

2017 Convention Awards

The Harry Goulding Grafting Award was given to **Matt Martindale**; presented by Todd Alvis

The Norman and Beverly Brubaker Award for the 2016 Judges' Favorite Bloom was given to **Tahitian Purple Passion**, Richard Johnson, hybridizer; presented by Carolyn Cormier-Stoute.

The Norman Reasoner Award for Most Amateur Exhibitors in the 2016 show season was won by: **New Orleans Chapter**; presented by Ann Peltier.

The A.B. Morrison Award for an exhibitor with the most Best of Show seedlings in 2016 was won by **Curt Sinclair (Exotic Hibiscus)**; presented by Cindy Adkins.

Gold Seal Sweepstakes Awards:

Amateur:

Florida: **Donna & David Strangeland**

Louisiana: **Chris Hewett**

Texas: **Sean Mohme**

Collector:

Florida: **Nancy Kopp**

Louisiana: **Steffan Callegan**

Texas: **Cindy Wilson**

Open Collector:

Florida: **Melanie & David Craig**

Louisiana: **Todd and Janelle Alvis**

Texas: **Ottmar and Joanna Schimek**

Commercial:

Florida: **Exotic Hibiscus (Curt Sinclair)**

Louisiana: **Dupont Nursery**

Texas: **Don and Carolyn Florus**

Seedling of the Year for 2017 – Katy McClain Memorial Award

4th Place

Arabian Nights

Barry and Susan Schlueter, hybridizers

3rd Place:

A Mother's Dream

Dupont/Gerlich, hybridizers

2nd Place:

A Mother's Love

Dupont/Gerlich, hybridizers

2017 Seedling of the Year:

Sgt. Seth Trahan

Buddy Short, hybridizer

The Nola Reynolds/Ann Mitchell Lifetime Achievement Award:

Carl Powell

Presidential Citations, presented by Damon Veach:

Outstanding Service Award: **Danny Fontenot**

Outstanding Executive Secretary Award: **Joanna Schimek**

Outstanding Chapter: **James Hendry**

Outstanding Newsletter: **New Orleans Chapter, Father Bob Gerlich**

Outstanding Support: **Dottie Ziranski**