

Dick & Susan Ambrose

2010 Inductee

Federation of Northwest Dahlia Growers Hall of Fame

Snohomish County Dahlia Society nominates Dick and Susan Ambrose for inclusion into the Federation Hall of Fame. Dick and Susan are renowned worldwide as hybridizers of fully double dahlias; the American Dahlia Society recognizes nearly 90 cultivars as Ambrose introductions. Their introductions have garnered 6 Lynn B. Dudley awards, 5 Derrill W. Hart awards, 2 Stanley Johnson medals, and several international awards as well. Dick and Susan have been involved in dahlias since 1973 and they continue to develop new varieties and exhibit winning dahlias at many of our Federation shows.

In addition to hybridizing, Dick and Susan have contributed in many ways to the Federation of Northwest Dahlia Growers. They were central characters in the founding of the Federation. Dick has been a Federation judging instructor for many years and also served as classification committee chairman. He has held numerous offices in both the Snohomish and Skagit dahlia societies.

For nearly 20 years, Susan maintained the show records for the Federation. She is an editor of *Dahlias of Today* and wrote the feature article on new variety introductions in the Pacific Northwest starting with the first edition in 1982 and continuing until 2006. It is hard to imagine a dahlia world in the Pacific Northwest without their many contributions.