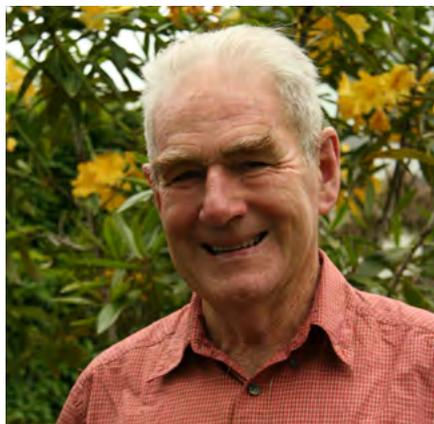


2012 Royal New Zealand Institute of Horticulture Awards

Award in Garden History

Alan Jellyman



The Award in Garden History is granted to any nominated individual or organisation within New Zealand making distinguished contributions to horticultural history and conservation. Such contributions may include

scholarly publications on any aspect of horticultural history or of the development of cultivated plants.

Alan Jellyman is an eminent horticulturist and a distinguished Associate of Honour of the Institute. Recently he completed a detailed account, *The growing world of Duncan and Davies*, a history of what is arguably New Zealand's most important ever plant nursery¹.

Alan Jellyman was well placed to write a history of Duncan and Davies. He started as an apprentice with the firm in 1957 as a 17 year old and has spent essentially all his horticultural career at New Plymouth. He is a Trustee of the Sir Victor Davies Foundation for Research

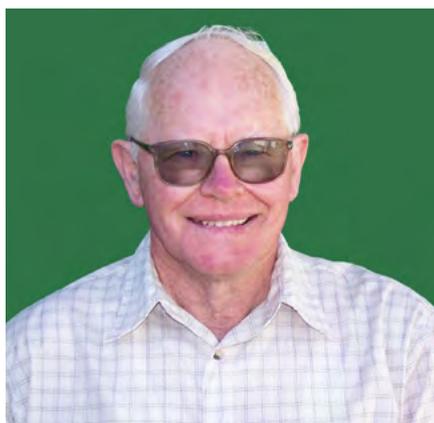
into Ornamental Horticulture which commissioned and published the work. He has interviewed many of the Davies family and former staff and has also done much detailed research, quoting extensively from old catalogues and local newspapers.

His book is a comprehensive account of an essential part of New Zealand's horticultural history and it is also an important contribution to business history and Taranaki local history. We are fortunate that such an important account should have been written by a person as uniquely qualified as Alan Jellyman.

**Citation prepared by
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Plant Raisers' Award

James (Jim) Palmer Rumbal



Jim Rumbal has the distinction of being the longest serving staff member of Duncan and Davies Nurseries (D&D), one of New Zealand's most renowned nurseries. In the 43 years since his apprenticeship began in 1961, he worked extensively in the fields of

plant selection, propagation, research and development of growth regulators and chemical pruning techniques to encourage stronger flowering. Jim was also closely involved with pioneering techniques for growing magnolias from softwood cuttings instead of the traditional layer method. This resulted in plants which could be propagated more quickly and came into flower sooner.

During his time with the research division of D&D (from 1984 until his retirement in 2004) Jim had a close association with the development and production of a wide range of selections, and much of his time was spent maturing plants for the Japanese and North American markets. Sourcing of new and improved plant selections from the Northern Hemisphere was an

important part of his job. *Acer*, *Cercis*, *Cornus* and *Magnolia* were imported for both domestic and export markets. Jim became an expert in raising these plants within the strict quarantine regimes associated with their import and export. His expertise was further in demand for his ability to raise deciduous plants and overcome their dormancy factors in an environment six months out of synch with the hemisphere change.

Jim spent considerable time working with cordylines, primarily for the export market and was an early customer of tissue propagation laboratories for this genus. A range of New Zealand releases were developed under his research programme at D&D and *Cordyline australis* 'Pacific Dawn' (= *C.* 'Southern Splendour') was also widely grown overseas.

¹ Reviewed in the *New Zealand Garden Journal*, 2011, Vol. 14, No. 2, pp. 18–20.

Also well-known is Jim's work with *Pseudopanax*, bringing *P. lessonii* 'Forest Gem', and a range of selections to the domestic market.

The three cultivars for which Jim has been awarded the 2012 Plant Raisers' Award are *Acer palmatum* 'Winter Flame', *Metrosideros carminea* 'Carousel' and *Pseudopanax lessonii* 'Forest Gem'.

In Alan Jellyman's book *The growing world of Duncan & Davies*, he commented (p. 232): "...many

notable new introductions in the 20 years from 1984 had the hand of Jim Rumbal [sic.] stamped indelibly across them...". Jellyman also stated that resolving problems in getting plants to the export market was Jim's forte. Jim was also responsible for compiling data for the D&D plant catalogues familiar to most horticulturists and often among the most consulted catalogues in the pile.

Jim Rumbal has been a quiet hero of and for horticulture in New Zealand.

He is very deserving of the RNZIH Plant Raisers' Award in 2012.

