

And so it is we honor two people today, two people who have meant so much to this Society, the nursery industry, and those of us who have known them throughout the years.

To commemorate this occasion, we have a plaque from the Plant Propagators' Society—Eastern Region for Jim and also another plaque which reads "A tribute to Cecil Wells—For her inspirational support in a very successful partnership, with grateful appreciation, from members of I.P.P.S. and other horticultural friends."

AWARDS PRESENTATIONS

PRESIDENT BEATTIE: It is my pleasure to make the next award. Will Darrel Apps come forward. I have know Darrel for a number of years and have enjoyed our friendship and enjoyed working with him. In fact I owe my job at Penn State to him. I enjoyed working with him when he was at Longwood Gardens and with the Perennial Plant Association. Darrel was the Secretary-Treasurer of the Eastern Region for 3 years. To show our appreciation as an organization, we have an original botanical print from about 1810 of a hand-colored daylily. I took a look at it earlier and it is amazing how vibrant the colors are after all these years.

FELLOW RECIPIENTS—EASTERN REGION

TIM BROTZMAN: This is the fifth year that Fellow recipients have been given. We have an outstanding group of individuals for you today. They are recognized for their contributions to the field of propagation, but also for their contribution to the Eastern Region at large. The recipients are the following:

- **Jack Alexander:** The first award goes to a person who has been a member for 18 years. Every year he moderates the New Plants presentation of our conference. He is a noted propagator and is always willing to share his knowledge if you call.
- **Darrel Apps:** You have heard earlier this morning about the contributions of our next recipient. He has been a solid supporter of I.P.P.S. and he is intent to flaunt his floral creations across the landscape of the U.S.
- **Dick Bir:** The next individual has only been a member for 10 years but has had a very productive time. He has participated every single year that I have been here. He could be a Southern Region member but because of the altitude that he lives probably feels more at home with us and makes the trip every year to our meeting.
- **Don Shadow:** Our next recipient can not be with us because he is preparing to speak at the Southern Region. He is a true southerner but feels a strong affinity for our region because of the plants he grows. He is also a past president of the Eastern Region and feels honored that we would give him an award. He sends his regrets that he could not be with us.
- **Robert Simpson:** Our last award goes to member who joined in 1952 which is 2 years after its founding. We know his name very well and also his plant contributions to the industry including hollies, crabapples, and hawthorns. He could not be with us today, however, his daughter Betsy has come to accept the award for him.