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2013 Azalea Society of America Distinguished Service Award Recipient: Jim Thornton

The Distinguished Service Award was presented to Jim Thornton in recognition of his many contributions to the Azalea Society of America. His love for azaleas and sharing of his knowledge has truly advanced ASA and has enhanced the appreciation of azaleas for many people. Serving as a board member and president of both the national society and the Oconee Chapter, coordinating two annual conventions, and working diligently to develop and implement our research foundation, Jim has truly been an exceptional asset to our society.

His response to ASA follows:

Looking back, I am sure that I didn't make much of an impression in accepting the award bestowed on me at the convention but I was completely taken by surprise. I had no idea it was coming. Maybe I was in shock! Please believe me, I was so humbled my being selected by my peers for this award!

When I joined the society years ago little did I know that I was embarking on a journey at both the local and national level that would last this long and provide such an ongoing learning experience.

I tried to assist in making the society an organization we would all be proud of and one which would help enlist new members. Above all though, Patsy and I have enjoyed establishing very dear lifelong friendships with folks from all across the country!

Please don't take this as my "swan song" for I will always, as long as I can, be a humble servant to the Azalea Society of America! Thank you again for the Distinguished Service Award! Jim

