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The Herb Society of America Awards-The Gertrude B. Foster 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.

Kathy Schlosser will be awarded The Herb Society of America's Gertrude B. Foster Award for Excellence in Herbal Literature 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 has published a scholarly study of herbs.

Kathy is a member of The Herb Society of America, North Caroline Unit, having served on numerous committees and as chair of the Unit. Kathy is currently the Chair of the National Herb Garden Committee and demonstrates her dedication to The Herb Society of America via her talents in art and writing. Kathy has provided countless hours as the editor of *The Herb Society of America's Essential Guide to Growing and Using Herbs* including proofreading recipes, gathering information, organizing members to test recipes, searching for a publisher and most recently promoting the cookbook. Proceeds from the sale of the cookbook benefit the National Herb Garden. Kathy's dedication and editorial efforts will be recognized as she is honored with the Gertrude B. Foster Award for Excellence in Herbal Literature.

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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