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THE HERB SOCIETY OF AMERICA ANNOUNCES TWO 2008 GRANT FOR EDUCATOR AWARDS

Kirtland, OH-The Herb Society of America Education Grant committee is proud to announce the 2008 recipients of the Grant for Educator. Dr. Margaret Conover of Stony Brook, NY and Colin Donohue of Athens, OH, were selected as the grant recipients for the 2008-2009 funding period.

Dr. Conover's project, *Beyond the Chia Pet*; is the creation of a comprehensive, herb-related interdisciplinary curriculum unit for intermediate and middle school students. It is the continuation of a successful program created to teach plant life cycles to children in primary grades using chia seeds.

Dr. Conover is a botanist and science educator who teaches and lectures throughout Long Island and New York. She is co-founder of the Long Island Botanical Society and has been newsletter editor since 2002. Dr. Conover serves on advisory committees for Suffolk County Cooperative Extension and for several local parks and preserves. She is a mentoring scientist for the American Botanical Society's online school enrichment program: "Planting Science."

Colin Donohue is the Executive Director, National Network of Forest Practitioners. His project, *Sustainable Management and Use of Herbs in the Ozarks*, will include a workshop track, lecture and a field trip for the national conference of the National Network of Forest Practitioners in September 2008. The project will involve providing education to and the networking of 100 Forest Practitioners from around the country, as well as local farmers and forest owners in the Ozarks region.

The National Network of Forest Practitioners is a clearinghouse for information and technical assistance, and a place for people to meet, learn, and make their voices heard. NNFP's mission is to promote the mutual well-being of workers, rural communities, and forests by supporting individuals and groups that build sustainable relationships between forests and people.

The Herb Society of America is proud to partner with these educators to present these education programs. The Herb Society of America is a non-profit educational

organization dedicated to promoting the knowledge, use and delight of herbs through educational program, research and sharing the experience of its members with the community and is committed to protecting our global environment for the health and well-being of humankind and all growing things. Membership is open to anyone with an interest in herbs. For additional information about membership or to find a local unit in your area, please visit www.herbsociety.org or call the National Headquarters, 440-256-0514.

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