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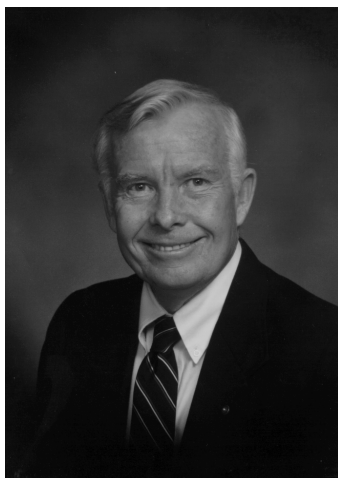
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THE PORTER HENEGAR MEMORIAL AWARD
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**Dr. Jerry T. Walker Receives
Porter Henegar Memorial Award**

The Southern Nurserymen's Association (SNA) honored University of Georgia's Dr. Jerry T. Walker by presenting him with the 1994 Porter Henegar Memorial Award on Friday, August 5. The award was presented during the recent 39th annual SNA Horticultural Research Conference, which is held in conjunction with the SNA Horticultural Trade Show. The award, originally known as the Research Award of Merit, was created in 1968 to honor those individuals who have made outstanding contributions to ornamental horticulture research and more specifically to the SNA. In 1972, the award was renamed the Porter Henegar Memorial Award to honor one of SNA's past Executive Secretaries, the late Porter Henegar.

Dr. Walker is a Professor of Plant Pathology and has been the head of the Plant Pathology Department at the University of Georgia (UGA), Griffin, Georgia for the past 21 years. He has published more than 100 scientific papers, mostly related to ornamentals, nematodes and air pollution. He is currently a contributing author to World Book. He received an A.B. Degree from Miami University, Oxford, Ohio and M.S. and Ph.D. degrees from Ohio State University. Prior to his position at UGA, he worked 8 years as a plant pathologist and researcher at the Brooklyn Botanical Garden, NY.

THE
BRYSON L. JAMES
STUDENT RESEARCH COMPETITION

1994 AWARDS

This long-standing program was renamed in August 1989, in honor of Dr. Bryson L. James, Director of Horticultural Research for the Southern Nurserymen's Association. Dr. James has been an active participant and leader in the annual Research Conference for more than 30 years and the award, named in his honor, is a tribute to his tireless efforts on behalf of the researchers, the association and the industry. Listed below are the guidelines for the Student Competition as well as this year's winners:

1. Any student of a university or college having researchers that participate in the Southern Nurserymen's Association Research Workers Conference and not more than a one (1) academic year removed from graduation and whose research was completed prior to graduation.
2. Research is to be that of the presenter and a part of his/her educational studies. Contract work, unless a part of a thesis or classroom report (credit given), is not acceptable since it may provide unlimited funding and an unfair advantage.
3. Previous first-place winners are not eligible.
4. The student must have submitted a title to the SNA Conference Chairman by the specified time in the Call For Titles. The paper should be submitted to the Section Chairman for the Student Paper Award no later than **July 1**. Also, a copy should be sent to the appropriate "topic" Section Chairman.
5. The paper should follow the guidelines for the SNA Research Workers Conference in relation to format and subject matter.
6. The student and his advisor should be listed as co-authors.
7. Oral presentation must be limited to seven (7) minutes. An additional three (3) minutes will be allotted for questions. A penalty of two (2) points per minute or part thereof for every minute over seven (7) minutes will be assessed.
8. Judging shall be based on preparation of the paper (50 points) and oral presentation (100 points). Total 150 points.

1994 AWARD WINNERS

1st Place - \$1,000.00	Jeff L. Sibley, Auburn University
2nd Place - \$ 600.00	Chris Wilson, Clemson University
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