

Awards

American Academy of Gold Foil Operators Clinician of the Year Award

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This year's recipient amply fulfills the criteria spelled out by Vic Williams, formerly of Williams Gold, now Ivoclar, when he donated this annual award. His purpose for the award was to recognize a younger member of the Gold Foil Academy who had contributed significantly to gold foil organizations and had become an accomplished gold foil operator.

Dr Edward L Kardong, this year's recipient, was born and raised in the Bellevue, Washington area, where he attended the local schools. He went on to the University of Washington, where he received his undergraduate degree in Chemistry and later his DDS degree in 1973.

After graduation, Dr Kardong was associated with two talented dentists in the Bellevue area, both practiced the use of gold restorations for several years. He then went on to purchase a practice on Bainbridge Island from a practitioner who also provided direct and indirect gold restorations to his patients. Dr Kardong practiced there for 32 years until his retirement in 2005.

He joined the George Ellsperman Gold Foil Seminar in 1977, at the urging of Drs John Sechena and Dick Tucker, Jr, where he came under the influence and tutelage of Dr Gerald D Stibbs, a former founding member of this Academy. By his own admission, Dr Kardong readily acknowledges that, professionally, this was the best decision he ever made. He was also a charter member of the Emerald City Cast Gold Study in Seattle for 10 years.

Dr Kardong has contributed notably and held offices in many dental and non-dental organizations. He has been President of the RV Tucker Academy and former President of this Academy. He also served as Secretary for the Associated Ferrier Study Clubs for four years. In addition, he has contributed to dental education at the University of Washington Dental School by teaching part-time for 15 years.

He has been married to his lovely wife, Elaine, for 35 years, and they have two wonderful grown children, Benjamin and Rebecca.

It is my distinct honor and pleasure to present to Dr Edward L Kardong as the 2010 recipient of the American Academy of Gold Foil Operators Clinician of the Year Award.

Warren K Johnson, DDS