

# 2022

# WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA

# AGRICULTURAL

# HALL OF FAME

The Western North Carolina Agricultural Hall of Fame was established in 1991 by the Board of Directors of the Western North Carolina Community Development Association, Inc. (currently known as WNC Communities) for the purpose of recognizing, encouraging, and promoting agriculture in the twenty westernmost counties of the state.

*The objectives of the Western North Carolina Agricultural Hall of Fame are as follows:*

- To identify and honor significant contributions to agriculture
- To recognize individuals who have been responsible for agricultural advancement
- To improve and promote agriculture as a result of the honorees work within the agriculture community in any phase of agriculture or agricultural-related endeavors

Selection of members for the Western North Carolina Agricultural Hall of Fame is conducted annually and the general public is invited to submit nominations for this honor according to the following guidelines and judging criteria.

## **Program Managed By:**



594 Brevard Road  
Asheville, NC 28806  
828-252-4783

## **GUIDELINES FOR SUBMITTING NOMINATION**

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Nominations may be completed by an individual or organization and the following ***must be received*** at WNC Communities by **Friday, February 25, 2022** for the Selection Committee's consideration:

- Completed nomination form (attached)
- Two letters of recommendation (maximum of five)
- Summary addressing:
  - Area the nominee impacted or served
  - Educational and professional background information
  - Achievements in the agriculture area
  - Accomplishments focusing on agriculture, including, but not limited to:
    - Awards and honors
    - Organizations and offices held
  - Elaborate on how nominee has been a pioneer in the field of agriculture
- A current picture (headshot) of the nominee will be necessary. In the event the nominee is selected, the photo will be used for a plaque and promotional materials.
- Additional relevant materials, such as newspaper clippings, brochures, etc. are welcome.

The WNC Ag Hall of Fame Committee has no obligation to reconsider previous nominees. However, previous nominations will be considered if the nomination form is updated with current documentation.

Posthumous nominations are appropriate and will be considered.

The nominee need not be a native of Western North Carolina and does not have to be living in Western North Carolina at the time of recognition. However, the accomplishments for which the individual is being nominated must have been specifically beneficial to this area. The nominee needs to be an exceptional, upstanding member of the community with integrity beyond reproach.

The formal announcement and induction of this year's members will take place at a luncheon (date to be announced) at the WNC Agricultural Center – Davis Event Center in Fletcher. Inductees will be included in promotional material designed for public distribution. Embossed bronze plaques with pictures of members of the Western North Carolina Agriculture Hall of Fame and a brief outline of their contributions are on display at the WNC Agricultural Center – Davis Event Center in Fletcher. New inductees may purchase a duplicate of the bronze plaque for their own use. The cost of the plaque is approximately \$600. The plaque can be presented during the ceremony as a gift from family and/or friends. Another option is a framed certificate to present the day of the luncheon.

## **CRITERIA FOR JUDGING**

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Area of coverage, influence and impact in all twenty counties (Ashe, Avery, Buncombe, Burke, Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Haywood, Henderson, Jackson, Macon, Madison, McDowell, Mitchell, Polk, Rutherford, Swain, Transylvania, Watauga, Yancey and the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians) as well as areas outside Western North Carolina are considered. Impact in only one county with only minimal impact in surrounding counties may score lower.

A clear and solid involvement in the agricultural field is essential – other endeavors, while important in the overall context of the individual's life, will not be the primary consideration. Content or value of an individual's contributions is compared to the standard that has been set by the previous inductees. The Committee searches for individuals who were pioneers in their field; this search includes those who were innovative and made new and lasting advancements.

