



The Worshipful Company of Fruiterers

Call for Award Nominations 2024

Nominations are invited for the following prestigious annual Fruiterers Awards.

Fruiterers Management Award:

Recognising the progressive and innovative skill of the many outstanding managers working within the fruit industry. Recipients can be from a Soft or Top fruit background. The 2022 award was presented to Paul Hamlyn at the Master and Wardens Dinner.

Under 30's Award:

The award recognises young people who have already made a significant contribution to the fruit industry and advanced or improved the business in which they work. This is a vigorously contested award. This year's worthy winner is Tom Beach of Autonomous Agri Solutions.

Candidates who wish to be considered for this Award should be:

- Working for a UK based employer
- Not in college or university education
- No more than 30 years of age
- Developing a career in the Fresh Produce industry and be working with fruit and / or fruit related products.
- Making a significant contribution to the sector by having undertaken a project(s) that has (have) advanced or improved the business in which they work.

Candidates with their sponsors should submit a comprehensive summary of the contenders' achievements and aspirations to support their application for the Award. This award is usually presented at the Master and Wardens Dinner.

Fruit Culture Award:

Given in recognition of someone who has made a substantial contribution to the Fruit industry through communicating skill or the transfer of technology. This year's winner was Nigel Kitney. The award is presented at the National Fruit Show.

Craftsman's Award:

This award recognises conspicuous craftsmanship in the exercise of practical skills in fruit growing. Presented at the National Fruit Show, the 2023 winner was John Longley.

Further details of all awards are published on the Company's website. Submissions for Awards should be received by 17th March 2024 to fruitererawards@gmail.com. The winning candidates for most awards will be announced in May following the April Awards Council meeting.

Triennial Awards:

The company also makes three highly significant triennial awards which are usually presented at the Annual Banquet:

- Ridley Medal; for distinguished services to fruit growing.
- Lewis Award; for distinguished service to the marketing of fresh fruit
- Matthew Mack Award; for distinguished achievements in education, training and innovation within the growing industry.

Nominations for the triennial awards can be received at any time during the year and will usually be considered at the April meeting of the Awards Council.

Student Prizes:

In addition to the above awards the Company, with the generous support of the David Hohnen bequest, awards two prizes annually to the successful applicants. First prize and the winner of the David Hohnen award will receive a cheque for £2,500. In addition the winner of the Student prize will receive a cheque for £1,500. These are usually presented at Fruit Focus and follow a rigorous assessment process by several of the Company's leading academics. The submission date for The David Hohnen and Student Prize is the 19th February 2024, full details can be found on the Company website.