**The Brickell Award**

The Brickell Award was established to celebrate the organisation’s jubilee year in 2003, in recognition of ‘excellence in cultivated plant conservation’ undertaken by Collection Holders.

It is named after Chris Brickell, a founding member of the National Council for the Conservation of Plants and Gardens (NCCPG) now Plant Heritage, and who is currently a vice president of the organisation.

This prestigious award recognises the extensive and vital work achieved by many Collection Holders and awarded to those considered to have demonstrated excellence in this field.

**Criteria and Guidance**

The decision of the awarding committee is based on a number of criteria. Any candidate’s collection should be of scientific status or demonstrated to be of an equivalent standard in terms of its completeness within scope, the standards of curation and record keeping and is well established as appropriate to the type of plant collection.

The key criteria considered by the awarding committee are:

* Contribution to our understanding of a plant group through research undertaken and communicated through published works with emphasis given to books, research papers and definitive articles. This includes research that might be undertaken in collaboration with or led by others but where the plant collection and contribution by the holder has been a key element.
* Conservation work undertaken that has secured plants in cultivation or through the rediscovery of lost cultivars or taxa.
* A significant educational role utilising the collection.
* Contributions made to the wider work of Plant Heritage
* Contribution to horticulture including work undertaken with other organisations, through advice given and provision of plant material

**Procedure**

A Collection Holder does not nominate him or herself, it is expected that those that work with them are the nominators. Those nominating are required to submit a short citation not exceeding two sides of A4 that highlights the nature of their collection, the key achievements of the nominee and how they have demonstrated excellence in cultivated plant conservation. The awards committee may ask for further information to help in making their final decision.

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