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NOMINATIONS SOUGHT FOR THE FLORIDA CITRUS HALL OF FAME

BARTOW, Fla. (Aug. 25, 2023) --- Nominations are being sought for potential inductees to The Florida Citrus Hall of Fame, with induction ceremonies scheduled to take place at 11:30 a.m. on Friday, March 1, 2024 at Florida Southern College in Lakeland. The luncheon is co-sponsored by the Florida Department of Citrus and Florida Citrus Mutual. Eligible nominees are those distinguished leaders who have made significant contributions to the Florida citrus industry in any of the following fields: pioneers, harvesting, packing, processing, marketing, scientific and/or educational areas.

Last year's inductees were citrus pioneer A.G. Smith (deceased), of Wauchula, Fla., and Gilbert Bowen (deceased), of Winter Haven, Fla. Due to date changes associated with Covid, these two men will be inducted in March along with the Class of 2024, which will be selected in December of this year.

The deadline for entries is November 1, 2023. Any nominations received after this date will be considered for the following year. Nomination forms are available by contacting Brenda Eubanks Burnette at (561) 351-4314 or via email at Brenda@BurnetteandAssociates.com and by visiting the Florida Citrus Hall of Fame web site at www.floridacitrushalloffame.com.

The Florida Citrus Hall of Fame luncheon will also pay homage to the Florida Citrus Queen/Miss Florida Citrus Centennial Celebration taking place in 2024, with the women who represented the industry over the years honored as guests at the luncheon, followed by a Centennial Celebration Gala the next night at Nora Mayo Hall in Winter Haven. The first Florida Citrus Queen was chosen in January of 1924 in Winter Haven as part of the Florida Orange Exposition. If you know of someone who was a Florida Citrus Queen or Miss Florida Citrus, please send in their contact information so they can be included in the festivities.

Completed nomination forms should be e-mailed to: Brenda@BurnetteandAssociates.com. Hard copies should be sent to Florida Citrus Hall of Fame, P. O. Box 1576, Bartow, FL 33831-1576.

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