

Thursday Evening, December 13, 1990

The Fortieth Annual Banquet was held in the Gold/White Hall of the Stouffer Tower City Plaza Hotel, Cleveland, Ohio.

Peter Vermeulen gave the invocation as a poem he wrote in honor of the 40th anniversary celebration:

A Dream, A Theme, A Team Supreme

The scriptures declare that "to seek is to find".

Though it speaks of a sharing of a different kind it applies just as well, and is tried and true that to truly excel one must think and then do.

It was that kind of spirit in our founder, Jim Wells who had a mind for the future that in all great men dwells, a mind that had vision, the kind that foretells of great things to happen, and all doubt dispels.

There's another great truth we should learn and keep — that as one sows, so shall one reap And yet another, for all to know and believe — that when one asks from the heart one shall surely receive

For forty years now our Society's dare to each of our members is to seek and to share. As we travel our lives, may our work and our dreams ever reflect that most worthy of themes.

From humble beginnings our I.P.P.S. name has achieved the honor of world-wide acclaim because of a selfless desire to show to others the knowledge that God did bestow.

For all wisdom and knowledge come from above and are given to us to share them with love.

So we thank you Lord for each vision and dream — past, present and future, of each on our team of layman and scholar and researcher, all who have stirred in their hearts and answered the call to improve what was given, and with brotherly care did practice our motto—

"TO SEEK AND TO SHARE"

1990 RESEARCH GRANT

DR. DEBORAH McCOWN: On behalf of the Research Committee and the members of the Eastern Region of the International Plant Propagators' Society, I would like to present this years Research Grant Award. This year's grant is \$2,000.

The committee received six excellent applications and had a difficult time selecting the single grant application to receive the award. If your grant was not the one selected, I encourage you to resubmit it this year. I would encourage all members to submit proposals they believe of interest to plant propagators. The application form is only one page and the value of the 1991 grant is \$4,000.

This year's Research Grant has been awarded to Dr. Patricia S. Holloway, Associate Professor of Horticulture, University of Alaska at Fairbanks. Dr. Holloway's proposal is titled: Vegetative Propagation of the lingonberry, *Vaccinium vitis-idaea*.

I had an opportunity to meet Dr. Halloway in November at the American Society for Horticultural Science meeting in Tucson, Arizona. She was very pleased to receive the IPPS Research Grant and was excited about the project. Unfortunately, other commitments, financial considerations, and climatic constraints prevent her from being here tonight. I spent two years at the University of Alaska and know not only how expensive it is to travel to the "lower 48" but also how difficult it is to fly out of Fairbanks when it is -30° F and blanketed in a thick ice fog.

Dr. Steve Still made the following Fellow Award presentations.

EASTERN REGION FELLOW AWARDS

During early 1990 the Executive Committee of the IPPS Eastern Region finalized plans for the Eastern Region Fellow Awards. This prestigious award was created to honor Eastern Region members for contributions to the Region and to plant propagation.

Fellows of the Region are to be recognized for outstanding contributions to plant propagation in one or more areas. These include leadership in plant propagation in industry or in the areas of teaching, research, or extension activities related to plant propagation. Contributions to Region functions are also considered.

Recipients of the Fellow Award must be active members of the Eastern Region with at least 10 years of membership. Any Eastern Region member may make one or more nominations of an individual(s) for the award.

Tonight it is my pleasure to present the first class of Fellows of the Eastern Region—International Plant Propagators' Society.

Our first award recipient is **Dr. Len Stoltz**. In the academic area Len has taught plant propagation at the University of Kentucky. He was one of the earlier pioneers in tissue culture in the Eastern Region. I am sure that many of you remember his presentation on how to develop a practical tissue culture lab in your kitchen. Len served many years as the Editor for the Eastern Region. He served as the Eastern Region President in 1983-84.

Our second recipient is **Kathleen Freeland**. Kathy's career in plant propagation has spanned several states. She has been an