



## **Scott Clark Honored by the IPPS Eastern Region**

Scott Clark was recently elected as a Fellow of the Eastern Region of the International Plant Propagators' Society at their annual meeting in Louisville, KY. The Fellows Award is an honor the Region awards to its members for exceptional service to the Society and to the advancement of the field of propagation and production.

An IPPS member since 1991, Clark has supported IPPS consistently over the years. He has served on numerous committees, most notably as Chair of the Finance Committee, a position he currently holds. He has assisted in arranging meetings, coordinating tours and serving on the Eastern Region Board of Directors for a three-year term of service. Scott is well known for providing AV assistance at the annual conferences for many years. Upon accepting his award in Louisville, Clark praised IPPS as a "down to earth" organization and urged members to get involved, humbly stating he "got more out of it than what he put in".

Since 2006, Clark has been the head grower at Pinewood Perennial Gardens in Cutchogue, NY. This premier wholesale growing operation is situated on 17 acres of land in the hamlet of Cutchogue, NY, a quaint town on the north fork of Long Island. Currently, over 600 taxa of herbaceous and woody perennials are produced in sizes ranging from quart to 5 gallon containers.

Clark received his Bachelor of Sciences in Horticulture degree in 1981 from Pennsylvania State University and his Master of Sciences in Horticulture in 1984, also from Penn State. He began his employment at Cornell Cooperative Extension of Suffolk County as a Nursery Specialist in January 1987 and remained in the position for nearly 20 years. Scott was a very effective Extension Educator for the commercial horticulture industries on Long Island including nursery production and landscape maintenance where he developed an excellent rapport with these industries.

Scott was responsible for bringing scores of people into the Certified Nursery/Landscape Professional (CNLP) program (run by the New York State Nursery and Landscape Association or NYSNLA) by creating an innovative, intensive study program on Long Island. He was the driving force behind the massive revision and update to the CNLP Study Manual. Clark received the Gold Medal of Horticulture in 1999 from NYSNLA for his efforts.

In addition to his service to IPPS, Clark is involved in the Nassau/Suffolk Landscape Gardeners association where he develops the educational program for their Annual Professional Turf, Plant and Tree conference, an event billed as one of the largest one-day turf and tree conferences in the nation. NSLGA awarded Scott with the Suffolk Chapter 2009 Bill Lehr Award in appreciation for his dedication and service.