

# Tri-Cities Receive the Azalea City Award

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On April 27, 2015, three cities of the Tri-State Chapter of the Azalea Society of America received the Azalea City Award. **Buddy Lee** and **John Migas**, past presidents of the ASA, presented the award to the cities of Mt. Vernon, Princeton, and Petersburg, Indiana.

The ASA recognizes cities that promote azaleas by having festivals, public events and other activities throughout the season. The award ceremony for the Tri-Cities of Indiana has been in the making for well over three years. Finally, the ASA and the three recipients of the Azalea City Award were able to set the date for the presentation.

The day could not have been any better. The weather was perfect with sunny skies and 70°. Well over 100 guests were present for the ceremony along the Ohio River in Mt. Vernon, Indiana. Afterward, a walk through gardens newly built by the city of Mt. Vernon ended with lunch just across the street.





*On March 28, 2015, the Azalea Society of America awarded me the Exceptional Service Award at their annual meeting in Nacogdoches, Texas. I was not present due to a number of unfortunate reasons. But on April 27 the ASA was hosting a ceremony for the Azalea City Award in Mt. Vernon, Indiana. There, the award was presented to me by Buddy Lee.*

*I thank all involved for thinking of me on receiving the award. This is the highest honor given by the Society, and one for which I will always be thankful to all the members. Words cannot explain how humble I am to be included in this group. I will remain working with the ASA to make it the great society it is.*

*Thank you ASA,  
John Migas*

