

Don O. Shadow, President

Shadow Nursery, Inc.

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Shadow Nursery Inc., owned and operated by Don Shadow, is a wholesale nursery specializing in quality liners, a wide assortment of trees and shrubs as well as native and *'interesting and useful'* plant material. Located in Southern Middle Tennessee, the operation encompasses over 800 acres of field-grown stock, seedling blocks, propagation beds, trial and evaluation areas and a container operation.

In addition to his passion for acquiring and producing interesting and useful plants for the nursery industry, Mr. Shadow also cares for some 60 different species of what he fondly refers to as *'alternative livestock'*. This includes an assortment of unusual deer, cattle, swine and poultry as well as more exotic species such as zebras, camels, cranes, tapir and many others. Don works closely with zoos and other breeders who regularly share animals for breeding due to his remarkable success record as a private breeder.

Don Shadow is fourth generation nurseryman receiving his degree in Horticulture from the University of Tennessee in Knoxville, TN where he later served nine years on the Board of Trustees for the university.

Don is Past President of the Southern Nursery Association and a recipient of the SNA's David E. Laird, Sr. Memorial Award which recognizes outstanding service in the field of environmental horticulture. He was also honored with the SNA's Slater Wright Memorial Award for an individual's outstanding service to the industry. Mr. Shadow is a Past-President of the International Plant Propagator's Society (Eastern Region), Past-President of the Tennessee Nurserymen's Association (now TNLA) and a former member of the American Association of Nurserymen Board of Governors. Mr. Shadow served three terms on the Advisory Council of the United States National Arboretum.

Among other honors, Don has received the Medal of Honor Award of the Garden Club of America, the Individual Commercial Award of the American Horticultural Society, the Silver Seal Award of the American Federation of Garden Clubs and the Jackson Dawson Memorial Award from the Massachusetts Horticultural Society. In February of 2008 Don was inducted into the Tennessee Nursery & Landscape Association Hall of Fame. He has since been presented with the first 'Don Shadow Award' by the Southern Plant Conference, which is given in his honor to recognize others who demonstrate industry excellence. More recently, he received the inaugural Industry Development Award presented by the GIE Horticultural Group at the 2011 OFA Short Course.

Don is co-author of the book: *Dogwoods*, an overview of the genus *Cornus*. His ongoing endeavor is the development of a botanical garden and animal park dedicated to education and the preservation of *'flora and fauna'*. In all of this, Don is blessed with the dedication and assistance of his wife, Mary, their daughter, Jennifer, her husband Charles Keller and grandsons Elijah, Ethan and Evan.