



Thank You, Paul Ecke, Jr.

We cannot remember Paul Ecke, Jr. ever saying "I don't have

Paul Ecke, Jr. is involved in more activities than perhaps any person in the floriculture industry, and yet, he always takes time to give his energy, support, and talents to projects he believes are truly necessary and worthwhile.

For over three decades, Paul Ecke, Jr. has been involved in developing the seminar programs for the International Floriculture Industry Short Course, and has chaired the Short Course Grower Planning Committee since the early 1980s.

Chairing a committee that plans the Short Course programs is an Chairing a committee that plans the Short Course programs is a enormous responsibility, and can be extremely rewarding or disappointing. Fortunately for Paul, and the floriculture industry, his years as chairperson have all been very rewarding. During his tenure, the quality, diversity, value, and size of the program have increased at an unbelievable rate. Ten years ago, the Short Course attendance barely topped 2,000, with only a handful of international attendees, and approximately 50 speakers and 40 sessions. In 1993, there will be 158 speakers, more than 100 sessions, and an attendance of over 5,000 with participants from more than 20 foreign countries.

Paul was born in Los Angeles, California on December 19, 1925. After serving in the U.S. Navy on the U.S.S. Knapp DD653 Destroyer during World War II from 1943 to 1946, he enrolled at The Ohio State University where he graduated in 1949 with a Bachelor of Science degree in horticulture. Also, during the Korean conflict, he served on the U.S.S. Perkins DDR877 with the 7th Fleet in the China Sea.

His mentors at The Ohio State University were two tough professors – Alex Laurie and D.C. Kiplinger. His toughest mentor, however, was his father Paul Ecke, Sr.

After graduation, Paul entered the family business in Encinitas, California, and directed the poinsettia hybridizing, propagation California, and directed the poinsettia hybridizing, propagation, and production company to a level that is a benchmark for all floriculture firms. He retired recently as the chairperson of the Paul Ecke Poinsettia Ranch.

Paul's current activities within and outside of the floriculture industry include:

- Board of Directors, Society of American Florists Advisory Council, U.S. National Arboretum
- Co-chairperson, International Floriculture Industry Short Course Grower Planning Committee President, Los Angeles Flower Market
- Agriculture College Advisory Board, University of California, Davis
- Agriculture College Advisory Board, California Polytechnic State University
- University Council, California State University
- Southern California Water Committee
- Board of Director, San Diego Del Mar Fair Board of Director, San Diego Community Foundation
- Planned Parenthood
- Founding Board Member, Magdalena Ecke Family YMCA Board of Managers

In addition to the above, Paul has also been involved in the following:

- · Vice-chairperson, projects and grants, American Floral Endowment
- Vice-president, out-of-state, Ohio Florists' Association
 Trustee, D.C. Kiplinger Chair in Floriculture Committee

We thank Paul for his years of guidance in developing and improving the International Floriculture Industry Short Course. He will step down from the co-chairpersonship of the Short Course Planning Committee after plans for the 1994 Short Course are complete

Although Paul will no longer chair the Short Course Planning Committee, we know he will continue to offer advice, and we also know, with certainty, he will never tell us he doesn't have time.



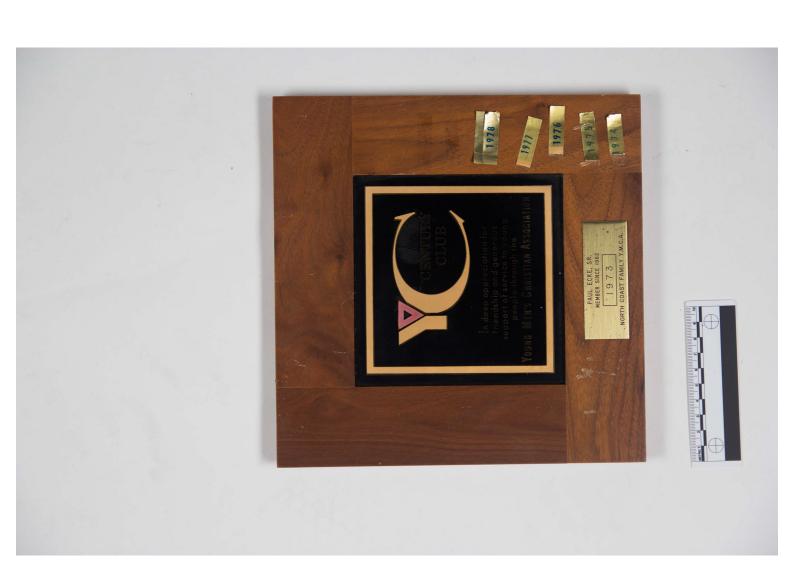




































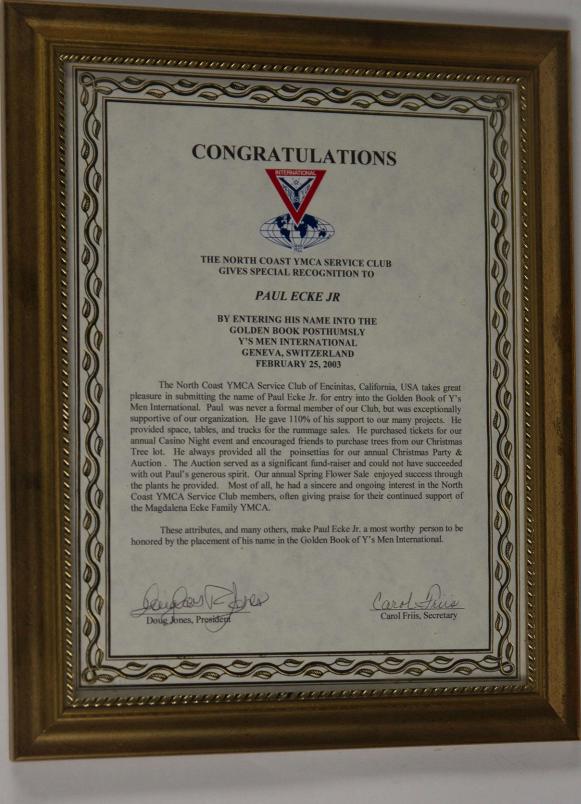




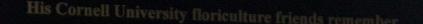












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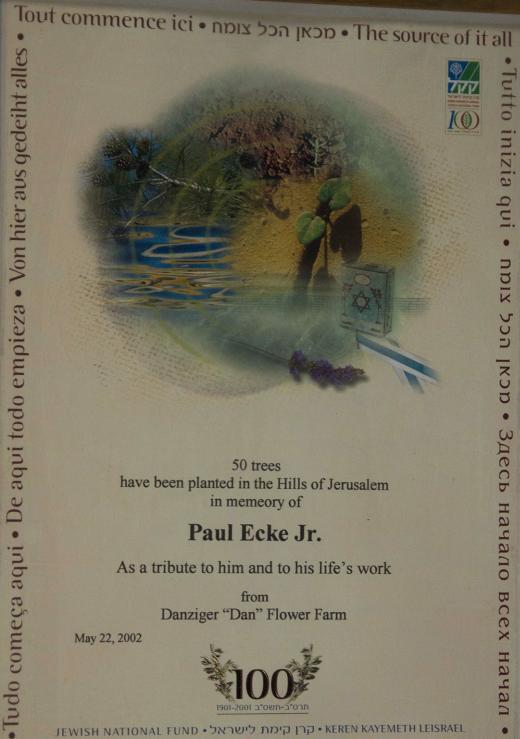
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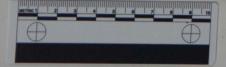
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