

Allan Seale Award Citation

Catherine Stewart

The recipient of this award retrained in landscape design at Ryde TAFE, NSW in the early 1990s after earlier careers in selling kilts, trainee air traffic control, public sector management and industrial relations. Although she enjoyed running her own landscape design business in northern Sydney for 10 years, as a lover of crafting words as well as gardens, she moved into horticulture journalism as a natural progression.

A member of the Australian Institute of Landscape Designers and Managers (AILDM) since its beginnings in 1994, she has served on the AILDM board for 5 years including a stint as President and was editor of the AILDM journal, *Landscape Outlook* from 2000-2004. For her efforts she was made a "Fellow of AILDM" in 2006.

She has regularly contributed to garden magazines such as *Gardening Australia*, *Your Garden*, *Backyard* and *Garden Design Ideas* and *Outdoor Design and Living*, as well as writing regularly for *Landscape Outlook*, and is co-author of *'Waterwise Gardening'*. To help promote the joys of gardening to everyone, she has also been a garden selector with the Australia Open Garden Scheme.

She was awarded the Horticulture Media Association Paper Laurel for Journalism 2007.

She established her online presence "GardenDrum" in 2011 which is a winner of 2 Laurel Awards from the Horticultural Media Association of Australia Awards 2014, one for Best Website (Small Business) and one for Best Social Media for her own blog. In June 2014 it also won 2 Silver Awards from the prestigious USA Garden Writers Association.

Her commitment to the industry is shown by her involvement with Industry organisations. She is a Member of the Horticultural Media Association NSW, Fellow of the Australian Institute of Landscape Designers and Managers, Member USA Garden Writers Association, Convenor 'hidden' - Sydney's first Festival of Outdoor Design 2014, Selector and Committee member Open Gardens Australia 2006-2015, Member of the National Trust NSW, Friends of the Sydney Royal Botanic Gardens, Trustee RSHSA Trust. Her willingness to support the Nursery & Garden Industry, and Landscape events such as judging in Green Expo Sydney and Life is a Garden volunteer to interface with the general public is a hallmark of her commitment.

For her many years of service to the gardening media Catherine Stewart is a most worthy recipient of the Allan Seale Award.



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