Mayesh Wholesale, Los Angeles, CA
MFA Past President's	
Floriology Scholarship	Garrett Skupinski, CF - Floral Today, St. Louis, MO

2018

Lifetime Achievement Award	Mark Nance, AAF - BloomNet, Jacksonville, FL
National Service Award	Mark Anderson - FloristWare, Toronto, CAN
Retailer of the Year	Vogt's Flowers, Flint, MI
Retail Employee of the Year	Colleen Barnhart – Beautiful Blooms by Jen, Sylvania, OH
Wholesaler of the Year	Norman Smith Enterprises, Paulsboro, NJ
Wholesale	
Employee of the Year	Scott Slimmen – Nordlie Floral, Grandville, MI
Young Person of the Year	Samantha Belonga – St. Ignace in Bloom, St. Ignace, MI
Certified Florist	
Member of the Year	CF Class of 1998
Special Recognition	Ryan Freeman - Strider, Toronto, CAN
MFA Designer of the Year	Lisa Vandermeer – Ludema's Floral & Greenhouse, Grand Rapids, MI
MFA Past President's	
Floriology Scholarship	Jackie Burrell, AIFD, CF – Flowers From Sky's the Limit, Petoskey, MI

2019

Lifetime Achievement Award	Red & Katie Kennicott, Kennicott Brothers Company, Chicago, IL
Retailer of the Year	Gaudreau the Florist LTD, Saginaw, MI
Supplier of the Year	Syndicate Sales – Kokomo, IN
Wholesale	
Employee of the Year	Tom Mulder – G. Christians & Son, Grand Rapids, MI
Young Person of the Year	Kiersten Schulte – Eastern Floral, Grand Rapids, MI
Certified Florist	
Member of the Year	Scott Awad AIFD, CF, Events To Rent, E. Lansing, MI
MFA Designer of the Year	Brenda Hankis – Eastern Floral, Grand Rapids, MI

2020

Lifetime Achievement Award	Barbara Fails Raftshol, CF, Ph.D.
National Service Award	Kelly Mace – Smithers Oasis – Kent, OH
Special Recognition Award	Suzie Kostick, AIFD, CF, CFD, PFCI / Smithers – Oasis, Kent, OH
	Marsha Gray / Christmas Tree Promotion Board, Howell, MI
	Cindy Sue Ching, AIFD, CF / Great Lakes Floral Association, Haslett, MI
Retailer of the Year	Margaret's Garden / Grand Hotel – Mackinac Island, MI
Supplier of the Year	Flowers Shop Network – Paragould, AR
Wholesale	
Employee of the Year	Al Gerkin – Kennicott Mid-Michigan, Saginaw, MI
Retail	
Employee of the Year	Geniene Hourigan-Culp / New Design Floral, Grand Rapids, MI
Young Person of the Year	Molly Tiesma – Eastern Floral, Grand Rapids, MI
Certified Florist	
Member of the Year	Derek Woodruff, AIFD, CF, PFCI / Floral Underground, Traverse City, MI
Past President	
Floriology Scholarship	Lisa VanderMeer / Ludema Floral, Grand Rapids, MI

2021 (No awards presented as GLFEE was cancelled due to COVID-19 pandemic)

2022

Retailer of the Year	The Flower Market / Jackie Poe, Greenwood, IN
Retail Employee of the Year	Michelle Runyon AIFD, Banner Flower House, Kokomo, IN
Wholesaler of the Year:	Ron Chludil/Denver Wholesale Florist (DWF), Flint, MI
Supplier Employee of the Year	Irving Casiano, Flower Shop Network, Paragould, AR
Young Person of the Year	Holly Haveman CF, Kennedy's Flowers & Gifts, Grand Rapids, MI
National Service Award	Jackie Lacey AAF, AIFD, CFD, PFCI, Floriology Institute, Jacksonville, FL
Lifetime Achievement Award	David Loweke, St. Clair Shores, MI
Certified Florist (CF)	
Member of the Year	Jerome Raska AAF, AIFD, CF PFCI, Blumz by JRDesigns, Ferndale/Holly, MI
Past Presidents	
Floriology Scholarship	Tracy Groom CF, Genesee Career Institute, Flint, MI
Best of Show	
Trade Show Exhibit	Wordy Bird Card & Gift, Brooklyn Center, MN

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Lifetime Achievement Award	Bing Goei / Eastern Floral, Grand Rapids, MI
Retailer of the Year	Wanita Bovan CF / Bovan Floral Group, Burton, MI
Wholesaler of the Year	Rob & Sandy Stogdill / Rokay Floral, Novi/Battle Creek, MI
Young Person of the Year	Savannah Hofer CF / Four Seasons Florists, Brooksville, IN
Retail Employee of the Year	Tom Stimpson / Norton's Flowers & Gifts, Ypsilanti, MI
Wholesale Employee of the Year	Linda Hamilton / Kennicott Brothers, Walker, MI
Special Recognition Certified Florist (CF)	Janice Curran / Teleflora, Los Angeles, CA
Member of the Year	Bob Patterson CF / Patterson's Flowers Big Rapids, Reed City, Cadillac, MI
Past President's Floriology Scholarship	Donna Magill / Alanson Public Schools, Alanson, MI