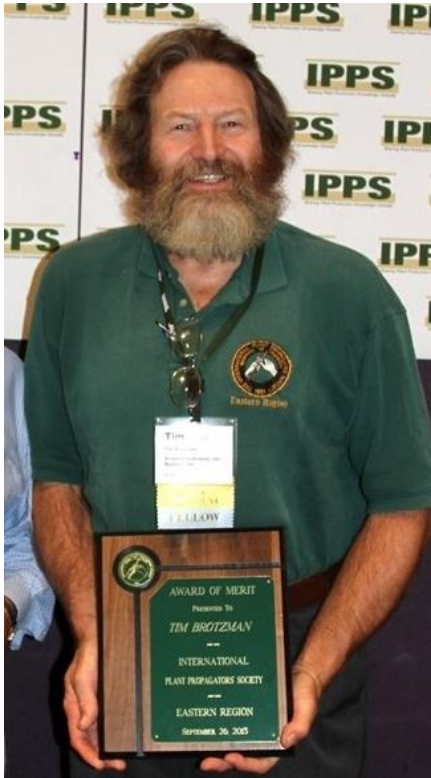


## Tim Brotzman Receives Region's Top Honor



Tim Brotzman, President of Brotzman's Nursery, received a standing ovation as he accepted the prestigious IPPS Eastern Region Award of Merit on September 26, 2015 in Cincinnati, OH. The Award of Merit is made to the individual who, in the opinion of the Recognition Committee, has made a significant contribution to the field of plant propagation or production and/or for service rendered to the Society and the green industry. Tim noted that he was "surprised and deeply honored" by the recognition.

Tim has served in many capacities for IPPS: board member, president, committee member, committee chair, local site committee chair. He has organized tours for the International Board, has developed a conference program, presented over ten papers, contributed to the new plant forum, solicited scholarships for students to attend the annual meeting and donated countless plants to the annual conference auctions. Tim has been willing to do anything the society has asked and has always been willing to share his knowledge with

others.

Tim was raised in a nursery family and is one of three siblings all today involved in the business. As a child he worked for his father and spent most of his free time hunting and fishing. He attended Ohio State University earning his degree in Landscape Horticulture. At OSU he was a member of the Men's Rugby Club where he made many friends from Ireland, England and New Zealand. Upon graduation he was accepted at Wisley Gardens in England where he interned and then went to Germany to work at Hans Bruns Nursery. Since then he has traveled extensively looking for plants as far away as Tibet.

Tim is President of Brotzman's Nursery, a wholesale nursery in Madison, Ohio offering specimen landscape material, bare root and B&B trees, shrubs and evergreens. They have introduced over a dozen unique selections, including LAVENDER TWIST® weeping redbud, STREET KEEPER® columnar honeylocust and White Tigress striped maple.

Tim and his wife, who also has a Bachelors and Masters Degree from OSU have three children; their daughter is part of the nursery. In addition to IPPS, Tim has participated in a variety of plant societies and nursery organizations and has also been involved in his local community, serving on boards and committees.

Tim is the truest of plantsmen, in his love of plants and people and willingness to share his knowledge. This honor goes to a person that truly lives the IPPS motto "to Seek and to Share".