

2022 Award of Merit Recipient Winston Dunwell



Winston "Win" Dunwell attended the State University of New York at Farmingdale, receiving an Associate Degree in Nursery Management. Then, following four years in the Air Force he attended the University of Wyoming where he received a Bachelors of Science in Plant Science/Horticulture. He followed that by earning a Ph.D. in 1978 studying Horticulture/Plant Stress Physiology at the University of Idaho. Winston's dissertation was entitled "Cold Hardiness and Acclimation of *Ligustrum vulgare* 'Cheyenne'."

Dr. Dunwell has been very active professionally. Since 2003, he has been an Extension Horticulture Professor at the University of Kentucky. His program focused on nursery crop production and development of ornamental plants. He has been stationed in Princeton, Kentucky. Princeton suffered the great tornado of 2021 where much of Winston's office and his work were destroyed.

Winston transferred from the Southern Region to the Eastern region of IPPS in 1998. He has served as President of the Eastern Region of the International Plant Propagators' Society. He frequently contributed to the annual meetings as well as giving talks to both Southern and Eastern Regions. In 2012, Dr. Dunwell received the Southern Nursery Association Porter Henegar Memorial Award.

Besides his large professional profile, Winston has a casual presence. He lives on a lake in western Kentucky where he and his wife, Jan, enjoy cruising in their boat. Reportedly grandchildren are a favorite part of their lives. Some of his friends have noted that when walking on beaches in California or along roads in New Zealand, Winston would launch a kite he had stowed in his pack. Quite a surprise.

One of his best-known activities is correspondence. Friends are recipients of frequent notes and pictures, catching them up to date on the latest Dunwell insights and wanderings. He is known also for documenting trips and excursions in little, handy note pads where memories and details are just a page flip away. One friend mentioned that he could immediately recall what he had for lunch at a little restaurant on the autobahn in Germany in 1997.

Winston communicates and continues to educate as part of his daily activity. The IPPS is fortunate to be the recipient of this energy and bank of knowledge and generosity. Congratulations to Dr. Winston Dunwell on receiving the 2022 IPPS-ER Award of Merit.