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Some plant selections raised by Jim Rumbal

Acer palmatum selections:

- A. 'Earthfire', A. 'Geisha',
- A. 'Gwen's Rose Delight' (marketed as Shirazz™), A. 'Lace Lady', A. 'Moss Gold', A. 'Winter Flame' and others

Chamaecyparis obtusa 'Confucius'

Cordyline selections: C. 'Misty',
C. *australis* 'Pacific Dawn' and
C. *australis* 'Pacific Star'

Corynocarpus laevigatus 'Brightly'

Daphne odora 'Cameo'

Juniperus conferta 'Emerald Ruffles'

Leucadendron 'Jester' (hybrid cultivar)

Liriodendron tulipifera 'Snow Bird'

Meryta sinclairii 'Cream Edge'

Metrosideros carminea 'Carousel'

Pseudopanax hybrids: P. 'Dark Star',

P. 'Destiny', P. 'Dreamtime',

P. 'Fiddlesticks', P. 'Gecko Gold'

and P. 'Thundercloud'

Rhododendron 'Cornubia Variegated'

Rhododendron Vireya hybrids:

R. 'Bright Butterflies', R. 'Golden

Chimes', R. 'Java Rose',

R. 'Orange Queen' and others

Also many *Camellia* hybrid seedlings produced by Les Jury and raised to maturity by Jim Rumbal. Several of these were selected and introduced to both the domestic and export markets, including C. 'Avalanche', C. 'Burgundy Gem', C. 'Cameo Rose', C. 'Fuchsia Magic', C. 'Les Jury', C. 'Ruby Wedding', C. 'Scarlet Ballerina', C. 'Sir Victor Davies', C. 'Treasure Trove'

Fellow of the Royal New Zealand Institute of Horticulture (FRIH)

Kerei Thompson



Fellowship of the RNZIH recognises those who have made a significant contribution to horticulture by their activities or interest in or service to horticulture, especially those who have made valuable contributions to the Institute.

Kerei Thompson has made many significant contributions to horticulture in New Zealand which the garden

owners who have gardens registered with the New Zealand Gardens Trust, the trustees and the members of the RNZIH are increasingly aware of.

Background

Kerei holds a Trade Certificate in Horticulture and Gardening (NZ) and the Certificate of Arboriculture from the Waikato Polytechnic. In 1991 he ventured into the private sector, forming a limited liability company, which, since 1994, has traded as Bark Limited. Since that time Kerei has overseen the steady growth of his garden management company to the point where, today, it employs more than 50 people with operations in Christchurch, Wellington, Hawke's Bay and Auckland regions. As the company has grown, Kerei has ensured that the highest standards of service and best trade practice are maintained. This unwavering commitment has earned Bark Ltd awards with the reputation of

being an industry leader in quality and performance. To maintain that reputation, he continually seeks ways to improve the management of the properties entrusted to his care and build the professional strengths of his team.

Endorsements

Gordon Collier and Bev McConnell (Associates of Honour of the RNZIH) have known Kerei for many years and both have provided generous contributions for this citation, from which these are a few excerpts.

Gordon informs us that he has known Kerei for 17 years, having first met him when Gordon was advising on the renovation of Government House garden in Wellington for Sir Michael Hardie-Boys. He says Kerei has the ability to attract and train high quality staff and to grasp the essentials of a project. Bark Ltd have maintained their contract with Government House

for 16 years and in addition to this prestigious garden he also manages the grounds of Parliament, Vogel House, Government House Auckland, The Pines and private gardens all over the country. Bark Ltd has been awarded more than ten Landscape Awards from his peers including Gold for both Wellington and Auckland Government Houses; the judge commenting "these grounds are an outstanding benchmark of garden management in the fullest sense ... embracing the long term custody of the garden ... Bark holds to a high environmental ethic."

Bev also notes that Kerei is excellent with staff and refers to his quiet innate ability to listen carefully to their problems and ideas, which inevitably produces good team results. She also points out that he is proactive in providing educational opportunities

for them, which many of us in the industry concur with and applaud him for. His thoughtful analytical mind with a keen ability to sort the wheat from the chaff with discretion is recognised by Bev, as is Kerei's generosity in giving his time and energy to Ayrlires and for being able to make sound judgments in difficult situations.

New Zealand Gardens Trust

Kerei became an assessor for the New Zealand Gardens Trust in 2005, and went on to further his involvement as a trustee in 2007, serving as Vice Chair for three years and becoming Chairman in 2011. It is during these years in the role of trustee and as Chairman that I (Mick Reece) worked closely with Kerei and came to value and admire his skills and commitment to the NZGT. I know he is extremely proud of his involvement with the Trust and I also know the NZGT has

good cause to be both grateful to, and proud of him.

He is a leader with a gift for team work and the efforts he has made to ensure the development of a professional garden assessment system is one of the testaments to his ability. The Institute and indeed the horticultural sector in New Zealand can be confident about the future when young people of this calibre are willing and able to make a difference at this level.

