

HANS BILAND MEMORIAL (Est. 2001): Hans Biland was raised in Argentina and trained in landscape and the creation of water features in Switzerland before settling in the San Francisco Bay Area. He was deeply involved as a member of the SFBA Chapter in the late 1960's and served on the State Public Relations Committee in 1970. He served as Chapter President in 1971 and was editor of the Bay Breeze in 1979-1981. Hans was awarded Chapter Member of the Year in 1981.

In 1977, Hans was awarded a certificate by First Lady, Rosalyn Carter, in Washington DC for making a significant contribution to the environment for the Page Mill Hill Project, featuring lakes with fountains and a beautiful cascade in a natural park-like setting. He and his wife, Carmen, continued to be very active members of the Chapter until his passing.

BARRY L COHEN PhD. HONORARIUM (Est. 2012): Barry Cohen earned his BS degree in Ornamental Horticulture at Cal Poly-San Luis Obispo in 1968. In 1994, he earned his Master's degree from Columbia Pacific University in Ornamental Horticulture-Agriculture and subsequently his PhD from the same university in Ornamental Horticulture-Agriculture in 2003.

Barry has been a member of the California Landscape Contractors Association since 1974. He served as SFBA Chapter President in 1984, State President in 1988, was bestowed the title of Knight of the Garter by the CLCA State Auxiliary, was the Allegiance Award recipient for long-time achievement in 1990, Regular Member of the Year in 1990 and was honored as a Life Member in 1999. In 2012, he was inducted into the Green Industry Hall of Fame. He and wife, Mary, are 2024 co-presidents of the SFBA Chapter.

Dr. Cohen is one of the founding members of Landscape Educational Advancement Foundation (LEAF) and served as a trustee from 1988 until 2003. Serving other areas affecting the Green Industry as well, he has served as a trustee of Golden Oak Cooperative since 1984.

CANDY FISKE HONORARIUM (Est. 2018): Founded in 1962, Candy and her husband, Roger, owned Fiske Landscaping. Candy was an active member of CLCA's Women's Auxiliary and served as president of the SFBA Chapter Auxiliary in 1968-1969, CLCA State Auxiliary president in 1972-1973, was awarded Auxiliary Member of the Year in 1990 and received Auxiliary Life Membership for 20 consecutive years.

She was the leader of a dedicated group of Auxiliary and CLCA members who founded LEAF in 1988, ensuring that money would be available in perpetuity for students pursuing their education and careers in the Green Industry. Thanks to her vision and dedication to the pursuit of education for landscape professionals, LEAF continues to support students and special programs to this day.

HERBERT S. FRANK MEMORIAL (Est. 1992): Born in Germany in 1912, Herbert (Herb) Frank began his career in landscaping at the age of 15. He and his family were imprisoned by the Nazis during World War II. He and his sister were the sole survivors. After the War he designed gardens for the British and Chinese government and won international awards. He then continued his work in Japan, where he again won recognition as a landscape architect. He ultimately moved to California in 1950 and became a landscape contractor.

Herb was an industry leader and was very involved in the formation of the California Landscape

Contractors Association. Owner of Herbert S. Frank and Son, he specialized in custom residential landscapes and won the Sweepstakes Award at the first CLCA Achievement Awards competition in 1956. He was SFBA Chapter President in 1959, State Member of the Year in 1963, was selected as a Knight of the Garter by the CLCA Auxiliary in 1965, served as State president in 1967 and received CLCA's prestigious Allegiance Award in 1993.

Herb also established a successful landscape rehabilitation program for prisoners at San Quentin, which was ultimately expanded to Folsom, Tehachapi and Soledad prisons.

JOHN PAUL GACHINA MEMORIAL (Est. 2015): Established in 1988, John Gachina was the founder, CEO and president of Gachina Landscape Management. An entrepreneur and visionary of his company John was a pioneer in the Green Industry. Starting his first business in his backyard garage in 1975, John developed this passion into a highly regarded and nationally recognized landscape maintenance business. Gachina Landscape Management has been a recipient of many prestigious awards at the national state and local levels, including the National Grand Award and CLCA State Sweepstakes Awards for excellence in landscape management.

