

## **Krezdorn Excellence in Doctoral Research Award Southern Region-of the American Society for Horticultural Science**

Donor: The Award is partially sponsored by and named after the late Dr. Alfred H. Krezdorn.

Background: The Excellence in Doctoral Research Award (Krezdorn Award) was first awarded in 1975.

Award: A recognition plaque and \$100 cash

Objectives: To recognize the best published refereed paper developed from the candidate's doctoral research in horticulture at a university in the Southern Region ASHS.

Guidelines:

1. A published paper can be submitted only once, either before or after the awarding of the Ph.D. degree, but it must be published within two (2) calendar years of the deadline for submission for the award.
2. Submitted papers must be from a peer-reviewed journal. Any peer-reviewed journal is acceptable.
3. The award recipient and/or primary advisor must be an active member of the Southern Region, ASHS.
4. To be eligible, the doctoral research must be in the field of horticulture and completed at a University within the Southern Region.
5. Only one paper per senior author should be submitted, and any given paper can be submitted only once.
6. Papers will be judged by each member of the Selection Committee on excellence in doctoral research. Basic criteria are scientific merit and scholarship.
7. No award will be made if none of the papers are judged to be of sufficient quality.
8. The award will be presented at the annual meeting of the Southern Region of the American Society for Horticultural Science.
9. Submit three (3) hard copy reprints, or one (1) electronic copy of the published paper.

About the Donor:

Alfred H. Krezdorn was born on April 10, 1920 in El Paso, Texas. Early years were spent in southern Texas where he graduated from Seguin High School in 1937. His B.S. degree with major in Horticulture was obtained at Texas A&M University in 1942. He then served in the U.S. Naval Reserve in World War II and was discharged with the rank of Lieutenant in 1946. He joined the faculty of Texas A&M University for ten years during which time he took leaves of absences to obtain the M.S. degree at the University of Florida in 1949 and the Ph.D. in Horticulture from Texas &M in 1956. He returned to Florida in 1957 as an Associate Horticulturist at the University of Florida's Citrus Experiment Station in Lake Alfred and in 1960 was appointed Head of the Department of Fruit Crops and moved to Gainesville. Administrative responsibilities were

relinquished in 1975 after fifteen years as Chairman when he resumed full-time research and teaching Professor Horticulture.

Dr. Krezdorn career is characterized by his wide range of interests. He has taught undergraduate courses in all but three of his 32 years as a horticultural scientist and administrator, and graduate courses for much of this time. Over 30 graduate programs have been completed under his direction the past 17 years. His research interests have been varied, centering on fruit setting problems, alternate bearing, rootstocks, and cultivar improvement. Nearly all of his research has been mission oriented and much of it has been conducted in the field in cooperation with commercial producers. He was a co-recipient in 1970 of the American Society for Horticultural Science (ASHS) Joseph Harvey Gourley Award for research in pomology. He was winner of the Best Paper Award in the Citrus Section of the Florida State Horticultural Society in 1971 and 1975. In 1972, he was awarded the Senior Research Award of Gamma Sigma Delta. His continuing interest in commercial horticulture has been manifested through active participation in commodity oriented societies and extension activities. He has published over 200 articles thus far in scientific journals, trade magazines, and extension publications. He has been very active in ASHS and the Florida State Horticultural Society. Other activities include service as a consultant for several foreign government agencies and currently for commercial fruit production enterprises in Central and South America that involve citrus and a wide range of tropical fruits.

He has been very active in ASHS activities in the last ten years serving as President of the ASHS Tropical and Southern Regions in 1969 and 1971, respectively. He was named an ASHS Fellow in 1972. He was elected Chairman of the Pomology Section and as a member of the Board of Directors in 1974 and President-elect in 1976-77. He was ASHS President in 1977-1978 and is Chairman of the Board of Executive Committee for 1978-79.

Dr. Krezdorn is married to Rosemary and they have three children, Vicki, Carl and Don.