

Richard Williams
2014 Inductee
Federation of Northwest Dahlia Growers Hall of Fame

Dick is an outstanding contributor to the dahlia world for his Skiplely dahlia originations. Thirteen of his originations were listed in the 2014 *ADS Classification and Handbook of Dahlias*. Dick has disseminated 37 varieties, beginning with *Skiplely Road* (B-IC-DP) in 1989.

Many of his introductions have been exhibited and have won higher awards since Skiplely Road arrived. Dick has also won many dahlia show awards for his own entries, including best in show at the 2004 American Dahlia Society Show (hosted by the Federation of Northwest Dahlia Growers) for the cultivar Embrace.

For approximately 20 years, Dick planted and maintained the Everett train station dahlia garden as a member of the Snohomish County Dahlia Society.

A dahlia grower for over 40 years, he has also been a senior judge for many years in the Federation and has consistently supported and exhibited at Federation shows, entering the highest-quality blooms, whether his originations or other cultivars.

Both Dick and Gloria have also supported the Seattle Dahlia Society in many roles. Dick has been chairman of judges for the Seattle show for many years and a trustee for both the Seattle and the Snohomish County societies.

As a respected dahlia expert, he has routinely contributed educational programs for fellow members of local dahlia societies and offered mentoring for novice growers.

In addition, Dick has won the Derrill W. Hart Medal (highest 3 average Trial Garden scores of the year) for *Skiplely Fair Lady*, *Skiplely Spot O'Gold*, and *Skiplely Grande*. He has also won the Lynn B. Dudley Medal (highest Seedling Bench scoring) for *Skiplely Bonanza* and *Skiplely Lois Jean* (which also won the 2012 National Show Seedling Achievement Award with a score of 91.56).

We are pleased to nominate Dick Williams to the Federation Hall of Fame.