

The Herb Society of America Award Descriptions and Winners by Award

The Herb Society of America, Inc. Descriptions of Awards

The Herb Society of America is proud to recognize individuals - members and nonmembers alike - who have made substantial contributions to The Society, the public, and the world of herbal knowledge, use and delight. HSA invites its members to help identify those individuals and celebrate their achievements. The HSA awards are:

The Helen De Conway Little Medal of Honor

This award is given annually at the discretion of the Awards Committee to honor someone who has made outstanding contributions to The Herb Society of America or to the world of horticulture in general.

The Nancy Putnam Howard Award for Excellence in Horticulture

This award was established in 1985 to honor Nancy Howard, a very active member of the board of The Society. She devoted a great deal of time to the perpetuation of proper nomenclature

The Gertrude B. Foster Award for Excellence in Herbal Literature

This award was established in 1998. The award honors those who have published a scholarly study of herbs. The author must be living at the time of the nomination. Selection of this award is done with the assistance of the Botany and Horticulture Chairperson, the Curator of The National Herb Garden and the Editor of The Herbarist.

The Joanna McQuail Reed Award for the Artistic Use of Herbs

This award was established in 2003 to recognize those who, like Joanna Reed, are able to express the "delight" of herbs through their artistic and creative abilities, whether it is through original needlework, painting, photography, garden design, culinary or any other art form. The nominee must be living at the time of the nomination.

The Elizabeth Crisp Rea Award

Upon the recommendation of the Mid-Atlantic District in 2014, the board of The Society approved this award to honor Elizabeth Crisp Rea. Betty was president of The Herb Society from 1976 to 1978. She exhibited a love for herbs and herb gardens and was highly devoted to the establishment of The National Herb Garden as The Society's gift to the Nation. Her meetings, often including the presentation of her signature "tussie mussies," with garden designers, congressmen, attorneys and fund raisers contributed significantly to the accomplishment of this goal. She worked tirelessly to provide financial support for the garden with the organization of The Friends of the National Arboretum. This award of a "tussie mussie" holder will continue the spirit of Betty Rea. The Herb Society of America will award the Elizabeth Crisp Rea Award to an individual who has worked with determination to create and/or preserve a public garden and in so doing promotes herbs for "use and delight."

The Madalene Hill Award For Excellence In Herbal Education

This award is to honor those who have a passion for promoting the knowledge, use and delight of herbs through educational activities at any level. The recipient must be living at the time of the nomination and can be either a professional or non-professional, but must show a great zeal for sharing their passion for herbs with the public.

Certificate of Achievement

This award was developed in 1976 to honor those people, members of The Society or not, who have made significant contributions in various ways to the work of The Society or the world of herbs. No more than three certificates may be given in a year.

Certificate of Appreciation

This award was designed in 1982 to recognize those who have contributed a great deal personally to The Society or to those who have admirably completed a special assignment or project. No more than three certificates may be given in a year.

Award of Merit

1952 Frances Ropes Williams
1953 Martha Genung Stearns
1953 Adeline P. Cole
1954 Dr. Edgar Anderson
1954 Elizabeth Remson Van Brunt
1955 Dr. Elmer D. Merrill
1983 Carlos Burr Dawes

1974 Helen M. Whitman
1975 Gertrude Bates Foster
1976 Susan Westcott Handy
1977 Minnie Worthen Muenscher
1978 Madalene Louise Hill
1979 Elizabeth Crisp Rea
1980 Audrey H. O'Connor
1981 Caroline Cadwalader
1982 Nelle Neff
1983 Priscilla Sawyer Lord
1984 Joanna McQuail Reed
1985 Faith H. Swanson and Virginia B. Rady
1986 Sister Mary Margaret
1988 Betty Hippler Stevens
1990 Arthur O. Tucker
1991 Elizabeth Barrick Neavill
1992 Elizabeth Field Bryce
1994 Henrietta Gould Truitt
1995 Genevieve Gleason Jyurovat
1996 Jamie Barrow
1997 Sylvester March
1998 Betty Muench
1999 Flavia Redelmeier
2000 James E. Simon, Ph.D.
2001 Janet van Nostrand
2002 Caroline W. Amidon
2003 Mary Sue Trevarrow
2004 Nancy Comey Stevenson
2005 Amy McKay Core

Medal of Honor

1956 Edna K. Neugebauer
1957 Madeleine Harding
1958 Dorothy Bovee Jones
1959 Dorcas Brigham
1960 Noreen Sheridan Capen
1961 Rachel McMasters Miller Hunt
1962 Edith Foster Farwell
1963 Hester Taylor Mettler Crawford
1964 Mary Lines Wellman
1965 Etheljane McD. Schetky

