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The Herb Society of America Awards-The Joanna McQuail Reed Award

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.

Dorothy Bonitz will be awarded The Herb Society of America's Joanna McQuail Reed Award for the Artistic Use of Herbs 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 Award is given to an Herb Society of America member who expresses 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.

Dorothy is a member of The Herb Society of America, North Carolina Unit. Dorothy has a passion for beaded flowers and herbs, creating designs in seed beads, working from nature. She was featured in the April 2005 Bead and Button Magazine. Dorothy has made significant contributions to The Herb Society of America's botany and horticulture programs serving as chair of the National Herb Garden committee and providing support for the Promising Plants program. Dorothy is always willing to share her knowledge and love of herbs through the arts.

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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