

## Paul Cappiello Receives the 2017 Award of Merit from IPPS Eastern Region

Dr. Paul Cappiello, Executive Director of Yew Dell Botanical Gardens in Crestwood, Kentucky, has been awarded the highest honor of the IPPS Eastern Region, the Award of Merit.

Paul has been an IPPS Member since 1995. His service to the Society has been extensive: Eastern Region President 2012-13, Board of Directors, Local Site Committee Chairman, Program Committee Chairman, IPPS ER Foundation Executive Director, Publicity Committee Chairman, Nominating and Recognition Committee Chairman, Staff Evaluation Committee Chairman, and Eastern Region Delegate to the International Board of Directors. Paul has also assisted in countless IPPS ER special projects, assistance to various Committees, and even swept a floor or two if needed.



*Paul Cappiello, left, and Brian Decker,  
Recognition Committee Chair*

Paul has presented 5 papers into the IPPS proceedings, written a book, introduced 8 new plant cultivars to the industry, and managed to write over 116 professional publications. He was awarded The Fellow Award in 2008. Paul has also received numerous awards and honors from other educational and horticultural organizations; he is an incredible teacher, administrator, horticulturalist, and public gardener.

Paul and his wife Carolyn have a son, Christopher. We would like to thank them for allowing Paul to be Paul and giving so much to so many. IPPS ER is a society that is much better because of the selfless efforts over decades by Paul Cappiello. We are grateful and once again offer our sincere congratulations. Thanks Paul!