

# 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, can 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 award consists of an engraved glass bowl.



### **THE ELIZABETH CRISP REA AWARD**

This award was established in 2015 to honor Elizabeth 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.”

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



### **THE MADALENE HILL AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN HERBAL EDUCATION**

This award was established in 2018 to honor Madalene Hill, HSA President from 1986-1988. Madalene was an internationally recognized herbalist and author who ran a successful herb business and restaurant in Texas. Seven Herbs have been named in her honor. As curator of the McAshan Gardens at Round Top Festival Hill Institute, she oversaw programs to introduce visitors to the culinary and medicinal uses of herbs. This award is to recognize 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 nonprofessional, but must show a great zeal for sharing their passion for herbs with the public.

The award is an engraved magnifying glass.



### **THE MIGHTY OAK AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN CONSERVATION**

This award was recommended by the HSA Awards Committee and approved by the HSA Board in 2023 to recognize the importance of conservation in its many aspects and the need to acknowledge those in our membership and communities that strive to support our environment.

The recipient of the Mighty Oak Award for Excellence will have made notable achievements in conservation efforts. The recipient will have demonstrated skill and dedication in the areas of using native plants, including plants not commonly known for their herbal attributes in other conservation areas such as habitat preservation, water usage, and/or pollinator protection through hands-on demonstrations, printed materials, and lectures, using herbs to demonstrate conservation methods to preserve and enhance life. The recipient will have used herbs to demonstrate conservation and to preserve and enhance ecosystem life.

This award is a numbered watercolor print created by Pat Kenny, an HSA member and recipient of the Joanna Reed McQuail Award for the Artistic Use of Herbs.

### **CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT**

This award was established 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 is comprised of a congratulatory letter along with 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.