Farm Science Review to Induct Two into Hall of Fame

by Jennifer Mantey







James H. Given Jr.

upport and dedication to the Farm Science Review has garnered two men inductions into the FSR Hall of Fame. Together, Jack Bardall and James H. Given Jr. have contributed 57 years of service and still counting. The two make up the 16th class of recipients to receive this recognition.

"Selecting our Hall of Fame inductees is an honor, especially given this special pair of individuals," said Chuck Gamble, Farm Science Review Manager.

Jack Bardall has been a major cog in the field demonstration area, according to Gamble. He began working with the Review in 1983, the first year the FSR was held at the current Molly Caren Agricultural Center location. He supervised the soybean harvesting demonstrations and collaborated with the Farm Science Review as a buyer of corn from the Review for many research projects at the Ohio Agricultural Research and Development Center.

Bardall also served on the FSR Program and Policy committee for many years and is still an active member.

For 39 years he worked in the Department of Research Operations at the Ohio Agricultural Research and Development Center in Wooster, Ohio, retiring in 2003. He came back part-time in 2004 to help with field demonstrations at the Review and to be manager of the feed mill at OARDC.

The variety and number of people who visit the Review keeps Bardall coming back year after year. "I thoroughly enjoy working with the public and the people," he said.

James H. Given Jr. has been working at the Farm Science Review since he was a college student. "Craig Fendrick, the FSR manager, hired me to work on the student crew when I was an undergraduate at Ohio State in 1970, and I have helped with the Review every year since," Given said.

"Jim Given's contributions to the Farm Science Review are many and I could nearly write a book," Gamble said. "I do not know of any individual who is as dedicated to the Farm Science Review as Jim."

Given chaired the Gwynne Conservation Area committee for many years and established the James H. Given Jr. Farm Science Review Educational Improvement Endowment to ensure upkeep and improvement. He helped design and develop the conservation area.

Given worked with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources for 32 years as a photogrammetrist (taking aerial photographs and charting them on maps) among many other duties. As a former ODNR employee, he assisted in the establishment of the Lawrence G. Vance Soil and Water Conservation Park.

Given is now retired, but still finds time to help on the administration staff of the Review, where you can find him collecting gate receipts or working the entrances. He is also a previous president and current member of the Past Presidents Advisory Council of the FSR/FO SEMP Alumni Association.

Bardall and Given will be inducted into the Hall of Fame during the Vice Presidents Luncheon on Sept. 20, opening day of the Farm Science Review. They will join past recipients, including:

Craig Fendrick, William Hanusik, Sam Huber, Sam Bone, Larry Shepherd, Don Pritchard, Carl Lemon, Ray Miller, Larry Vance, Jim and Norma Trotter, Kathleen Smith, Bill Gill, Bill Schnug, Judy and Kelso Wessel, Ed Johnson, Harold Bauman, Jim Caldwell, Maurine McCormick, Francille Firebaugh, Robert Miller, Jim Utzinger, David R. Miskell, Robert L. Eby, C.L. "Lep" Lephart, Dorothy R. Friday, Paul C. Leidheiser, Thomas M. Stockdale, Ted L. Jones, William L. George, Earl W. McMunn, Roland L. Leeper, James W. Yingling, William B. Zipf, Wilbur A. Gould, Shirley A. Brooks-Jones, Marion E. Grimes, Molly Caren Fisher, Novice G. Fawcett, Dale T. Friday, Roy M. Kottman and Thomas F. Wonderling.