



Benedict Garden Performance Awards By Year

2026 Winner

H. 'Coast to Coast' (Olga Petryszyn – 2014)

Awards of Merit

H. 'Beet Salad' (Bob Solberg – 2009)
H. 'Dark Shadows' (Hans Hansen – 2004)
H. 'Joy Ride' (Hans Hansen – 2016)

Honorable Mention

H. 'Age of Gold' (Hans Hansen – 2018)
H. 'Diamond Lake' (Hans Hansen – 2018)
H. 'Lemon Snap' (Bob Solberg – 2019)

2025 Winner

H. 'Guacamole' (Bob Solberg – 1994)

Awards of Merit

H. 'Golden Tiara' (Robert Savory – 1977)
H. 'Stained Glass' (Hans Hansen – 1999)
H. 'Striptease' (Criss & Rick Thompson – 1991)

Honorable Mention

H. 'Peach Salsa' (Bob Solberg – 2013)
H. 'Leather and Lace' (Don Dean – 2013)

2024 Winner

H. 'Halcyon' (Eric Smith – 1998)

Awards of Merit

H. 'Fragrant Bouquet' (Kevin Vaughn – 1982)
H. 'Gold Standard' (Pauline Banyai – 1976)
H. 'Guacamole' (Bob Solberg – 1994)

Honorable Mention

H. 'Golden Tiara' (Robert Savory – 1977)
H. 'Stained Glass' (Hans Hansen – 1999)
H. 'Striptease' (Criss & Rick Thompson – 1991)

2023 Winner

Tie: H. 'Clear Fork River Valley' (Van Wade – 2007) and H. 'Neptune' (Hans Hansen – 2006)

Awards of Merit

H. 'First Blush' (Bob Solberg – 2016)
H. 'Halcyon' (Eric Smith – 1988)
H. 'Spilt Milk' (Mildred Seaver – 1999)

Honorable Mention

H. 'Fragrant Bouquet' (Kevin Vaughn – 1982)
H. 'Guacamole' (Bob Solberg – 1994)
H. 'Joy Ride' (Hans Hansen – 2016)

2022 Winner

H. 'Autumn Frost' (H. Hansen - 2009)

Awards of Merit

H. 'Coast to Coast' (Olga Petryszyn - 2014)
H. 'Spilt Milk' (Mildred Seaver - 1999)

Honorable Mention

H. 'First Blush' (Bob Solberg - 2016)
H. 'Gold Standard' (Pauline Banyai - 1976)
H. 'Halcyon' (Eric Smith - 1988)

2021 Winner

H. 'Rainbow's End' (H. Hansen - 2005)

Awards of Merit

H. 'Katie Q' (M. Zilis - 2003)
H. 'Mango Salsa' (R. Solberg - 2011)
H. 'Pandora's Box' (H. Hansen/Shady Oaks Nursery - 1996)
H. 'Vulcan' (H. Hansen/Shady Oaks Nursery - 2007)

Honorable Mention

H. 'Beet Salad' (R. Solberg - 2009)
H. 'Coast to Coast' (O. Petryszyn/H. Hansen - 2014)
H. 'Dark Shadows' (H. Hansen - 2004)
H. 'Fruit Punch' (D. Dean - 1999)
H. 'Great Arrival' (M. Zilis/A. Summers - 2003)
H. 'Hollywood Lights' (H. Hansen - 2005)
H. 'Hush Puppie' (T. Avent - 2005)
H. 'Plum Pudding' (R. Solberg - 2011)

2020 Winner

No award issued

Awards of Merit

No award issued

Honorable Mention

No award issued

2019 Winner

Tie: H. 'Sharp Dressed Man' (R. Solberg - 2005) and H. 'World Cup' (Doug Beilstein/Mark Zilis - 2006)

Awards of Merit

H. 'Clear Fork River Valley' (V. Wade - 2007)
H. 'Electrocution' (T. Avent - 2005)
H. 'Gemstone' (T. Avent - 2005)
H. 'Spartacus' (H. Hansen - 2007)
H. 'Sum of All' (M. Zilis - 2003)

