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2022 PERSON OF THE YEAR



Tom Castronovo/Photo

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Gardener News proudly bestows our 2022 “Person of the Year” to Pat Barckett, for his dedication to outdoor living communities in the

Pat Barckett

Garden State. Pat has volunteered a tremendous amount of his time toward the landscaping and outdoor communities.

He has been a member of the

New Jersey Landscape Contractors Association (NJLCA) since February 1984. From 1998 to 2004 he served as an associate director. From 2008 to 2009 he held the treasurer position. Pat

has served on the Social Committee since day one.

Currently he is chairman of the NJLCA Golf Committee, and serves on both Trade Show Committees. Pat is a hands-on guy. He constantly strives for perfection. He takes running events very personally, and it shows. The outdoor industry (Cont. on Page 14)

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is very fortunate to have Pat.

Volunteers are necessary and extremely helpful for a healthy outdoor community. People from all walks of life donate their time and effort to various causes, day and night, every day of the year. The big question is, who will make that happen? Volunteers like Pat can.

Pat is full of fresh and spontaneous enthusiasm. He always has a cheerful and willing spirit, and a sustained commitment to the community he serves.

Pat has passion for the outdoor industry and everyone who is committed to it. He always says that he is proud that everything he does for the outdoor industry is a friendship and a partnership, not a job.

Richard Goldstein, president of the NJLCA, said he was pleased to hear that Pat Barckett was chosen for

this prestigious award as the 2022 *Gardener News* Person of the Year. "Pat Barckett has been a great ally to the NJLCA and the landscape and outdoor industry for many years," Goldstein said.

Goldstein also said "There couldn't be a more deserving person," and added, "Pat Barckett is an integral part of the industry and truly understands the wants and needs of the contractor. He tirelessly gives back and is always a calm place in the storm (literally and figuratively)."

Pat has been in construction sales for over 42 years. He started his career in the concrete industry. Pat then started selling Bobcat at Contractors Supply in Englewood, NJ in November of 1983.

In July of 1992, Pat joined Bobcat of North Jersey, and became director of Sales and Marketing in 1998. Vincent

Ryan, founder, president, and owner of Bobcat of North Jersey said "Pat Barckett is highly regarded in the construction equipment industry as a consummate sales professional. He is a key and valued member of our Leadership Team and is largely responsible for bringing us to our current status as a Premier Dealer in the Worldwide Bobcat Network."

Ryan added, "More than that, to me and to all of our many customers and associates, Pat Barckett is a good friend, always ready to help out. Pat is also a doting and proud father and family man with a refined sense of work-life balance. It has truly been an honor to know and work with him for these many years and I look forward to our continued success."

Pat grew up in Passaic, Passaic County, NJ. He graduated from Montclair

State with a BS degree in Marketing.

This paper now wholeheartedly salutes Pat Barckett for his belief in volunteering, devoting his free time, having an industry-wide reputation for education and wellness toward the landscaping and outdoor industries, having the highest standards of business acumen, equipment management expertise, attention to safety and community involvement, and for his passion for protecting and watching over all facets of the Garden State agricultural, gardening, landscaping, nursery, and outdoor living sectors.

Pat Barckett also deserves to be recognized for being a good friend to everyone that he meets.

Gardener News began the annual "Person of the Year" cover story in 2008. *Gardener News* will annually bestow our

"Person of the Year" award to a person who performs exemplary outstanding service to the agricultural, farming, gardening, landscaping, nursery and outdoor living communities.

Editor's Note: *Tom Castronovo is executive editor and publisher of Gardener News. Tom's lifelong interest in gardening and passion for agriculture, environmental stewardship, gardening and landscaping, led to the founding of the Gardener News, which germinated in April 2003 and continues to bloom today. He is also dedicated to providing inspiration, and education to the agricultural, gardening, landscaping and nursery communities through this newspaper and GardenerNews.com.*

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