

Annual

Les Connell Medal defined (2 pages)

Total number of awards for the first 5 years since introduction.

Awards earned prior to official introduction year are not counted in total.

Example: Dahlia ABCXYZ – Officially introduced in 2015

- Total awards prior to 2015 – 13 (Reported in 2015 Classification Handbook) Not counted
- Total awards in 2015 (Yr. 1) – 44 (Reported in 2016 Classification Handbook) Counted
- Total awards in 2016 (Yr. 2) – 25 (Reported in 2017 Classification Handbook) Counted
- Total awards in 2017 (Yr. 3) – 36 (Reported in 2018 Classification Handbook) Counted
- Total awards in 2018 (Yr. 4) – 24 (Reported in 2019 Classification Handbook) Counted
- Total awards in 2019 (Yr. 5) – 11 (Reported in 2020 Classification Handbook) Counted
- Total awards first five years – 140 – Considered for 2019 award

Does not need to win an award on each of the first 5 years

Awards earned prior to official introduction year are not counted in total.

Example: Dahlia XYZABC – Officially introduced in 2015

- Total awards prior to 2015 – 2 (Reported in 2015 Classification Handbook) Not counted
- Total awards in 2015 (Yr. 1) – 7 (Reported in 2016 Classification Handbook) Counted
- Total awards in 2016 (Yr. 2) – 9 (Reported in 2017 Classification Handbook) Counted
- Total awards in 2017 (Yr. 3) – 17 (Reported in 2018 Classification Handbook) Counted
- Total awards in 2018 (Yr. 4) – 3 (Reported in 2019 Classification Handbook) Counted
- Total awards in 2019 (Yr. 5) – 0 (Reported in 2020 Classification Handbook) Counted
- Total awards first five years – 36 – Considered for 2019 award

Must still be listed on the 5th year

Both the above examples were still listed in the 2020 Classification Handbook.

It is almost inconceivable that a particular cultivar would not still be listed in the fifth year and, yet, has enough awards to be in contention for the medal. If that ever did occur, the medal would go to the cultivar with the next highest total that is still listed.

In case of an exact tie, duplicate awards will be given.

The dahlia receiving this award may have previously won a Dudley, a Hart and/or a Gullikson award but those awards are for a current year and based on “score”. This Les Connell award is for 5 years running and based on total awards, not score.

Les Connell award vs. Stanley Johnson award:

Les Connell award based on “total” awards – Stanley Johnson award based on “higher” awards.

The 10 most current Stanley Johnson award winners at the time of this writing:

Intro.	Connell Yrs.	Sequence
2019 (2014) CLEARVIEW EDIE	2014-2018	If both medals won C-2018 J-2019
2018 (2013) CLEARVIEW DANIEL	2013-2017	C-2017 J-2018
2017 (2010) AC BEN	2010-2014	C-2014 J-2017
2016 (2012) FANCY PANTS	2012-2016	C-2016 J-2016
2015 (2012) AC ABBY	2012-2016	J-2015 C-2016
2014 (2005) PARKLAND RAVE	2005-2009	C-2009 J-2014
2013 (2011) VERRONE’S MORNING STAR	2011-2015	J-2013 C-2015
2012 (2010) LAKEVIEW GLOW	2010-2014	J-2012 C-2014
2011 (1994) ELVIRA	1994-1998	C-1998 J-2011
2010 (2009) MIDNIGHT STAR	2009-2013	J-2010 C-2013

If we would have had the Les Connell medal in 2016, FANCY PANTS would have won both medals **IN** the same year; the Stanley Johnson **FOR** 2016 and the Les Connell **IN** 2016 (that being the fifth year since introduction).

As can be seen in the “Sequence if both medals won” column, it is totally conceivable that a Stanley Johnson can be won before a Les Connell, especially if you have a “hot” variety that wins big, early on.

Designation:

- D Lynn B. Dudley Medal (Seedling Bench)
- H Derrill Hart Medal (Trial Garden)
- G Evie Gullikson Medal (Seedling Bench)
- G* Evie Gullikson Medal (Trial Garden)
- C Les Connell Medal (Most Total Awards 1st 5 Years)
- J Stanley Johnson Medal (Most Higher Awards for Given Year)