



Dedication of the ARF 2013 Competitive Grants Program *In Memory of Roger Detering (1934 – 2012)*

Roger Detering served as a member of the Board of Directors of the Agricultural Research Foundation for 7 years. Roger died in June 2012 at his family farm, Detering Orchards in Harrisburg Oregon, where his parents began the legacy of Detering Orchards in 1934, raising and marketing fruits and vegetables to the public.

As a director, Roger was especially interested and involved in the Foundation's Competitive Grants Program that supports faculty research projects in several colleges at Oregon State University. The 2013 ARF Competitive Grants Program is dedicated to Roger Detering in honor of his service and commitment to Oregon agriculture and natural resources and to the programs of the Foundation.

Roger Detering's life-long work in farming and direct marketing was full of remarkable accomplishments. And

he was a natural educator, over the years hiring and mentoring dozens of young teenagers on his farm—not because they were good help, but because he wanted to teach them about working hard and being responsible citizens. Roger had a genuine interest in people. His legendary generosity was dramatically illustrated at his memorial service, when the audience was asked “How many of you ever got your fruit for free from Roger Detering?” Hundreds of people raised their hands.

Roger was respected by his peers who elected him to high offices, including the president of the Oregon Horticultural Society. Longtime employees at the farm always felt like members of the family and Roger was very much a family man. The Foundation was honored and blessed to have been a part of Roger Detering's extended family.

On behalf of the entire Board of Directors of the Agricultural Research Foundation