

Cary Award Winners

Trees		Year Awarded
<i>Abies koreana</i>	Korean Fir	'05
<i>Acer griseum</i>	Paperbark Maple	'03
<i>Acer triflorum</i>	Three Flowered Maple	'08
<i>Cercidiphyllum japonicum</i> 'Morioka Weeping'	Weeping Katsuratree	'06
<i>Chamaecyparis obtusa</i> 'Crippsii'	Golden Hinoki Falsecypress	'08
<i>Cornus kousa</i>	Kousa Dogwood	'02
<i>Cornus mas</i>	Cornelian Cherry Dogwood	'99
<i>Magnolia</i> 'Elizabeth'	Elizabeth Yellow Magnolia	'04
<i>Magnolia kobus</i> var. <i>stellata</i> 'Centennial'	Star Magnolia	'97
<i>Magnolia x loebneri</i> 'Leonard Messel'	Magnolia 'Leonard Messel'	'98
<i>Malus</i> 'Donald Wyman'	'Donald Wyman' Crabapple	'01
<i>Nyssa sylvatica</i>	Tupelo	'09
<i>Sciadopitys verticillata</i> 'Wintergeen'	Japanese Umbrella Pine	'06
<i>Stewartia pseudocamellia</i>	Japanese Stewartia	'97
<i>Syringa reticulata</i>	Japanese Tree Lilac	'00
<i>Xanthocyparis nootkatensis</i> 'Pendula'	Weeping Alaska Cedar	'97

Shrubs		Year Awarded
<i>Buxus</i> sp.	The Boxwoods	'09
<i>Clethra alnifolia</i> 'Ruby Spice'	Ruby Spice Summersweet	'00
<i>Enkianthus campanulatus</i>	Redvein Enkianthus	'97
<i>Fothergilla major</i>	Large Fothergilla	'97
<i>Hamamelis mollis</i> 'Pallida'	Pallida Chinese Witchhazel	'01
<i>Heptacodium miconioides</i>	Seven Sons Flower	'02
<i>Ilex verticillata</i> 'Red Sprite'	Winterberry Holly	'98
<i>Ilex x meserveae</i> 'Blue Princess/Prince'	Bl. Princess/Bl. Prince Holly	'99
<i>Kalmia latifolia</i> (5 types)	Little Leaf Laurels	'03
<i>Pieris</i> x 'Brouwer's Beauty'	Brouwer's Beauty Andromeda	'00
<i>Pinus strobus</i> 'Soft Touch'	Soft Touch White Pine	'04
<i>Rhododendron vaseyi</i>	Pinkshell Azalea	'98
<i>Rhododendron yakusimanum</i> 'Ken Janek'	Ken Janek Rhododendron	'02
<i>Syringa pubescens</i> 'Miss Kim'	Korean Lilac	'05
<i>Vaccinium angustifolium</i>	Lowbush Blueberry	'05

Vines & Groundcovers		Year Awarded
<i>Arctostaphylos uva-ursi</i>	Bearberry	'99
<i>Hydrangea anomala</i> subsp. <i>petiolaris</i>	Climbing Hydrangea	'98
<i>Microbiota decussata</i>	Russian Carpet Cypress	'98
<i>Pachysandra terminalis</i> 'Green Sheen'	Green Sheen Pachysandra	'01
<i>Rhus aromatica</i> 'Gro low'	Fragrant Sumac	'08
<i>Sibbaldiopsis tridentata</i>	Three-toothed Cinquefoil	'04

The Program

Each year, the Worcester County Horticultural Society, caretaker of the Tower Hill Botanic Garden in Boylston, Mass., announces woody plant selections for Cary Award distinction. A joint promotional effort between the New England Nursery Association and the Society is designed to make home gardeners more aware of these ideal plants for New England gardens. For more information or to order promotional materials, contact **Michael Arnum, WCHS, P.O. Box 598, Boylston, MA, 01505-0598**, call 508-869-6111 ext. 111, or visit caryaward.org