It has been a pleasure and a privilege to know and work with Kerei and at this point in his career and through his work with NZGT he is certainly a most worthy Fellow of the Institute.

**Citation prepared by
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from Gordon Collier and
Bev McConnell**

Award of Associate of Honour of the Royal New Zealand Institute of Horticulture (AHRIH)

Andrew David Maloy



Andrew Maloy was born in Saltcoats, Ayrshire, Scotland. After secondary education at the Ardrossan Academy, he attended the West of Scotland Agricultural College in 1970 where he studied for an Ordinary National Diploma in Commercial and General Horticulture (Scotland). His first practical training period was at the Cadbury/Schweppes raspberry farm at Montrose, Scotland and the following six months he spent at East Malling at Kent, England. His first job after graduation was as manager of a raspberry farm north of Inverness. This gave him further useful practical experience, but an even greater, more personal, benefit

was meeting Rhonda, a New Zealand student employed for the harvesting of the fruit. Andrew and Rhonda were married in 1974 and she persuaded him to come home with her to New Zealand, partly in search of a better climate for both people and plants. Scotland's loss was definitely our gain.

Andrew has now worked in horticulture in New Zealand for nearly 40 years and he has an enviable record of participation in practical horticulture, in teaching at an advanced level, in writing, and in giving extension advice to gardeners. His first job in New Zealand was with Lyndale Nurseries in Auckland where he specialised in propagation and production. He then started his own business with Rhonda growing indoor plants, but in 1984 took a part-time job as a field officer for the horticulture cadet scheme. He was soon asked to do some teaching at Carrington Technical Institute (now Unitec) and this evolved into a full-time job (1991–1997) with him teaching horticulture, garden and plant care and management. While at Carrington he recognised the need

for textbooks prepared specifically for New Zealand conditions and he wrote *Plants for free: a New Zealand guide to propagation*. For many years this guidebook was a standard text for schools and polytechnics and is currently being revised. Although he is no longer with Unitec he is still a tutor for the Open Polytechnic course in horticulture and a subject specialist in updating the Open Polytechnic horticulture study guides.

Andrew is approachable and enthusiastic and is particularly good in bringing horticultural information to home gardeners. He wrote a nursery column for *Commercial Horticulture* and, when he left Unitec, he took up a position with the Consumers' Institute (1998–2002) where he carried out research and prepared articles for the *Consumer Home and Garden* magazine. Topics covered solving plant problems, trialling garden products and new plant cultivars, and general garden and plant-related subjects, including propagation and the care and management of many different types of plant. Since 2003 he has been a regular contributor to *Weekend Gardener*, writing

on gardens but especially as the *Weekend Gardener* Plant Doctor giving practical but reliable advice to readers. In 2009, Andrew compiled a book based on these contributions entitled *The New Zealand Plant Doctor: Answers to your Gardening Problems*.

Andrew is now spending most of his time concentrating on his and Rhonda's bromeliad nursery and the hybridising and selection of new bromeliads. One of the most notable of his breeding achievements is *Pitcairnia hitchcockiana* 'Red Dragon' which is exclusively owned and produced by the Malbec Partnership, one of the principals of which is Maloy Nurseries Ltd. 'P. 'Red Dragon' is a novel cut flower which is soon to be grown overseas for the European market. Andrew has also produced a number of spectacular *Vriesea* cultivars. His breeding achievements are recognised both by the sales of his cultivars internationally and by the recent awarding of the De Glazen Tulp Award to the Stofbergen Plant Company for the best new product in 2010, a *Vriesea* mix including some of Andrew's hybrids.

Andrew has generously given many years of service to the Institute of which he has been a member for more than 30 years. His service was recognised in 1999 when he was elected a Fellow. Since then he was Chairman of the National Executive for two terms from 2001 to 2006. It was during his term of office that both the RNZIH Gardens Trust and the RNZIH Education Trust were established and he was the founding Chairman of the Education Trust from 2003 to 2011. This Trust has as its main aims the assistance and promotion of horticultural training and education at both the regional and national level in New Zealand. The Institute has long believed that the encouragement of horticultural education is critical. The establishment of the Education Trust and its successful development are therefore meeting one of the long term aims of the Institute. Particularly noteworthy was the setting up and running of the Young Horticulturist of the Year competition designed to inspire and acknowledge the talents of young people in the horticultural

industry. Andrew can be proud of his achievements, in the inspiration which the competition has brought to many young people and the way in which he has helped raise public awareness of the Institute. Andrew remains as a member of the Auckland Branch Committee, of which he has served as Chairman, and as associate editor of our journal, the *New Zealand Garden Journal*.

Andrew Maloy has spent nearly all his professional life as a horticulturist in New Zealand. A common theme in his work as a teacher, as a writer, and as an administrator has been his sustained fostering of horticultural education in the widest sense. It is admirable that he has contributed so much for so long, while still running his own successful bromeliad nursery. We are delighted to be able to recognise his efforts by nominating him for election as an Associate of Honour of our Institute.

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