



Anna Lute Award Nominations

FRSA has created an award in the honor and memory of Anna Maude Lute, an accomplished seed analyst of her time. Anna Lute was the Director of the Colorado Seed Laboratory and Chief Seed Analyst from 1920 until her retirement in 1941. She also served as the President of the AOSA in 1925, and taught grass systematics and taxonomy at Colorado State University. Prior to her coming to the Colorado Seed Laboratory, she worked as a seed analyst and in seed research for the USDA. It was her understanding that to become a proficient seed analyst, one must have daily contact with the testing of seeds and with the identification of new seed species. Anna Lute stated in her 1925 AOSA Presidential Address, “*An understanding [of seed analysis] can only be gained by that familiarity which is born of long contact with a problem. It seems to me then, that one of our greatest immediate needs is to make of the seed laboratory a fit place for minds to live in, not to sleep or die in... My plea, then, is that we may make of seed laboratories a better environment for seed analysts... We need to continue our work to increasingly improve our laboratory methods and practices. It is constant attention and constant effort to attain a better result by a more reliable method that makes even the routine work of seed testing and analysis interesting... I speak as one who enjoys every phase of the seed work*”. The Front Range Seed Analysts would like to recognize current seed analysts who have this same interest, dedication and desire for seed testing.

Nominations for the ***Anna Lute Award*** should be of a dedicated seed analyst who fits the Anna Lute model and meets the following criteria set by FRSA. Any member of AOSA or SCST is welcome to post a nomination. All nominations are reviewed and selected by the FRSA Awards Committee, which consists of two FRSA members, the FRSA Secretary and two past Anna Lute Award winners. The ***Anna Lute Award*** consists of an engraved plaque and a \$100.00 monetary award.

These criteria will be followed to select the award recipient:

- Nominees must be presently engaged in seed testing, spending a minimum of 50% of their time actively involved in day-to-day seed analysis.
- Nominees should have made worthy contributions to the field of seed testing such as determining new or alternate methods of testing seed, involvement in education of the public in the field of seed testing, aiding in the training of new seed analysts, participation in workshops and seminars, etc.
*Please include specific examples for the person you nominate.
- Nominees should have effectively furthered the use of seed testing and of high quality seed through continued activity, local or national, in the seed industry.
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- Nominees should have contributed to the seed lab environment through continued helpfulness toward fellow seed analysts and with enthusiasm for the subject of seed testing.
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- Nominees should have established a local or national reputation as an interested, enthusiastic, and professional seed analyst.

FRSA realizes there are analysts out there who fit Anna Lute’s model, and we would like to see them recognized. Please help to acknowledge these special people by submitting their name and qualifications for this award.

Nominations are kept from year to year. Once you nominate an analyst, their name remains on our list.

The ***Anna Lute Award*** is presented by an FRSA representative at the annual AOSA/SCST Joint Meetings.

Past Award recipients are: *Sharon Davidson, Marie Greeniaus, Deborah Meyer, Susan Maxon, Nancy Vivrette, Annette Miller, Jim Effenberger, Tim Gutormson, Marilyn Milhous, Sandra Hegna, Aleta Meyer, Barbara Atkins, Pat Brownfield, Brent Turnipseed and Jim Bruce.*



Anna Lute Award Nomination Form

Nominee Information

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Employer _____

Membership in AOSA and/or SCST _____

Years in Seed Testing _____

Please enclose a description of why this nominee should be considered for the Anna Lute Award, including those qualities that make them an Anna Lute like analyst as well as addressing the five criteria set by FRSA. Please maintain a two-page maximum.

Nominator Information

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Fax _____

Email _____

Nominator's signature: _____ Date: _____
(A typed signature is acceptable)

Submit nominations by fax, mail, or email to:

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