Honorable Mention

H. 'Abba Dabba Do' (T. Avent - 1998)
H. 'High Society' (H. Hansen - 2004)
H. 'Pandora's Box' (H. Hansen & Shady Oaks Nursery - 1996)
H. 'Restless Sea' (H. Hansen - 2006)
H. 'Stitch in Time' (R. Mortko - 2004)
H. 'Titanium' (D. Dean - 2000)

2018 Winner

H. 'Curly Fries' (R. Solberg - 2008)

Awards of Merit

H. 'Autumn Frost' (Walters Gardens, Inc./H. Hansen - 2009)
H. 'Blue Betty Lou' (C. Owens - 1987)
H. 'Moonlight Sonata' (G. Johnson - 2004)
H. 'Neptune' (H. Hansen - 2006)
H. 'Pewterware' (D. Dean - 1999)
H. 'Rainbow's End' (H. Hansen/Shady Oaks Nursery - 2005)
H. 'Sharp Dressed Man' (R. Solberg - 2005)
H. 'Squash Casserole' (T. Avent - 1995)

Honorable Mention

H. 'Clear Fork River Valley' (V. Wade - 2007)
H. 'Cookie Crumbs' (M. Zilis/R. Solberg - 2002)
H. 'Electrocution' (T. Avent - 2005)
H. 'Gemstone' (T. Avent - 2005)
H. 'Mango Salsa' (R. Solberg - 2011)
H. 'Shady Affair' (G. Johnson/Russ O'Harra Hosta Society - 2003)
H. 'Spartacus' (H. Hansen/Shady Oaks - 2007)
H. 'Sum of All' (M. Zilis - 2003)
H. 'Vulcan' (H. Hansen/Shady Oaks - 2007)

2017 Winner

H. 'Victory' (M. Zilis - 2003)

Awards of Merit

H. 'All That Jazz' (O. Petryszyn - 2006)
H. 'Captain Kirk' (K. Brill - 1999)
H. 'Faith' (D. Dean - 1999)
H. 'Frozen Margarita' (R. Solberg - 2003)
H. 'Spartan Arrow' (G. R. Goodwin - 2000)

Honorable Mention

H. 'Autumn Frost' (Walters Gardens, Inc./H. Hansen - 2009)
H. 'Elvis Lives' (T. Avent - 1995)
H. 'Moonlight Sonata' (G. Johnson - 2004)
H. 'Neptune' (H. Hansen - 2006)
H. 'Rainbow's End' (H. Hansen/Shady Oaks Nursery - 2005)
H. 'Sharp Dressed Man' (R. Solberg - 2005)
H. 'Squash Casserole' (T. Avent - 1995)

2016 Winner

Tie: H. 'Blue Angel' (F. Shaw - 1986) and H. 'Sun Power' (unknown - 1986)

Awards of Merit

H. 'Orange Marmalade' (R. Solberg)
H. 'Pineapple Upsidedown Cake' (M. Zillis/R. Solberg)
H. 'Summer Breeze' (M. Zillis/J. Diesen)
H. 'Victory' (M. Zillis/R. Solberg)
H. 'World Cup' (D. Beilstein/M. Zillis)

Honorable Mention

H. 'All That Jazz' (O. Petryszyn)
H. 'Blue Betty Lou' (C. Owens)
H. 'Bobbie Sue' (C. Owens)
H. 'Captain Kirk' (K. Brill)
H. 'Faith' (D. Dean)

2015 Winner

H. 'Sum and Substance' (F. Shaw - 1980)

Awards of Merit

H. 'Abby' (P. Ruh)
H. 'Blue Ice' (R. Benedict)
H. 'Crumb Cake' (R. Solberg)
H. 'Curly Fries' (R. Solberg)
H. 'Dance With Me' (H. Hansen & Shady Oaks Nursery)
H. 'Dancing Queen' (K. Terpening & A. Scheer)
H. 'Dorset Blue' (E. Smith & P. Aden)
H. 'Hanky Panky' (H. Hansen & Shady Oaks Nursery)
H. 'Jack Of Diamonds' (R. Savory)
H. 'Prairie Sky' (H. Hansen)

