

Bob Liames
is the winner of
The 2026 Marvin and Emelie Snyder Award
of Merit for Dedicated Support of the American Conifer
Society.



For many years, Bob has been an ardent supporter and advocate for ACS, volunteering at local, regional, and national events. He is known for his record sales for the raffle can auction resulting from his playful and very vocal way of engaging others to partake in the fun. He assists in planning and setup for regional meetings and also tirelessly works on any task that needs doing at national events. He is constantly in motion and brings his high energy and positive outlook to all attendees. He has organized many regional meetings and has aided other regions

by assisting with their events. Bob attends as many events both regionally, nationally and internationally, as his schedule allows.

Currently, Bob serves as the director of the ACS Central Region, representing his membership conscientiously and wisely both within the CR and on a national level as a member of the ACS Board of Directors. Bob was just elected as President of the ACS at the 2026 National meeting.

Bob hosts an annual garden fair at his home where he encourages ACS members and other garden aficionados to attend. He uses his garden as a platform to interest and intrigue others to join the ACS and start their collecting journey. His garden displays his passion for the world of conifers and features many unique plants. He enjoys collecting and trading plants to expand his collection and those of others.

Bob has overseen the production of the ACS wall calendar for the past several years. Both he and his wife have worked hard to create beautiful calendars showcasing the photographs of ACS members, which they collect and process to create the calendar. Bob then ensures the calendars are shipped out promptly when purchased.

Bob is an excellent speaker, as well. He has provided entertaining presentations at past Conifer College events for the ACS. He has spoken to other garden organizations and at various garden events, and has also provided virtual presentations. All his presentations are practical and very enjoyable.

Bob is a person who has demonstrated through many years all the characteristics we seek in nominees for the Marvin and Emelie Snyder Award of Merit. He has volunteered countless hours and has asked for nothing in return. His infectious attitude and passion for conifers and unique plants have encouraged others to join and become active members in this organization.

Congratulations BOB!

