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The Herb Society of America Awards Certificate of Achievement

Kirtland, Ohio-Since 1933, The Herb Society of America (HSA) has been dedicated to promoting the knowledge, use and delight of herbs, through educational programs, research and sharing the experience of its members with the community for the past 75 years.

Mary Nuechterlein will be awarded The Herb Society of America's Certificate of Achievement at the Annual Educational Conference and Meeting of the Members to be held at the Boston Marriott Long Wharf, June 26-29, 2008 in Boston, Massachusetts. The Certificate of Achievement is awarded to an Herb Society of America member who has made significant contributions in various ways to the work of The Society or the world of herbs.

Mrs. Nuechterlein is a member of the Frankenmuth Mid-Michigan Unit of The Herb Society of America. Mary has taught children's class at the Frankenmuth Historical Museum for the past 25 years. She was instrumental in the first herb garden on public property in Frankenmuth and beginning an herb study group that led to the foundation of The Herb Society of America, Frankenmuth Mid-Michigan Unit. Mary's experience in teaching children at the Frankenmuth Museum led to classes at the museum log house about pioneer herbs, dying with natural dyes and the importance of native plants to the German immigrants of Frankenmuth. Mary is also a member of the Green Thumb Master Gardeners, serving as their newsletter editor and the co-chair of the Plant a Row for the Hungry program.

Members from all over the United States and Canada will gather to celebrate the 75th Anniversary of HSA. The organization has its roots in the Boston area, growing from a study group of the seven originally from the New England area. They were motivated by the belief that much of the world's knowledge about useful plants had been forgotten and that herbs had declined to the level of a hobby among a few growers of old time gardens.

Membership to The Herb Society of America is open to anyone interested in herbs. Members enjoy benefits such as library access and borrowing privileges, discounts on merchandise, publications, reduced admission fees to public gardens associated with the American Horticultural Society's Reciprocal Admissions Program, educational opportunities and networking opportunities.

For additional information about membership, please contact The Herb Society of America at (440) 256-0514 or visit www.herbsociety.org.

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