Honorable Mention

H. 'Awakening Angel' (F. Nyikos)
H. 'Bedazzled' (D. Dean)
H. 'Frozen Margarita' (R. Solberg)
H. 'Indigo' (R. Savory)
H. 'Orange Marmalade' (R. Solberg)
H. 'Pewterware' (D. Dean)
H. 'Pineapple Upsidedown Cake' (M. Zilis & R. Solberg)
H. 'Rubies and Ruffles' (R. Goodwin)
H. 'Spartan Arrow' (R. Goodwin)
H. 'Sugar and Spice' (M. Zilis)
H. 'Summer Breeze' (M. Zilis & J. Diesen)
H. 'Tidewater' (M. Zilis)
H. 'Victory' (M. Zilis & R. Solberg)
H. 'World Cup' (D. Beilstein & M. Zilis)
H. 'Worldly Treasure' (R. Goodwin)

2014 Winner

H. 'Leading Lady' (J. Wilkins - 1995)

Awards of Merit

H. 'Dawn's Early Light' (O. Petryszyn)
H. 'Emerald Necklace' (B. Kuk)
H. 'Fragrant Bouquet' (K. Vaughn)
H. 'Hoosier Dome' (O. Petryszyn)
H. 'Invincible' (unknown)
H. 'Ivory Coast' (D. Savory)
H. 'Key West' (O. Petryszyn)
H. 'Love Pat' (F. Shaw)
H. 'Pearl Lake' (Piedmont Gardens)

Honorable Mention

H. 'Bumblebee' (D. Savory)
H. 'Crumb Cake' (R. Solberg)
H. 'Curly Fries' (R. Solberg)
H. 'Dance with Me' (H. Hansen)
H. 'Dancing Queen' (K. Terpening)
H. 'Eventide' (W. & E. Lachmans)
H. 'Hope' (H. Hansen)
H. 'Mike Shadrack' (B. Kuk)
H. 'Mourning Dove' (H. Hansen)
H. 'Phantom' (R. Solberg and J. Wilkins)
H. 'Prairie Sky' (H. Hansen)
H. 'Ringtail' (K. Terpening)
H. 'Sunshine Glory' (K. Vaughn)
H. 'Tongue Twister' (R. Solberg)

2013 Winner

H. 'First Frost' (P. Scolnik - 2002)

Awards of Merit

H. 'Blue Angel' (*P. Aden)
H. 'Brave Amherst' (W. & E. Lachman)
H. 'Sum and Substance' (*P. Aden)
H. 'Sun Power' (*P. Aden)

Honorable Mention

H. 'Abby' (P. Ruh)
H. 'Aspen Gold' (V. Grapes)
H. 'Dorset Blue' (E. Smith & P. Aden)
H. 'Jack of Diamonds' (R. Savory)
H. 'Love Pat' (*P. Aden)

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2012 Winner

H. 'Niagara Falls' (Brincka and Petryszyn - 1991)

Awards of Merit

H. 'Atlantis' (Avent and Hansen)
H. 'Hanky Panky' (H. Hansen)
H. 'Journey's End' (H. Hansen)
H. 'Manhattan' (O. Petryszyn)
H. 'Millennium' (J. Wilkens)
H. 'Robert Frost' (Wm. & E. Lachman)
H. 'Tiny Tears' (R. Savory)
H. 'Wolverine' (J. Wilkens)

Honorable Mention

H. 'Blue Angel' (*P. Aden)
H. 'Blue Ice' (R. Benedict)
H. 'Dawn's Early Light' (O. Petryszyn)
H. 'Fragrant Bouquet' (*P. Aden)
H. 'Hoosier Dome' (O. Petryszyn)
H. 'Invincible' (*P. Aden)
H. 'Ivory Coast' (D. Savory)
H. 'Key West' (O. Petryszyn)
H. 'Powderpuff' (F. Nyikos)
H. 'Sum and Substance' (*P. Aden)
H. 'Sun Power' (*P. Aden)

