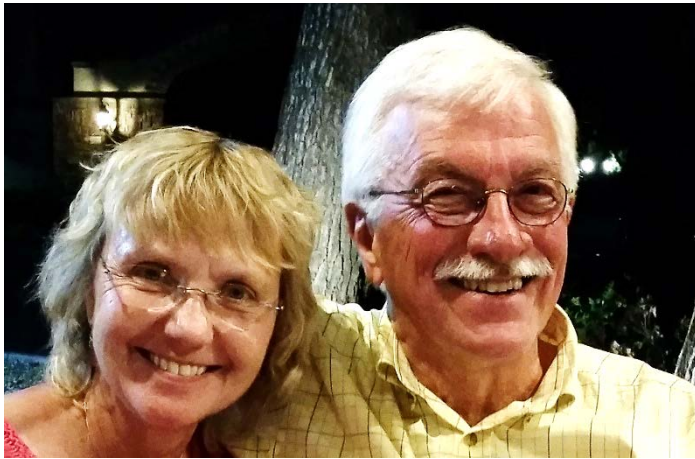


## ASHS Couple's Contributions to the ASHS Endowment is A Career-Long Effort.

Dr. George Fitzpatrick, Professor of Environmental Horticulture, and Dr. Mary Lamberts, Extension Specialist-Vegetables, shared successful academic careers, faculty positions at the University of Florida and of course, being members of ASHS, together. More importantly, they shared a commitment to contributing to the ASHS Endowment Fund. Both faculty enjoyed long, successful careers and were very active in the Society. Over time, their contributions have become significant. Leadership shown by these colleagues is key to the success of the Endowment program goal of supporting students travel to the ASHS Annual Convention, and to introducing them to the society and all the career benefits there in. We very much appreciate their commitment and hope that you too will consider being a contributor to the Endowment.



***Who helped you get started in horticulture? Where did the two of you meet for the first time?***

**George:** I used to help my father with our garden when I was a child. I was always interested in plants and animals, and I became more interested in plants as a graduate teaching assistant; my duties included setting up the lab and field exercises for the plant taxonomy course.

**Mary:** I became interested in botany and food production while living in Asia and had planned to work overseas when I graduated. When I started at Cornell, Dr. Ed Oyer suggested I ask Dr. William C. Kelly to be my advisor/major professor, which happened. I was his last Ph.D. student.

We met through the University of Florida where we both worked.

***What considerations led you to become a steady donor to the ASHS Endowment?***

**Mary:** I went to graduate school with the group that started the Endowment Fund, John Gerber, Bill Lamont and Mark Sherman. I waited a couple of years before I started donating.

**George:** I started donating later, strongly influenced by Mary.

***Did you contribute over time, and if so, did monthly/yearly contributions cause you any financial discomfort or second thoughts?***

**Mary:** I made yearly contributions, adding more when I had extra funds. I gave what fit in my budget at the time and it never caused any financial discomfort.

**George:** No financial discomfort or second thoughts. We both sent money at periodic intervals.

*Do you feel your contributions are being used appropriately? Are they doing any good?*

Yes on both counts.

*Why do you feel student travel grants are important to our future members?*

**Mary:** I was fortunate to have support from my department which allowed me to attend ASHS conferences when I was in graduate school, including the use of a shared car.

**George:** I also had support, as a graduate student, to attend professional conferences. It is unfortunate that many students these days do not have such support. ASHS student travel grants are a big help for them.

### **Mary Lamberts –**

ASHS Member Since 1979

Continuing Education Committee (CEC)

International Affairs Division 1992

International Division Vice President 1992

Program Steering Committee 1992

Continuing Strategic Planning Committee 1994

Horticultural Strategies in Developing Countries 1994

William A. (Tex) Frazier Lecture Series Selection Committee 1994, Chair 1998-1999

International topics of Concern to Horticulturists 1995, Chair 1996-1997

Public Relations Committee 1995

Extension Advisory Council 1996, Chair 2000-2002

Extension Division Vice President 1999

Continuing Education Committee (CEC) 2000

Certified Professional Horticulturist (CPH) Board 2001, Chair 2003-2004

ASHS Certified Horticulturist Board (CH) 2010

ASHS Certified Horticulturist Board (CH) 2012

Nominations and Elections Committee 2012

### **George Fitzpatrick –**

ASHS Member Since: 1982

ARCPACS Horticulture Board 1991

Consumer Horticulture and Master Gardeners 1992, Chair 1992-1993

Certified Professional Horticulturist (CPH) Board 1997

Collegiate Activities Committee (CAC) 2001

Graduate Student Activities Committee 2001

Education Publication Award Selection Committee 2002, Chair 2002-2004

Horticultural Landmarks Selection Committee 2004, Chair 2008-2009, Chair 2010-2011

Waste Utilization in Horticulture 2004, Vice-Chair 2004-2005

ASHS Certified Horticulturist Board (CH) 2009  
ASHS Certified Horticulturist Board (CH) 2012  
Working Group – Emeriti, Secretary 2014-2016