John served as chair of the CLCA Public Relations Committee and served the SFBA Chapter in many roles, including vice president, treasurer and secretary, and was instrumental in the Education Committee and job training project. He was a "founding father" of the Association of Landscape Professionals' Landscape Industry Technician Program.

FRED HANKER MEMORIAL (Est. 2022): Fred joined CLCA in 1987 as an Associate Member, representing Delta Bluegrass. Very active in multiple chapters, Fred and his wife, Lani, could be found driving up and down California attending chapter meetings, State conventions and many personal celebrations of members they considered friends. Fred was awarded State Associate Member of the Year in 1992, the Knight of the Garter by the CLCA Auxiliary in 1995, the prestigious Allegiance Award in 2004 and Life Membership in 2012.

WILLARD (BILL) HAYES MEMORIAL (Est 2001): After graduating from college and serving in the Army Corp of Engineers, Bill earned an MBA in Industrial Management at the UC Berkeley. In 1968, Bill purchased Automatic Rain Company, selling irrigation supplies and products to landscape contractors all over California, and ultimately grew the company into a very successful family-owned business. Automatic Rain was sold to Horizon of Phoenix in the mid-90's where Bill was Chairman of the Board emeritus until his death in 2001.

Bill joined CLCA in 1970 and became involved in many ways, including Chapter Program Chair from 1972 to 1976. Supporting Chapter projects, garden shows and offering his facility for Board meetings, he was an avid member and supporter of CLCA, both locally and statewide, and encouraged his family and employees to be involved. Many became leaders in the Chapter.

KLAUS HERTZER MEMORIAL (Est. 2011): Klaus Hertzner was born in East Germany in 1942, studied horticulture and immigrated to the United States in 1965 with his wife, Gisela. He established Modern Landscaping in 1971 and installed beautiful landscapes throughout the San Francisco Bay Area with his artistry and talent for 55 years, after which he retired and passed the presidency of the company to his

son, Michael.

Klaus was president of the San Francisco Bay Area Chapter in 1978 and Life Member of the State organization. Throughout the years, Modern Landscaping was the recipient of many awards for landscape excellence, something he was always very proud of.

KEN JENNER MEMORIAL (Est 1989): Born in Seattle, Washington in 1905, Ken moved to California when he was 14 years old. Working in various professions, he eventually found his way into the landscape industry in the 1940's, where he obtained his landscape architect's license and became involved with a small landscape association in the San Francisco Bay Area, which ultimately joined forces with other landscape groups to form the California Landscape Contractors Association in 1951. In 1954, Ken was hired by CLCA as Executive Director. During his tenure, Ken pioneered many of the programs which continue today within the Association. In 1969, he was bestowed the honor of the first Knight of the Garter by the CLCA Auxiliary, affectionately known then as the Grass Widows. Although he officially retired in 1971 and was presented honorary membership in the CLCA, Ken continued his active participation in the landscape industry throughout his lifetime.

GEORGE KUNIMOTO MEMORIAL (Est. 2005): George Kunimoto was born in 1927. In 1942 he and his family were released from a Japanese internment camp in Heart Mountain, Wyoming, where they endured harsh living conditions. He ultimately received a high school diploma, was drafted into the US Army and was assigned to guard German prisoners.

He was the owner and operator of Cupertino Landscaping Company and joined CLCA in 1965. In 1972, he served as treasurer of the SFBA Chapter and president in 1975. He was voted Member of the Year in 1976 and again in 1985. He served on the Board continuously until 2002 as Bylaws Chair.

George's contributions to CLCA and the Green Industry are legendary. He is known as the Grandfather of the Certified Landscape Technician program, which became the most outstanding contribution of CLCA to the quality and standards of the Industry. He founded the Certification Committee in 1979 and served as its leader for five years. His vision is now a national program and is invaluable in elevating the overall quality of the landscaping profession.

JOHN AND MARY LYGSO FUND (Est 1995): John and Mary Lyngso are the founder of Lyngso Garden Materials in San Carlos and together they created an extremely successful family business. John and Mary have been active supporters of the SFBA Chapter since its early days in 1955 and, as hands-on members, Lyngso Garden Materials has supplied the bulk of garden materials needed for the various Chapter projects over the years. John also supplied the equipment which he personally operated.