Helen de Conway Little Medal of Honor

1966 Olive Willett Smith
1967 Frances Ellis Price
1968 Edna Horton Cashmore
1969 Sidney Rebert Duerr
1970 Elizabeth Dibble Rollins
1971 Milfred Pfau Ferguson
1972 Florence Follwell Davis
1973 Elsetta Gilchrist Barnes

2006 Joyce E. Brobst
2007 Mary Bowler (Tunkie) Miller
2008 Ruth Rouleau
2009 Kirti Mathura
2010 Mary Remmel Wohlleb
2011 Yvonne Snyder
2012 Ruth Smith
2013 Lorraine Kiefer
2015 Pat Kenny
2016 Kathy Schlosser
2017 Sarah Liberta
2018 Susan Betz
2019 Jo Sellers
2020 Lois Sutton, PhD.
2021 Sara Holland

**Nancy Putnam Howard Award for
Excellence in Horticulture**

1986 Holly Harmar Shimizu
1987 Elizabeth Dibble Rollins
1988 Janet Oberliesen
1989 Joy Logee Martin
1991 Cyrus T. Hyde
1992 Elise Felton
1993 Rexford Talbert
1994 Yvonne Synder
1995 Joanna McQuail Reed
1996 Janet Gilliher Walker
1997 Madalene Hill
1998 Arthur O. Tucker
1999 Elisabeth S. Bruch
2000 Jane L. and J. Lee Taylor
2001 Elaine W. Jackson
2002 Rebecca H. Talbot
2003 Barbara J. Williams
2004 Jim Adams
2005 Caroline W. Amidon
2006 Jane E. Haynes
2007 Ellen Ann Scannell
2009 Dottie & Jim Becker
2010 Theresa Mieseler
2011 Joyce Brobst
2012 Don Haynie
2013 Joan Janssen
2014 John Forti
2015 Mary Ann Thomas
2016 Elizabeth Kennel
2017 Tina Marie Wilcox
2018 Justina Campbell

**Gertrude B. Foster Award for Excellence
in Herbal Literature**

1999 Anne Ophelia T. Dowden
2000 E. Barrie Kavasch
2002 Deni Bown
2003 Dr. Frederick G. Meyer
2004 Dr. Arthur O. Tucker
2004 Thomas DeBaggio
2005 Madalene Hill
2005 Gwen Barclay
2007 Judith Sumner Ph.D.
2008 Katherine Schlosser
2009 Pat Crocker
2011 Caroline Holmes
2012 James A. Duke Ph.D.

**Joanna McQuail Reed Award for the
Artistic Use of Herbs**

2004 Eleanor Lowe Donley
2005 Jan Kish
2006 Susan Belsinger
2007 Susan Hight Rountree
2008 Dorothy Bonitz
2009 Henry Flowers
2010 Joanne Woodyard
2011 Patricia Beckman
2012 Mary Reeves
2013 Geraldine Kovatch
2015 Maggie Limburg
2016 Billie Beadle
2017 Karen Mahshi
2018 Phyllis Sidorsky
2021 Pat Kenny

