

Jules Janick: Horticulturist, Plant Breeder, Editor



Jules Janick and his wife Shirley, married for 55 years, in Alberobello, Italy in connection with a germplasm collection trip.

Jules Janick is well known in the horticultural and breeding community as founder and editor of *Horticultural Reviews* (34 volumes) and *Plant Breeding Reviews* (30 volumes) which have become sourcebooks of technical information in both fields. He has also edited six Proceedings of New Crops Conferences which are available on his website www.hort.purdue.edu/newcrop that received over 31 million hits in 2006 and represents a unique source of information for workers in new crops and germplasm. In addition Janick has coedited a number of monographs in fruit breeding. His textbook *Horticultural Science* (4 editions) was translated into Portuguese during Janick's tenure at the University of Minas Gerais (now Federal university of Viçosa) from 1963-1965) and is well known to an older generation of Brazilian horticulturists. Janick served as President of the American Society for Horticultural Science and was a long time editor of the *Journal of the American Society for Horticultural Science* and *HortScience* as well as Editor-in-Chief of ASHS Press. He now serves as Science Editor of *Chronica Horticulturae*, a publication of the International Society for Horticultural Science where Janick serves as board member and Director of Publications. Altogether, Janick has written or coauthored over 100 volumes.

Janick has published a great many papers in horticulture, genetics and breeding, and tissue culture; releases include 18 cultivars of apple, 3 pears, 1 tomato, 1 scented geranium, and 1 arugula. His varied research career has involved studies on somatic embryogenesis, synthetic seed, spinach sex determination, and *Artemisia* as a source of artemisinin. His latest interest has been the relationship of horticulture and art especially art as a source of information on horticultural technology and history.

Janick's long career has been associated with the Department of Horticulture and Landscape Architecture at Purdue University and he has been employed since 1952 and still works full time.. He is now the James Troop Distinguished Professor of Horticulture and is Director of the Purdue University Center of New Crops and Plant Products. Janick has worked with germplasm and was involved with exchange of *Eruca* and *Diplotaxis* germplasm in Italy while he held a Fulbright Fellowship at the University of Sant'Ana in Pisa in 2004. Janick has traveled widely throughout the world and has received honorary degrees at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem (2007), the Technical University of Lisbon (1994), and the University of Bologna (1990). Janick received his BS from Cornell University (1951) and MS (1952) and PhD (1954) degrees from Purdue University. Janick's career is one of passionate involvement with horticulture, plant breeding, and the history of horticulture.