# 2022 WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA AGRICULTURAL HALL OF FAME NOMINATION FORM

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## *Nominee Information:*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Please Check One:

\_\_\_\_\_ Living Nominee

\_\_\_\_\_ Posthumous Nominee

Nominee and/or family aware of the nomination:

\_\_\_\_\_ YES

\_\_\_\_\_ NO

## *Submitter information:*

Organization submitting nomination: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact person: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Evening phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Nomination package must be complete with the following items to be considered:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Completed nomination form

\_\_\_\_\_ First recommendation letter

\_\_\_\_\_ Second recommendation letter

\_\_\_\_\_ Summary including education, achievements, accomplishments & pioneer status

\_\_\_\_\_ Photo (headshot)

**Mail or deliver nomination packages to:**

WNC Communities, 594 Brevard Road, Asheville, NC 28806

**You may email nomination packages to:** [danabrown@wnccommunities.org](mailto:danabrown@wnccommunities.org)

**Nominations must be received by Friday, February 25, 2022**

**QUESTIONS:** Call 828-252-4783

## WNC AGRICULTURAL HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

2020

Terry Rogers - Haywood  
Steve Troxler – Guilford

2019

Theron Larnce Maybin Sr.- Henderson  
L.T. Ward - Buncombe

2018

Michael R. Corn – Buncombe  
William A. Holbrook – Haywood

2017

William Waightstill Avery– Avery  
W. Charles “Charlie” Jackson– Buncombe

2016

John M. Queen, III – Haywood  
Don R. Smart – Haywood

2015

William C. “Bill” Parton – Burke  
Walter A. Skroch – Ashe

2014

Kenneth R. Reeves – Buncombe  
Dr. C.R. “Dick” Unrath – Henderson

2013

David L. Lee – Buncombe  
Roger Hyatt – Graham

2012

Layten Davis – Madison  
Gwyn B. Price (P) – Ashe  
**(P) – Posthumous Award**

2011

William H. Teague – Buncombe  
Bill Yarborough - Haywood

2010

Ronald Lamb - Henderson  
Charles Ziegler - Transylvania

2009

Linda Ford – Buncombe  
Thomas Thrash - Buncombe

2008

Neal Stamey – Haywood  
Jerry Sutton – Macon

2007

J. D. Brooks – Alleghany  
Albert Plemmons – Transylvania

2006

Robert Shipley – Watauga  
Dr. Paul Shoemaker – Henderson

2005

William A. “Bill” Edmondson - Martin  
J. L. “Bud” Sales, Jr. – Buncombe

2004

Albert Miles Clark – Buncombe  
Wilburn Bryan Collins – Alleghany

2003

Patricia O. Brinkley – Buncombe  
William N. Aldridge – Avery

2002

James R. “Jim” Edwards – Haywood  
Sam Cartner – Avery

2001

Richard G. Jennings – Haywood  
Ernst R. Laursen – Buncombe

2000

William S. Enloe – Henderson  
Robert L. “Jack” Lyday – Swain

1999

Dr. Randy G. Gardner – Henderson  
Dr. David R. Burnette – Buncombe

1998

Jacob F. Grigg – Madison  
Evelyn M. Hill – Henderson

1997

J. Kenneth Perry (P)  
George H.V. Cecil – Buncombe  
Liston B. Ramsey – Madison

1996

Dr. James E. Shelton – Henderson  
B.F. Nesbitt – Henderson

1995

J.D. Cooley – Rutherford  
Charles “Pink” Francis – Haywood

1994

Dwight W. Bennett – Henderson  
Harley E. Blackwell – Henderson  
James A. Graham - Raleigh

1993

S.E. Johnston, Jr. – Henderson  
Charles “Jack” Messer – Haywood  
D. Reeves Noland (P) – Haywood  
Harry G. Silver – Buncombe  
John B. Veach – Buncombe

1992

R. Theodore “Bob” Bullington – Henderson  
Robert B. Phillips – Mitchell  
Dr. Carl A. Schenck - Buncombe

1991

Richard L. Barber, Jr. – Haywood  
James Clayton Davis - Haywood  
Dr. Thomas R. Konsler – NCSU  
Morris L. “Mac” McGough – Buncombe  
Clyde K. Osborne - Transylvania  
Denver D. Robinson – Cary  
George W. Vanderbilt (P) – Buncombe  
E.J. Whitmire – Macon