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The GCA PLANT OF THE YEAR
MONTINE MCDANIEL FREEMAN
HORTICULTURE MEDAL
NOMINATION FORM

Please print clearly or fill in on the website and print out. Use of this form is required

Date of original submission: _____

A candidate for the *Freeman Horticulture Medal* may be submitted for three successive years following the alternate year system. Should new information regarding the plant become available, i.e. a new cultivar, this nomination form should be updated.

Botanical name of plant: _____

Family name: _____

Common name, if any: _____

****If a hybrid, *at least one half* must be native to North America.**

Why is this plant particularly outstanding? _____

Does it attract wildlife? _____ What kind? _____

Does it have particular environmental uses? _____

Where are notable examples in arboreta, botanic gardens, nurseries, or gardens open to the public? _____

Where are notable examples in nurseries or gardens not open to the public? _____

If plant is a cultivar, when and where found? _____

By whom? _____

How is it an improvement on the species? _____

How long has it been available commercially? _____

Use a separate sheet for any other historical background.

*In complex cases such as those where a cultivar was found in the garden of one person, propagated and named by another, marketed by a third party, and nominated for the award by a fourth party, the **Freeman Horticulture Medal** will be awarded to the person most closely connected to the recognition of the plant's superiority. Certificates will be sent to all others. In the case of species, the medal will be presented to the individual or group nominating the plant.*

Propagated by: _____

Marketed by: _____

Date of Second Submission: _____

Date of Third Submission: _____

Plant Particulars

Hardiness range: USDA _____ to _____ root hardy to _____
Soil requirements: acid _____ alkaline _____ neutral _____
moist _____ dry _____ tolerant of clay _____
Light requirements: sun _____ partial shade _____ shade _____
Tolerant of: wind _____ heat _____ pollution _____
soil compaction _____ seaside conditions _____
Resistant to: diseases _____ insects _____ deer _____

Maintenance Requirements

Permanance: long-lived _____ short-lived _____
Suitability: i.e. street tree, highway planting, small garden, landscape specimen, etc. _____

Vigor: _____ Potential for Invasiveness: _____
Ease of transplanting: _____
Root system: shallow _____ deep _____ rhizomatous _____ invasive _____
When best transplanted? _____
Methods of propagation: _____
Who is currently propagating plant? _____
Where is it commercially available? _____

If not commercially available, why not? i.e. difficult to propagate, etc. _____

Potential for commercial production: _____

Ornamental Characteristics

Ultimate size: height _____ width _____ rate of growth _____

Habit: form _____ branching patterns _____

Bark: texture _____ color _____

Foliage: coarse _____ medium _____ fine _____

color: spring _____ summer _____ fall _____ winter _____

deciduous _____ evergreen _____

Flowers: color: buds _____ blooms _____

time of bloom: from _____ to _____

type of bloom _____ fragrance _____

Fruits: color _____ shape _____

conspicuous _____ inconspicuous _____ edible _____

Photographic Documentation

Include 3 – 5 color images (*Digital images are preferred**) of plant showing 1.) mature habit
2.) close-ups of outstanding features, i.e. bloom, bark, foliage or other special features or
seasonal changes. Images must be accompanied by botanical and common names and proposer's
name. Photography credit must be included.

**non digital images such as prints or slides will be returned to proposer upon request.*

Proposer Information

Plant nominated by: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

GCA club _____ Zone _____

If a non - GCA nomination, endorsed by which GCA club? _____

Zone _____

Two copies of this application should be sent to the Horticulture Committee Vice Chairman, Freeman Horticulture Medal Coordinator, The Garden Club of America, 14 East 60th Street, NYC, NY 10022.

Digital images should be emailed to maryjane@gcamerica.org. (If non digital images are submitted, one set should be included with the application).

One copy of this application should be sent to the Horticulture Committee Zone Representative in the nominator's GCA zone.

One medal will be awarded each year.

Up to two honorable mentions will be awarded each year, if merited.

Non- winning nominations and honorable mentions may be resubmitted for two additional years following the alternate year system.

Additional copies of the *Freeman Medal Description and Submission Guidelines* and the *Nomination Form* may be obtained from Mary Jane Tooker at GCA Headquarters or may be downloaded from the GCA Horticulture Committee website page link to the Freeman Medal.

Closing date for nominations: December 1st of the year a nomination is submitted.