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## Bel Jan Awarded FTGA Wreath of Grass Award

ORLANDO, Fla. (Oct. 6, 2008): On Sept. 18, the Florida Turfgrass Association (FTGA) awarded Jan Bel Jan with the 2008 FTGA Wreath of Grass Award. This award is the FTGA's highest honor and pays tribute to individuals who have shown outstanding service not only to the turfgrass industry but also to the FTGA.

Bel Jan was presented with this award at the association's 56<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting by W. Tim Hiers, CGCS.

Bel Jan has been a design associate of Tom Fazio, Fazio Golf Course Designers, since 1978. As an associate, Jan has been involved with numerous Florida golf courses. In 1990, she became the second female elected to membership in the American Society of Golf Course Architects (ASGCA.) She is also a registered Landscape Architect and a member of the American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA.) Additional affiliations include: Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSA); Executive Women's Golf Association (EWGA.) Jan has been a member of the Board of Directors of the Florida Turfgrass Association since 1995 and is a past president. Sports Illustrated Plus noted her among the "Ten Most Powerful Women in the Game of Golf" in December 2000 and February 2005.

"The FTGA is extremely proud to present Jan with the 2008 FTGA Wreath of Grass Award," said FTGA President Todd Himmelberger. "Jan will be a valuable mentor for future industry leaders."

The Florida turfgrass industry has a \$5 billion economic impact in the state and provides about 84,000 jobs. FTGA, founded in 1953, advocates for and promotes the turfgrass industry with research, continuing education, and networking opportunities for turfgrass professionals. For more information, visit [www.ftga.org](http://www.ftga.org).

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