

Krezdorn Excellence in Doctoral Research Award Southern Region-of the American Society for Horticultural Science

- Donor: The Award is named for and sponsored by Dr. Alfred H. Krezdorn.
- Background: The Excellence in Doctoral Research Award (Krezdorn Award) was first awarded in 1975 and it has been presented every year since it was started.
- Award: A recognition plaque and \$100 cash
- Objectives: To recognize the **best** paper developed from the candidate's doctoral research.
- Guidelines:
1. Papers may be submitted:
 - a. Prior to completion of the dissertation or the awarding of the degree or:
 - b. After completion of the dissertation and its approval by the student's committee, a paper must be submitted within the 18 months previous to the deadline for submission of papers.
 2. A paper can be submitted only once, either before or after the awarding of the Ph.D. degree.
 3. The award will be presented at the annual meeting of the Southern Region meeting of the American Society for Horticultural Science.
 4. Papers will be judged by each member of the Selection Committee on Excellence in Doctoral Research. Basic criteria are scientific merit and scholarship.
 5. Paper style and format must conform to the Journal of ASHS. The HortScience style and format is acceptable, but not encouraged.
 6. All papers should receive a peer review and be carefully edited before being submitted for competition.
 7. **Only one paper** per senior author should be submitted.
 8. No award will be made if none of the papers are judged to be of sufficient quality.
 9. The award recipient **must be** a member of the Southern Region, ASHS.
 10. To be eligible, the doctoral research must be completed at a Southern Region University.
 11. Three (3) copies of the nominated paper are needed.

About the Donor:

Alfred H. Krezdorn was born on April 10, 1920 in El Paso, Texas. Early years were spent in southern Texas where he graduated from Seguin High School in 1937. His B.S. degree with major in Horticulture was obtained at Texas A&M University in 1942. He then served in the U.S. Naval Reserve in World War II and was discharged with the rank of Lieutenant in 1946. He joined the faculty of Texas A&M University for ten years during which time he took leaves of absences to obtain the M.S. degree at the University of Florida in 1949 and the Ph.D. in Horticulture from Texas &M in 1956. He returned to Florida in 1957 as an Associate Horticulturist at the University of Florida's Citrus Experiment Station in Lake Alfred and in 1960 was appointed Head of the

Department of Fruit Crops and moved to Gainesville. Administrative responsibilities were relinquished in 1975 after fifteen years as Chairman when he resumed full-time research and teaching Professor Horticulture.

Dr. Krezdorn's career is characterized by his wide range of interests. He has taught undergraduate courses in all but three of his 32 years as a horticultural scientist and administrator, and graduate courses for much of this time. Over 30 graduate programs have been completed under his direction the past 17 years. His research interests have been varied, centering on fruit setting problems, alternate bearing, rootstocks, and cultivar improvement. Nearly all of his research has been mission oriented and much of it has been conducted in the field in cooperation with commercial producers. He was a co-recipient in 1970 of the American Society for Horticultural Science (ASHS) Joseph Harvey Gourley Award for research in pomology. He was winner of the Best Paper Award in the Citrus Section of the Florida State Horticultural Society in 1971 and 1975. In 1972, he was awarded the Senior Research Award of Gamma Sigma Delta. His continuing interest in commercial horticulture has been manifested through active participation in commodity oriented societies and extension activities. He has published over 200 articles thus far in scientific journals, trade magazines, and extension publications. He has been very active in ASHS and the Florida State Horticultural Society. Other activities include service as a consultant for several foreign government agencies and currently for commercial fruit production enterprises in Central and South America that involve citrus and a wide range of tropical fruits.

He has been very active in ASHS activities in the last ten years serving as President of the ASHS Tropical and Southern Regions in 1969 and 1971, respectively. He was named an ASHS Fellow in 1972. He was elected Chairman of the Pomology Section and as a member of the Board of Directors in 1974 and President-elect in 1976-77. He was ASHS President in 1977-1978 and is Chairman of the Board of Executive Committee for 1978-79.

Dr. Krezdorn is married to Rosemary and they have three children, Vicki, Carl and Don.