

## **Andy Babb**

**2015 Inductee**

**Federation of Northwest Dahlia Growers Hall of Fame**

In the early 1920s, Andy Babb was instrumental in promoting the Kitsap County Dahlia Society through its infancy. Over the years he shared his knowledge of growing and exhibiting dahlias with many new members. In 1966 he introduced Zing (A SC LB W/PK), which was popular for many years.

In 1976 Andy was named Director of the ADS Pacific Northwest Trial Garden in Tacoma. At that time the trial garden was situated in Point Defiance Park on a hill overlooking Commencement Bay. He held this position until 1985.

During the early years of the Federation of Northwest Dahlia Growers, Andy continued to share his knowledge of the dahlia at workshops and judging classes. Those who knew and worked with him remember him as being dignified, patient, and a true gentleman. Andy passed away in 2001 at the age of 92.

Kitsap County Dahlia Society members would like to honor Andy Babb for his 60 years of gentle and supportive promotion of dahlias and dahlia growers.