



Alan Jones Honored by IPPS

Alan Jones, owner of Manor View Farm in Monkton, Maryland, was recently presented with the prestigious Award of Merit from the Eastern Region of the International Plant Propagators' Society. The Award of Merit is the highest honor the Eastern Region can bestow upon a member.

"It's an honor to be recognized by the members of this wonderful organization," Jones says. "I continue to be amazed by what you can learn from IPPS and how the Society has benefited the industry. I look forward to being involved with IPPS for years to come." Alan accepted his award before an audience of IPPS members and guests in Louisville, Kentucky.

One member from the Eastern Region is selected each year for significant contributions to the field of plant propagation and production. This can be in the form of the development of new practices or techniques; services rendered to the science and practice of plant propagation and production; and/or extraordinary service to the Society. Jones is recognized this year for his contribution to all of these areas.

Manor View Farm is a 100 acre nursery that includes a Landscape Distribution Center, field production and a propagation division. They strive to provide customers with the ultimate in quality products and services and welcome the challenge of locating hard to find plant varieties, finding larger sizes or meeting critical deadlines. They are continually looking for new and better plant varieties, new and unique growers and suppliers, more efficient equipment and better delivery systems.

An IPPS member since 1979, Jones' service to the Society has been extraordinary. He is a past president of the Eastern Region, has served on the regional board of directors and eleven different committees. He also currently represents the Eastern Region while serving on the International IPPS Board of Directors. In 2000, he was awarded the IPPS Eastern Region Fellow Award. Today he remains active on the Eastern Region Foundation Board as well.

Alan was born in London, England and developed his passion for horticulture working in the Royal Gardens at Windsor Castle before going off to college. In 1978 he graduated from Pershore College of Horticulture in Worcester and went on to work for Oakover nurseries in Kent as their propagator. He became involved with the IPPS Region of Great Britain and Ireland in 1978. He immigrated to the United States in 1984 where he worked at Princeton Nurseries, rising to the rank of Vice President. In 1995, Alan became the Production Manager for Manor View Farms. He is currently one of the owners of Manor View.

Dedicating his life to plants, Jones is a true horticulturalist who demonstrates a keen eye for new and improved plants. He discovered a fastigiate form of *Quercus palustris* growing in Princeton's fields that is known today as *Quercus palustris* 'Green Pillar'. Jones introduced *Thuja* x 'Steeplechase' and more recently *Chionanthus virginicus* 'White Knight'.

Jones is a member of many state and national associations and has been recognized as a leader in the nursery industry. He most recently received the Horticultural Industries Leadership award for Maryland for his outstanding contributions to the industry and to his community. The recipients of this award were said to be "both loved and respected by their peers and customers—and that they were successful, in almost every way imaginable." Jones is a strong supporter of ANLA as well as a member of the Royal Horticultural society in England. He has been named a Fellow of the Institute of Horticulture in the UK.