

The Herb Society of America Awards

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.

In 1952 the first Award of Merit was presented. In 1956 a bronze medal was forged and the award was renamed the Medal of Honor. This award was again renamed in 1966 to the current Helen de Conway Little Medal of Honor.



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 award consists of Tussie Mussie holder made by Susan Wood. Male recipients receive a loupe.



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 award consists of an engraved crystal paperweight



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 needle- work, painting, photography, garden design, culinary or any other art form. The nominee must be living at the time of the nomination.

The award consists of an engraved glass bowl.



THE BETTY REA AWARD

This award was established in 2015 to honor Betty Crisp Rea, HSA president from 1976 to 1978, she was devoted to the establishment of The National Herb Garden, This award will honor 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”.

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The award is a tussie mussie holder or a lapel pin.

THE MADALENE HILL AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN HERBAL EDUCATION (new for 2019)

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.

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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.

The award consists of a certificate.

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.

The award consists of a certificate.



The Herb Society of America
Award Nomination Form
(Deadline: September 1st)
Amended June 2016

Nominee Name:

Nominee Contact Information:

Phone:

Email address:

Nominated by:

Nominator Contact Information:

Phone:

Email address:

Award Nominated For:

Previous Awards Given by HSA:

Year:

Background Information:

Unit:

Year Joined:

Member at Large:

Year Joined:

Activities in unit or as member at large:

Positions or activities for HSA:

Horticultural experiences (professional or volunteer)

Community Outreach (e.g. lectures, working with children, etc.)

General Information:

- Nominees need not be members of The Society
 - Board members of The Society and members of the awards committee may not be nominated for an award during their term of service
 - Letters of support from non-members are welcome
 - Current board and/or award committee may not submit nominations or letters of support
 - All nomination forms and supporting documents must be received at The Society Headquarters by September 1st
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Nomination procedures:

1. Complete this nomination cover form
2. Attach a brief description of the nominee, including contact information and details about accomplishments such as:
 - Awards or certificates of recognition (from The Society and other organizations)
 - Publications
 - Garden affiliations
 - Herbal specialties, plant collections, programs, lectures, projects
 - Note: nominations for the Joanna McQuail Reed Award for the Artistic Use of Herbs must include samples, photographs, or copies of the nominee's work.
3. Nominators will solicit and collect support letters (only three are required, maximum of five)
 - Support letters must include a return address or other contact information
 - Support letters should contain substantive and unique information about the nominee's work
4. The nominator will send the complete packet (cover nomination form, brief letter of nomination and support letters) to Headquarters. Nomination packets may be sent electronically or by mail.
5. Submit all information by September 1st to:

The Herb Society of America
9019 Kirtland Chardon Road
Kirtland, OH 44094
ATTN: Awards Committee

ALL NOMINATIONS ARE CONFIDENTIAL