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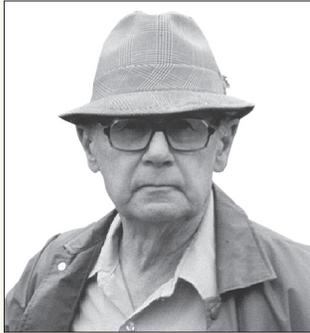


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The Cary Legacy

Born at the turn of the last century in central Massachusetts, Edward A. Cary experimented with plants throughout his life. Among friends and colleagues, Cary and his family became known for an unusual collection that invariably contained plants that others assumed were too tender for the harsh New England winters.



He lived a simple life with his brother and sister in a modest home next to a tiny nursery on Route 9 in Shrewsbury, Mass. When Edward became the last of the Carys to pass away in 1987, at age 86, he left his estate to the

Worcester County Horticultural Society. An endowment fund, for horticultural gifts and awards, was created in Edward Cary's name.

A decade after his death, the Society created a prestigious horticultural honor – The Cary Award for Distinctive Plants for New England. Aimed at drawing attention to the types of unusual and underused plants that Edward Cary held so dear to his heart, the Cary Award has become a name synonymous with New England hardiness. Gardeners can purchase Cary Award winners at local nurseries, confident the plants will thrive in New England's unique climate. To Cary's friends, this is a distinction worthy of the man whose name it bears.

“Ed was a true plantsman, who lived year by year to grow plants, to experiment with new plants, and to share his plants with others,” said Richard Bemis, Cary's friend and fellow nurseryman. “I think you probably have to be a plantsman yourself to appreciate Ed's true passion for horticulture.”

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Tree *Nysa sylvatica* Tupelo

The Tupelo is a fine native tree with brilliant autumn color, an interesting silhouette, and the ability to endure adverse conditions. It often occurs in moist environments but tolerates moderately well drained upland soils equally well – though it is not considered drought tolerant. Deep glossy green leaves emerge with a slight purple cast in spring.

Inconspicuous green flowers occur in tight clusters in spring. If the flowers are successfully pollinated then blue to black fruit will follow, ripening in late summer and providing tasty morsels for songbirds.

Another noteworthy feature is the fine form of this 90' tall native – it ultimately forms a pyramid, with slender branches in elegant horizontal tiers, lower ones often drooping to the ground. 30' after 20 years. Most importantly the Tupelo is resistant to pests and diseases. Hardy to Zone 4.

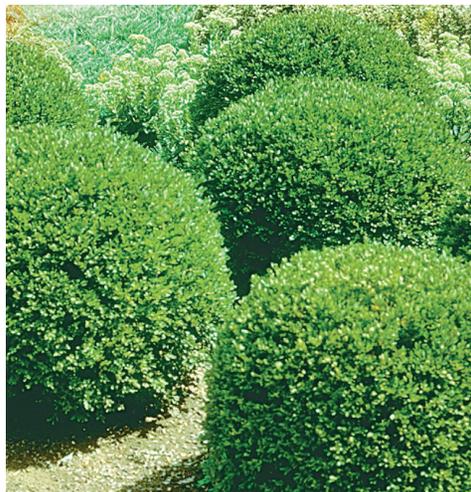


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Shrub *Buxus sp.* The Boxwoods

The Boxwoods remain consistently green throughout the year. They can be trained as a hedge, topiary or a specimen that you can rely on to stand up to winter conditions, shrug off deer, and provide decorative greens during the holiday season. The Sheridan Hybrids, selected by the Sheridan Nursery in Canada, are especially admired for their sturdiness in Zone 5 – never burning or discoloring. They also remain compact.

‘Green Mountain’ forms an elegant pyramid, 3-4' wide by 5'+ tall. ‘Green Gem’ is a very slow growing compact form well suited to low hedges. It will slowly reach 2' tall and 2' wide. ‘Green Velvet’ is intermediate between the two, topping off at 3' tall, forming a green globe. Hardy in Zones 4-8.