Mary joined the CLCA Auxiliary, then affectionately known as the Grass Widows, in 1958 and received life membership in 1978. She was voted State Auxiliary Member of the Year in 1997 and remained an active member until her death in 2020.

Most importantly, John and Mary helped make the SFBA Chapter the close-knit family it is today by their friendship with every person they met and their commitment to the Association.

EDRON SCHNEIDER MEMORIAL (Est. 1990): Edron started Irrigation Industries Inc, a wholesale distributor of irrigation equipment, in 1971. In 1974, he sold the business to Automatic Rain Company and later became vice president and sales manager of the company.

As a member of the SFBA and SFBA/East Chapters, Edron was one of the driving forces behind the local chapters' annual golf tournament.

PAUL SHOGREN MEMORIAL (Est 2005): Paul was the founder and owner of L&S Stakes in Alviso, CA. He founded the company in 1971, becoming the premier supplier of rough redwood, stakes, pressure treated lumber and lodge poles for the Green Industry.

He joined CLCA in 1974 as an Associate Member and quickly became a strong figure in the CLCA. Paul generously donated materials and his time to Chapter projects, the San Mateo County Fair displays and the Certified Landscape Technician tests. As an avid golfer, Paul was very involved in the Chapter golf tournament.

Paul was named the SFBA/East Associate Member of the Year in 1981 and the SFBA Member of the Year in 1984. In 1993, Paul was bestowed the esteemed Knight of the Garter from the State CLCA Auxiliary for his truest traits of a noble gentleman, for always willing to help where needed and his unending support of the Auxiliary.

He will always be remembered as a gentleman and businessman of the highest caliber, consistently offering support to chapter events, members and for his sincere commitment to the ideals and activities of the Association.

JOE & SALLY TANOUYE MEMORIAL (Est. 2012): Joe and Sally Tanouye were members of CLCA in its early years, joining in 1953, and were based in the San Francisco Bay Area Chapter, the founding chapter of the Association. Both Joe and Sally were active for many decades, both on the chapter and state level.

Joe was CLCA State President in 1978, earned Life Membership in 1978 and was bestowed Knight of the Garter by the CLCA Auxiliary in 1969.

Sally joined the Auxiliary, then affectionately known as the Grass Widows, in 1957 and earned Life Membership in 1977. Joe and Sally were cornerstones of CLCA and always remained humble in their appreciation of what the Association provided for them, both professionally and personally.

Sally passed away on July 2012, followed by Joe's passing, just one month later, in August 2012.

MAS TSUDA MEMORIAL (Est. 2016): Masuo (Mas) Tsuda passed quietly at home, after a long and active life, at the age of 92. As a second-generation Japanese-American, he volunteered to serve with the 442nd Regimental Combat Team in World War II in Italy and France. He received the Purple Heart, Congressional Gold Medal and, in 2015, was inducted into the French Legion of Honor. The Boy Scouts of America awarded him the Silver Beaver.

After the war he established Mas Tsuda Landscape, joined the California Landscape Contractors Association and the San Jose Landscape Gardeners Association. He served as president of the Gardeners Association in 1963 and then CLCA San Francisco Bay Area Chapter in 1964. After retirement he volunteered with the Empire Mine Historical Park on construction projects.

STEVE WHITEHILL MEMORIAL: Steve Whitehill was president of the San Francisco Bay Area Chapter in 1992 and was named the CLCA Member of the Year the same year. He was very committed to water management, was a member of the Green Industry Council, Association of Irrigation Consultants and the Santa Clara Valley Water District Landscape Advisory Board. In 1996, he received the Landscape Sweepstakes award from CLCA.

He received his AS degree in Environmental Horticulture and Design from Foothill College and a BS degree in Ornamental Horticulture from California Polytechnic-San Luis Obispo.

Steve and his wife, Valerie, owned Whitehill Landscape Inc. for 27 years and its subsidiary, Water Management Resource. Steve was very committed to his family and volunteering in his community.

Steven passed away in 2015, after an 11-year battle with brain cancer.