

David and Leone Smith
2011 Inductees
Federation of Northwest Dahlia Growers Hall of Fame

David and Leone Smith began exhibiting their dahlias in 1988 and have been a moving force in the Federation ever since. For many years they taught the candidate judges class and gave many of us a great foundation to go on to become senior judges. They also did the incredibly difficult job of judges evaluation with great care about the difficult issue of keeping judges current — and also keeping them judging. The Smiths also helped the ADS by being on the Classification Committee which makes much extra work at local shows and requires trying to get a deciding vote with other members. The Smiths have, over the years, given many an enlightening program at the Federation workshops. They are teachers by career and have never stopped helping teach the of growing dahlias whenever they were asked.

David and Leone are well known all over the world for their many originations. Chimacum dahlias are shown and grown everywhere as are many of their Valley dahlias. Chimacum Troy, Chimacum Topaz, and Chimacum Katie are just a few. In addition, they originated Valley Porcupine which is different from most other dahlias. They have also originated some of the very best-formed ball dahlias that there are.

For many years, the Smiths were members of Washington State Dahlia Society while they lived in the Tacoma area. Their involvement with the local club, the Federation, and ADS has always been about promoting the dahlia. Since they moved to Chimacum after retiring from teaching they are members of the Kitsap County Dahlia Society, where they are also involved with club matters.

We believe that David and Leone Smith are exactly what the Federation of Northwest Dahlia Growers Hall of Fame is all about.