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2011 Winner

H. 'Blue Mouse Ears' (E & J Deckert)

Awards of Merit

H. 'Satisfaction' (C. Wasitis)
H. 'Silver Bay' (D. Dean)
H. 'Cathedral Windows' (H. Hansen)
H. 'Olive Bailey Langdon' (R. O'harra)

Honorable Mention

H. 'Millennium' (J. Wilkins)
H. 'Robert Frost' (W & E Lachman)
H. 'Wolverine' (J. Wilkins)
H. 'Leading Lady' (J. Wilkins)
H. 'Pearl Lake' (Piedmont Gardens)
H. 'Emerald Necklace' (Kuk's Forest Nursery)

2010 Winner

H. 'Sagae' (K. Watanabe/AHS)

Awards of Merit

H. 'Earth Angel' (H. Hansen)
H. 'Niagara Falls' (O. Petryszyn)
H. 'First Frost' (R. Solberg)
H. 'Lemon Lime' (R. Savory)
H. 'Baby Bunting' (R. Savory)
H. 'Brother Stephan' (O. Petryszyn)
H. 'Old Glory' (H. Hansen & Shady Oaks Nursery)
H. 'Grand Tiara' (A. Pollock)
H. 'Formal Attire' (K. Vaughn)
H. 'Hadsen Blue' (E. Smith & P. Ruh)
H. 'Dream Weaver' (B. Ruetenik & K. Walek)
H. 'Frosted Jade' (L. Maroushek)
H. 'Christmas Tree' (K. Vaughn & M. Seaver)
H. 'Cracker Crumbs' (R. Solberg)

Honorable Mention

H. 'Cathedral Windows' (H. Hansen)
H. 'Hanky Panky' (H. Hansen)
H. 'Popo' (R. O'Harra)
H. 'American Sweetheart' (H. Hansen)
H. 'Lemon Meringue' (P. Ruh)
H. 'Atlantis' (T. Avent & H. Hansen)
H. 'Lakeside Dragonfly' (M. Chastain)
H. 'Holy Moly' (H. Hansen)
H. 'Glory' (R. Savory)
H. 'Azure Snow' (P. Ruh)
H. 'Blue Hawaii' (O. Petryszyn)
H. 'Whiskey Sour' (R. Solberg)
H. 'Brave Amherst' (W & E Lachman)
H. 'Journey's End' (H. Hansen)
H. 'Ebb Tide' (E. Elslager)
H. 'Ann Kulpa' (J. Kulpa)
H. 'American Masterpiece' (V. Wade)

2009 Winner

H. 'June' (NEO Plants Ltd.)

Awards of Merit

H. 'Guacamole' (R. Solberg)
H. 'Inniswood' (Inniswood Metro Gardens)
H. 'Spilt Milk' (M. Seaver)
H. 'One Man's Treasure' (R. Solberg)
H. 'Queen Josephine' (Kuk's Forest Nursery)
H. sieboldiana 'Elegans' (AHS)
H. 'Golden Tiara' (R. Savory)
H. 'Salute' (H. & D. Benedict)
H. 'Francee' (M. Klopping & AHS)
H. 'Torchlight' (W. & E. Lachman) (tie)
H. 'Touch of Class' (H. Hansen & Shady Oaks Nursery) (tie)

Honorable Mention

1. H. 'Niagara Falls' (W. Brincka & O. Petryszyn)
2. H. 'Frosted Jade' (L. Maroushek)
3. H. 'Earth Angel' (H. Hansen)
4. H. 'First Frost' (R. Solberg)
5. H. 'Lemon Lime' (R. Savory)
6. H. 'Tiny Tears' (R. Savory)
7. H. 'Brother Stefan' (O. Petryszyn)
8. H. 'Blue Wedgwood' (E. Smith & BHHS)
9. H. 'Cracker Crumbs' (R. Solberg)
10. H. 'Manhattan' (W. Brincka & O. Petryszyn) (tie)
11. H. 'Silver Bay' (D. Dean) (tie)
12. H. 'Fried Bananas' (R. Solberg)
13. H. 'Key Lime Pie' (H. Hansen) (tie)
14. H. 'Lakeside Baby Face' (M. Chastain) (tie)
15. H. 'Van Wade' (B. Kuk)

