

WCFA PAST PRESIDENTS

The Wholesale Florists and Florist Suppliers of America, Inc. founded in 1961, evolved from the **Wholesale Commission of Florists of America**. The latter group, organized in Chicago, Illinois in 1926, provided a firm foundation for WF&FSA to build upon. The men listed on this page served as president of the WCFA during its 35 years of existence. They, and many others, greatly contributed to making WF&FSA the thriving association it is today.

1926—1927

William F. Ekas

William F. Ekas Wholesale Florist
Baltimore, MD

1927—1928

Frank A. Windler

Windler Wholesale Floral Co.
St. Louis, MO

1928—1929

Howard J. Hook

Pittsburgh Cut Flower Co.
Pittsburgh, PA

1929—1930

Henry G. Berning

H.G. Berning Inc.
St. Louis, MO

1930—1934

William A. Hansen

William A. Hansen Co.
Chicago, IL

1934—1936

Charles F. Pennock

S.S. Pennock Co.
New York, NY

1936—1938

Paul Rigo

Henshaw Floral Co.
New York, NY

1938—1941

Edward Dupuy

Dupuy Wholesale Florist
Whitestone, Long Island, NY

1941—1944

S.S. Pennock Jr.
S.S. Pennock Co.
Baltimore, MD

1944—1947

David Geddis Jr.
D.S. Geddis Jr. Co.
St. Louis, MO

1947—1949

Al J. Grigsby
Berthold-Grigsby Inc.
Cleveland, OH

1949—1951

George L. Stuppy
Stuppy Supply Co.
Kansas City, MO

1951—1953

Leonard C. Koehler
Koehler, Dramm & Johnson
Chicago, IL

1953—1955

Oscar G. Carlstedt
Oscar G. Carlstedt Co.
Jacksonville, FL

1955—1957

O. Ben Haley Jr.
Denver Wholesale Florists Co.
Denver, CO

1957—1959

Harrison Kennicott Jr.
Kennicott Brothers Co.
Chicago, IL

1959—1961

P. S. Cook

Norfolk Wholesale Floral Co.
Norfolk, VA

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In its past presidents, WF&FSA is privileged to have a vast reservoir of experience and leadership. These statesmen are constantly available for consultation with the Board of Directors, staff and committees. This continuing commitment to the welfare of the association on the part of its past presidents is one of WF&FSA's greatest assets.

1961-1963

Robert C. Dewey
S. S. Pennock Co.
Philadelphia, PA

1963-1966

Leland T. Kintzele
Denver Wholesale Florist Co.
Denver, CO

1966-1968

James O. Nordlie
Nordlie Inc. Inc.
Detroit, MI

1968-1970

Samuel S. Pennock III
S. S. Pennock Co.
Philadelphia, PA

1970-1972

Yoshimi Shibata
Mt. Eden Nursery
Mt. Eden, CA

1972-1974

George E. Wolfe, Jr.
Wolfe Wholesale Florist
Waco, TX

1974-1975

Donald E. Hook
Pittsburg Cut Flower Co.
Pittsburg, PA

1975-1976

John Van Hanford Jr.

Handford's Inc.

Charlotte, NC

1976-1977

William B. Arnett

Four State Wholesale Florist

Tulsa, OK

1977-1978

William C. Sieck

Claymore C. Sieck

Baltimore, MD

1978-1979

Jake Van Namen

Vans Inc.

Alsip, IL

1979-1980

Pete Garcia

Pete Garcia Co.

Atlanta, GA

1980-1981

Jerome Wagner

David L. Jones Whlse. Floral Co.

Seattle, WA

1981-1982

William C. Belden

Oscar G. Carlstedt Co.

Jacksonville, FL

1982-1983

Knud Nielsen, Jr.

Knud Nielsen Co.

Evergreen, AL

1983-1984

Robert H. Weatherford

Southern Floral Co.

Houston, TX

1984-1986

James C. Stuppy

Stuppy Floral Products Co.

North Kansas City, MO

1986-1987

Alvin V. Dauble

Ziedler Whlse. Floral Co.

Evansville, IN

1987-1988

Harrison (Red) Kennicott

Kennicott Brothers Co.

Chicago, IL

1988-1989

Robert J. Carbone

R.J. Carbone Co.

Cranston, RI

1989-1990

James F. Gaunt

Southview Inc.

Romulus, MI

1990-1991

A. James Edgar

Austin S. Edgar Inc.

Syracuse, NY

1991-1992

Robert M. Wilkins

Delaware Valley Whlse. Florists

Sewell, NJ

1992- 1993

David Mears

Mears Floral Products

Springfield, MO

1993-1994

Paul C. Zieger

Zieger & Sons Inc.

Philadelphia, PA

1994-1995

John D. Shelton

Pajaro Valley Greenhouses Inc.
Watsonville, CA

1995-1996

Leonard Levy

Hillcrest Garden Inc.
Paramus, NJ

1996-1997

Walter Rojahn Jr.

Rojahn and Malaney Co.
Milwaukee, WI

1997-1998

LeRoy Franzoia

California Flower Shippers Inc.
Mountain View, CA

1998-1999

James A. Hill

Fresh Concepts
Ft. Lauderdale, FL

1999-2000

Alan Jacobson

Jacobson Floral Supply Inc.
Boston, MA

2000-2001

Arlene Sorensen

Lincoln Wholesale Florists Co.
Lincoln, NE

2001-2002

Tim Matsuno

Greenleaf Wholesale Florist, Inc.
Brighton, CO

2002-2003

Dwight J. Larimer

Design Master Color Tool, Inc.
Denver, CO

2003-2004

Jack Van Namen

Buena Vista Floral SA de CV
Villa Guerrero, Mexico

2004-2005

John R. Wilkins

Delaware Valley Floral Group
Sewell, NJ

2005-2006

Wanda Weder

Highland Supply Corporation
Highland, IL

2006-2007

William Hardin

Hardin Wholesale Florist, Inc.
Liberty, NC

2007-2008

Dave Garcia

Pete Garcia Company
Atlanta, GA

2008-2009

William La Fever

Bill Doran Company
Rockford, IL

2009-2010

Gary Doran

Kennicott Brothers Company
Chicago, IL

2010-2011

David Armellini

Armellini Industries Inc
Stuart, FL

2011-2012

Nicholas Fronduto

Jacobson Floral Supply, Inc.
Boston, MA

2012-2013

Pat Dahlson

Mayesh Wholesale Florist, Inc.

Los Angeles, CA

2013-2014

Tom Figueroa, AIFD

Nordlie, Inc.

Warren, MI

2014-2015

Alan Tanouye

Floralife, Div. of Smithers Oasis

Walterboro, SC

2015-2016

Rob Shibata

Mt. Eden Floral Company LLC

San Jose, CA

2016 - 2017

Santiago Cock-Rada

Liberty Blooms

Miami, FL

2017-2018

Marla O'Dell

FloraCraft Corporation

2018-2019

Ben Powell

Mayesh Wholesale Florist, Inc