

## CHUEY ENDOWMENT PROVIDES BOOST FOR VIRUS RESEARCH

The Scheetz Chuey Charitable Foundation recently announced the creation of the Carl F. Chuey Dahlia Virus Research Endowment at Washington State University (WSU). The Endowment honors the work and the wishes of Dr. Carl Chuey who was a professor of biology for over 47 years at Youngstown State University (YSU) in Youngstown, Ohio. Dr. Chuey was an expert on ferns and became the Curator of the Herbarium at YSU. The Herbarium grew to over 100,000 species, including over 20,000 ferns, under his guidance. Dr. Chuey had broad technical and professional interests and was involved in a number of organizations, including the Ohio Academy of Science, the American Fern Society, the American Society of Plant Taxonomy, the British Pteridological Society, and the Lighter Than Air Society.

Mr. Jim Chuey, Carl's brother, announced the donation at the banquet for the Midwest Dahlia Conference's Annual Show and Meeting on September 13, 2014. The Show was sponsored by the Mahoning Valley Dahlia Society (MVDS) and was held at Fellow's Riverside Garden in Youngstown.

Dr. Carl Chuey's interest in dahlias grew out of the enthusiasm that his brother, Jim, had in growing and showing our favorite flower. The brothers' involvement with dahlias led to the creation of the Mahoning Valley Dahlia Society, an active and successful Dahlia Society in Youngstown, Ohio. Each brother contributed substantially to the success of the MVDS. Jim Chuey also played the key role in establishing the Fellows Riverside Trial Garden in Youngstown.

Carl and Jim collaborated in hybridizing dahlias, including in particular, Marcella Louise, named for their mother, Marcella Louise Scheetz Chuey. Carl shared Jim's frustration with the frequent appearance of virus in even the most carefully cultivated dahlia gardens. Carl's expertise in biology allowed him to follow the virus research work at WSU in some detail and he became convinced that their work could be the way to solve the virus problems we all encounter in our gardens.

Before his death at age 70 on April 18, 2014, the brothers discussed how best to support the work at WSU. Their conclusion was to donate \$350,000 from their Charitable Foundation to the University to establish this Endowment.

Dr. Hanu Pappu, Sam Smith Distinguished Professor of Plant Virology, at Washington State University, has indicated that his objective in the new Endowment will include an emphasis on the clarification and the practical implementation of the knowledge developed in the research projects in our dahlia gardens. The Endowment will be used for research supporting the identification, control, and elimination of virus diseases in our dahlia gardens. The Samuel Smith Professorship at WSU grew out of a challenge grant provided by the estate of Evie Gullikson and was implemented through the American Dahlia Society in 1998.