2008 Winner

H. 'One Man's Treasure' (Robert Solberg)

Awards of Merit

H. 'June' (NEO Plants Ltd.)
H. 'Sagae' (K. Watanabe)
H. 'Blue Mouse Ears' (E and J Deckert)
H. 'Striptease' (Criss Thompson-Aughtman)
H. 'Gold Standard' (Pauline Banyai)
H. 'Halcyon' (Eric Smith)
H. 'Regal Splendor' (Walters Gardens, Inc.)
H. 'Krossa Regal' (Gus Krossa)
H. 'Whirlwind' (John Kulpa)
H. 'Stained Glass' (Hans Hansen)

Honorable Mention

H. 'One Man's Treasure' (Robert Solberg)
H. 'Inniswood' (Inniswood Metro Gardens)
H. 'Hadspen Blue' (Eric Smith and Peter Ruh)
H. 'Touch of Class' (Hans Hansen & Shady Oaks Nursery)
H. 'Baby Bunting' (Robert Savory)
H. 'Blue Jay' (R. H. Benedict)
H. 'Piedmont Gold' (F. Henry Payne)
H. 'Satisfaction' (Bridgewood Gardens)
H. 'Teaspoon' (Frank Nyikos)
H. 'Olive Bailey Langdon' (Russ O'Harra Hosta Society)
H. 'Jewel of the Nile' (Kevin Walek)
H. 'Aristocrat' (Walters Gardens, Inc.)
H. 'Alvatine Taylor' (Fairway Enterprises)
H. 'Lakeside Cha Cha' (Mary Chastain)
H. 'Grand Prize' (tie) (Walters Gardens, Inc.)
H. 'Lakeside Black Satin' (tie) (Mary Chastain)
H. 'Tambourine' (tie) (William & Eleanor Lachman)

2007 Winner

H. 'Whirlwind' (John Kulpa)

Awards of Merit & Honorable Mentions

H. 'Regal Splendor' (Walters Gardens, Inc.)
H. 'Whirlwind' (John Kulpa)
H. 'Queen Josephine' (Bob Kuk)
H. 'Salute' (H. & D. Benedict)
H. 'Alex Summers' (tie) (Vic Santa Lucia)
H. 'Formal Attire' (tie) (Kevin C. Vaughn)
H. 'Grand Tiara' (tie) (Ali Pollock)
H. 'Golden Tiara' (Robert P Savory)
H. 'Torchlight' (William & Eleanor Lachman)
H. 'Lakeside Shore Master' (Mary Chastain)
H. 'Mildred Seaver' (Kevin C. Vaughn)
H. 'Diana Remembered' (tie) (John Kulpa)
H. 'Northern Exposure' (tie) (Walters Gardens, Inc.)
H. 'Fried Green Tomatoes' (tie) (Robert Solberg)
H. 'Old Glory' (tie) (Hans Hansen and Shady Oaks Nursery)

2006 Winner

H. 'Gold Standard' (Pauline Banyai)

Awards of Merit & Honorable Mentions

H. 'Sagae' (K. Watanabe)
H. 'June' (NEO Plants Ltd.)
H. 'Striptease' (Criss Thompson-Aughtman)
H. 'Halcyon' (Eric Smith)
H. 'Krossa Regal' (Gus Krossa)
H. 'Gold Standard' (Pauline Banyai)
H. 'Guacamole' (Robert Solberg)
H. 'Stained Glass' (Tie) (Hans Hansen)
H. 'Spilt Milk' (Tie) (Mildred Seaver)
H. 'Blue Mouse Ears' (E and J Deckert)
H. 'Francee' (Minnie Klopping)
H. 'Christmas Tree' (Kevin Vaughn/Mildred Seaver)
H. sieboldiana 'Elegans' (AHS)
H. 'Dream Weaver' (Tie) (Bonnie Ruetenik and Kevin Walek)
H. 'September Sun' (Tie) (Robert Solberg)