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History of Shepard Award

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The Shepard Award was instituted to recognize outstanding research and to promote the publication of good research in the official publication of the American Pomological Society. Currently the Shepard Award is presented for the best research paper published each year in *Fruit Varieties Journal.*

The American Pomological Society first presented an award in 1961 for the two best papers in Volume 14 of *Fruit Varieties and Horticultural Digest.* This was coordinated by Dr. Andrew Leon Havis and the prize consisted of the five most recent volumes of *Fruit Varieties and Horticultural Digest* bound between hard covers, or a book of the winner's choice (price limit set by the Secretary).

In 1962 this award was named the Paul Howe Shepard Award in honor of Paul Howe Shepard, the deceased past president of the American Pomological Society. Paul Shepard had served as president in 1959-60 and on the executive board in 1961. Paul Shepard was awarded the Wilder Certificate at the 73rd Annual American Pomological Society meeting in 1959 for his many horticultural achievements. A bibliography on Dr. Shepard was published in *Fruit Varieties and Horticultural Digest* in 1962, 16(2):28. He was born in 1890 and died suddenly at the American Society for Horticultural Science Annual Meeting in 1961.

In 1983 it was voted to drop the book award completely and to only present a Certificate of Award.

The following cirteria are used to choose the best paper:

1. The paper must be a research paper. It should receive a higher rating if the research findings are replicated (for example, rootstock trials replicated at least twice either by year or location). Observational reports will not be rated as highly unless they contain very useful or unusual information.
2. The paper contains new, useful and/or unusual information.
3. The information is presented in a clear and accurate manner.
4. The information is useful to a large part of the American Pomological Society membership.

The chairmen for the Shepard Award Committees have been:

A. W. Havis	1961
W. P. Judkins	1962-1965
A. N. Roberts	1966
R. P. Larsen	1967
E. S. Banta	1968-1972
E. T. Andersen	1973-1982
D. W. Ramming	1983-Present

Shepard awards have been given for the following papers:

G. M. Darrow. 1960. Strawberry Varieties—Past, Present and Future. 14(1): 7-10.

Paul Stark, Jr. 1960. Fruit Growing in the South Pacific. 14(4):65-68.

Jules Janick and G. E. Marshall. 1961. Yield-size Relationship of Strawberry Varieties. 15(2):29-32.

James Mowry. 1961. Climatic Conditions and Attractiveness of Apple Varieties. 15(2):33-37.

J. Eliot Coit. 1962. Horticultural Aspects of Jojobe. 16(2):32-34.

Leon Havis. 1962. Peach Breeding by the United States Department of Agriculture. 16(3):54-56.

J. P. Overcash. 1963. Heat and Chilling Requirements for Plum Blossoming in Mississippi. 17(2):33-35.

Gerald M. Weaver. 1963. Influence of Rootstock on Susceptibility of Peach to Peach Canker. 17(3):43-44.

Loren D. Tukey. 1964. A Comparison of Fruit Sizing Among Early and Late Peach Varieties. 18(1):11-13.

D. R. Walker and J. L. Anderson. 1964. Performance of Apple Varieties on Various Roots and Interstems. 18(4):74-76.

K. Lapins. 1965. The Lambert Compact Cherry. 19(2):23-24.

Gerald M. Weaver. 1966. Response of Peach Varieties to Blossom Frost. 20(4):66-68.

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M. H. Westwood, Nader Kadivar and H. O. Bjoinstad. 1967. Differences in Growth, Chemical Content and Fruit Set Among Four Sports of Delicious Apple. 21(4):72-74.

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W. L. Ackerman. 1969. Fruit Bud Hardiness in North Caucasian Seedlings and Other Foreign Peach Introductions. 23(1):14-16.

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G. D. Oberlee. 1974. New Varieties from the Virginia Fruit Breeding Program. 28(3):50-58.

David Ferree and Clifford Morrison. 1975. An Evaluation of Selected Cultivars. Rootstocks and Hardy Interstocks. 29(2):26-29.

Carl W. Haeseler and Robert B. Beelman. 1976. Characteristics of the Wine Grape Cultivar, 'DeChaunac,' as Grown in Erie County, PA. 30(2):65-69.

R. C. Funt and B. L. Rogers. 1977. Nutrient Level and Seed Number in Magness Pear as Related to Fruitfulness. 31(4):4-6.

Patrick Pierquet and Cecil Stushnoff. 1978. Variation and Breeding Potential of some Northern Clones of *Vitis riparia* Michx. 32(4):74-84.

J. N. Cummins. 1979. Exotic Rootstocks for Cherries. 33(3):74-84.

T. K. Toyama. 1980. The Pollen Receptivity Period and its Relation to Fruit Setting in Stone Fruits. 34 (1)2-4.

R. E. C. Layne. 1982. Cold Hardiness of Peaches and Nectarines Following a Test Winter. 36(4):90-98.

Delmer O. Ketchie. 1984. Flowering Spur Formation and Limb Angles of Delicious Apple Strains. 38(4): 150-152.

James F. Hancock. 1985. Yield Stability in 10 Cultivars of Strawberry. 39 (1):18-21.

Roy Simons, Richard Hayden, Paul Domoto, Frank Morrison, Gerald Brown, William Lord, Ronald Perry, Michele Warmund, David Ferree and Elden Stang. 1986. NC-140 1976 Cooperative Apple Interstem Planting. 40(4):108-115.

G. W. Eaton. 1987. Yield Components in Several Apple Clones. 41(2):73-79.

E. F. Durner and F. X. Rooney. 1988. 'Rio Oso Gem' and 'Loring' Peach Flower Bud and Wood Hardiness as Affected by Different Rootstocks. 42(4):134-138.

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We hope the Shepard Award will continue to give incentive to researchers to publish outstanding research in the *Fruit Varieties Journal.*