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Wadsworth's George Dean Recognized as NGMA Lifetime Honorary Member

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ARVADA, COLORADO—May 4, 2006—The NGMA honored industry pioneer George Dean, former president of Wadsworth Control Systems at their recent conference in San Antonio, TX. The NGMA paid tribute to George and made him a Lifetime Honorary Member of the National Greenhouse Manufacturers Association. Industry leaders spoke of his achievements.

"George's long-standing dedication to the industry and to the NGMA organization is unmatched and we appreciate all that he has done over the years. His personal integrity and great sense of humor have always made it a pleasure for anyone who has worked with George and we are appreciative of his work," said Rich Reilly, President Rough Brothers and President NGMA.

Highly regarded throughout the industry for introducing progressive automation technology to greenhouse operations, George is widely recognized as the forefather of the modern environmental control system for greenhouses. He is in the Horticulture Hall of Fame for both the Society of American Florists and the Colorado Florists Association in recognition of his contributions. In 2004 George celebrated his 50th anniversary at Wadsworth and now serves as company adviser. His son Gary Dean now heads Wadsworth, which was started in 1952 by George's father, George Sr.

Speakers at the NGMA conference included Rich Reilly, Jim Stuppy of Stuppy Greenhouses, Scott Thompson of XS Smith Greenhouses, Steve Scantland of Ludy Greenhouses, Gary Dean and Patricia Dean of Wadsworth Controls.

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