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## Jessica Damiano Receives 2022 GardenComm Media Awards Silver Medal of Achievement

**Aug. 2, 2022 –** Jessica Damiano recently received the 2022 Media Awards Silver Medal of Achievement for her writing, presented by GardenComm: Garden Communicators International.

This national award recognizes individuals and companies who achieve the highest levels of talent and professionalism in garden communications. The 2022 competition had more than 165 entries in 67 categories. Recipients of the Silver Medal represent the best in their category and will now compete for Gold Medals in their category.

Damiano received the Silver Medal of Achievement for her Newsday article titled Growing a taste of home: Keeping tradition alive. The narrative tells of the gardening prowess of Italian-American Long Islander Nick Ranieri, whose insistence on keeping traditions alive has earned him entry into the Smithsonian's Archive of American Gardens.

"The GardenComm Media Awards showcase writers, photographers, editors, videographers, social media managers, publishers, and trade companies that have demonstrated excellence in garden communications in print or electronic communications," says Maria Zampini, president of GardenComm.

Damiano, the gardening columnist for the Associated Press, is a journalist, master gardener, gardening coach, public speaker and author who also publishes <u>The Weekly Dirt newsletter.</u>

Since the early 1980s, the GardenComm Media Awards program has recognized outstanding writing, photography, graphic design and illustration for books, newspaper stories, magazine articles and other works focused on gardening.

The complete list of winners will be available on the GardenComm website following the 2022 Annual Honors & Awards virtual event on Oct. 15 at 2:30 pm ET held in conjunction with the GardenComm Virtual Conference, October 12 - 15. For more information about this award, contact Chris Sabbarese via email at info@gardencomm.org

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