Elizabeth Crisp Rea Award

2016 Don Haynie
2017 Caroline Holmes
2018 Linda McDowell
2020 Chrissy Moore
2021 Laura Anthony
2022 Jean Bohn

**Madalene Hill Award For Excellence in
Education**

2019 Gayle Engels
2020 Patrice Hanlon
2021 Kathleen Gips
2022 Rosemary Lovall

Certificate of Achievement

1974 Emily Emmart Trueblood
1975 Ruth M. Ostheimer, Margaret Young Reed, Adelma Grenier Simmons, John E. Voight
1977 Maria L. Wilkes, Rudy J. Favretti 1978 Nancy Putnam Howard, Helen H. Darrah
1979 Joanna McQuail Reed, Jack Durell
1980 Virginia R. Chaney, Eustella Langdon
1981 Dr. John L. Creech, Ruth Wrensch
1982 Elizabeth Botzow
1983 Mary Mason Campbell, Isadore Leighton Smith, Beverly Bumby Geist
1984 Elisabeth Morse
1985 Alexandra H. Hicks
1986 Amy Bess Miller, Henrietta Gould Truitt
1987 Rose Canny, Jean Whitton Haskin, Genevieve Gleason Jyurovat
1988 Gloria Falkenberg, Jo Lohmolder, Grace J. Westlake
1989 Leila Anna Compton, E. Blanche Harvey, Dr. Frederick G. Meyer
1990 Marion E. Bates, Ruth Smith
1991 Grace Adams Harrison
1992 Sherran Blair, Lottie Crawley (in memoriam), Dorothy G. Spencer
1993 Thelma Marie Field, Alice B. Genyk, Pat Kenny
1994 Eleanor Lowe Donley, Seiko Hirota 1995 Dorothy Bonitz, Margy Mirick
1996 June Centimole, Eleanor R. Isdale Gwen Barclay
1997 Arlene Kestner, Mary Ober, Elizabeth (Betsy) Sluder
1998 Marcia C. Carmichael, Jean J. Givens, Rosella F. Mathieu
1999 Maggie Oster, Anne H. Abbott
2000 Sally Thwing, Jolie Bishop
2001 Beverly S. Anderson, Ginny L. Miller, Marilyn Leslie Sly
2002 Mary S. Cartwright, Marie Garvey Fowler, Richard Ober (in memoriam)
2003 Elaine M.S. Livingston, Waneta Strickert, Mary Versfelt
2004 Helen Chandler, Lane Furneaux, Sandy Manteuffel
2006 Gertrude Burdsall, Lola Cleavinger, Sandra Salkeld deHoll
2007 Beverly Fennell, Lois Jean Howard, Susan Gail Wood

2008 Mary Nuechterlein, Priscilla Plucinsky
2009 Lory Doolittle, Mary Nell Jackson, Billi Parus
2010 Deborah Lansley, Gail Seeley, Phyllis Sidorsky
2011 Barbara Brouse, Lucille Dressler, Patricia Johnsen
2012 Joan Keif, Penni St. Hilaire, Thea Steinmetz
2013 Justina Campbell, Hilda Bourgeois Daly, Lori Schaeffer
2014 Sue Arnold
2015 Dawn Fry, Jean Marsh, Marion Sullivan
2016 Jane Brubaker, Mark Ragland, Ann Wilson
2017 Luann DeComa, Mary Northcutt (posthumously), Susan Schumann-Skehan
2018 Helen Hamilton
2020 Margaret (Peggy) Trevanion
2021 Audrey Driscoll
2022 Patricia Hansbury

Certificate of Appreciation

1982 Booker (in memoriam) & Mary Worthen, Roland and Ruth Rimmel
1992 Emily Kutscher, Artemas Richardson
1983 New England Unit
1988 Mary Elizabeth Rimmel
1989 Lorrie Clark, Dr. Richard E. Schultes, Mary Peters Taylor
1993 Jean Cozart, Bern Neil, Jane Elizabeth Thompson
1994 Cordelia P. "Dell" Gabb, George C. Gross, Jean Fisher
1995 Mary H. Milligan
1996 Joan Janssen 1997 Helen Chandler, Donald E. Fisher, Mary Chamberlain Townsend
1998 Peggy Jo Cox, Elizabeth M. Postell, Dorothy W. Veirs
1999 Roxanne Bell, Bobbie Champaign
2000 Bernice Pivarnik, Thomas DeBaggio, Robin Brown,
2001 Martha Pinder (in memoriam)
2002 Dr. Elsie Quarterman, Rosa Schachle, Dalmae Tucker
2003 Patricia Goodman (in memoriam), Jo Sellers, Carolyn Smith
2004 Elizabeth DePiero, Connie Wissing
2006 Betty Cleghorn, Jane Dunn, Corine Levien
2007 Edward Hacskaylo, Ph.D., Preston (Pat) Miller, Jr., M.D.

2008 Dr. Laretta Dennis (in memoriam), Anna O. Smith, Tony Scanapico
2009 Marsden Champaign, Lou Richardson (post humously), Joyce Cotter
2010 Binee Curtis, Katherine Montgomery and Dr. Edward Rea
2011 Betty Gasaway, Sara Plummer, Anna Reich
2012 Lee Appel, Beth Murphy, Rita Salman
2013 Pat Benson, Joyce Douglas, Jacqui Highton
2014 Charlene Rupp
2015 Toni Foglesong, Mildred Gordon
Ida Wallenmeyer
2016 Anita Bradley, Pam Harris, Mary Ann Winder
2017 Susan Leigh Anthony, Mary Roark, Kay Scanapico
2018 Janice Stuff
2020 Ann (Mitzi) Kowal
2021 Nino Ridgeway, PhD.
2022 Nola Gildin

Special Award of Honor

1981 Anne Burrage

Stearns Garden Medal

1971 Mittie Arnold