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And the Winner for 2016 is:

Perennial: Anemone 'Honorine Jobert' (Perennial Plant Association)

Landscape Plant: Hydrangea 'Little Lime' (Proven Winners)

Hosta: 'Curly Fries' (American Hosta Growers Association)

Bulb: Allium species (National Garden Bureau)



These plants are just a few of the winners from many of the international, national, and regional awards list that exist. The rules for how a winner may be declared vary by each association, society, or breeder, but they all help set the standard for that individual plant and help us as consumers make informed choices.



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Dig hard enough and you will even find award categories within the regional level. A good example is the Bird-Friendly Native Plants of the Year list for 2016 from the North Carolina chapter of the National

Audubon Society. Although it is a different state with its own climate, the information is useful to help spur creative juices for wildlife friendly garden designs.

A great way to view some these award-winning plants is to visit trial gardens whenever possible. The U.S. National Arboretum's website carries general information on current trial gardens throughout the country as well as links to many of the plant awards associations and societies.

Many award winners of years gone by are still hot picks today! Plant any Geranium 'Rozanne' lately?



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