

**AWARDS PRESENTATION
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THE PENNSYLVANIA
HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY**



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Distinguished Achievement Award

Dr. Elwin R. Orton

For 30 years, Dr. Orton, you have worked quietly, with patience and diligence, effectively nursing hybrid embryos to maturity, evaluating and selecting the best of these to add to America's landscapes. These woody ornamental plants have been widely and enthusiastically accepted by the gardening public, landscape designers and the nursery trade. Those who followed your progress awaited with scarcely concealed anticipation the recent introduction of six cultivars of hybrid flowering dogwood, the Stellar Series of *Cornus x rutgersensis*. These tough, disease resistant hybrids of our most widely grown native flowering tree hold promise that our gardens and parks will continue to display the glory of dogwood. It has been said that had your research yielded nothing more, this accomplishment would establish your position in the annals of ornamental plant breeding. But you have done much more.

Your introductions of American holly, Japanese holly and *Pyracantha* are widely accepted and offered by the nursery trade. In addition to your breeding work, you pioneered the propagation of shade trees from cuttings. The techniques you developed and refined have become standard procedure in the nursery business. Your reputation as an inspiring teacher, a scientific researcher and plantsman are well-known.

Through all these things, Dr. Orton, you have been an inspiration to gardeners and horticulturists. We of the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society are proud to recognize your contributions through the Distinguished Achievement Medal.

Certificate of Merit

Margaret P. Bowditch

Peggy, you have been associated with the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society for more than 20 years. During that time, your reputation as an extraordinary horticulturist has spread through the Delaware Valley and across the country as a result of your involvement with the Garden Club of America. However, it is right here in Philadelphia that we think you are most appreciated. You have been willing to share your expertise and experience with the novice exhibitor at the Flower Show, your students at Temple University and the Morris Arboretum of the University of Pennsylvania, garden club members and prison inmates. You have not only opened your gardens here and in Maine on numerous occasions, you have also worked tirelessly to arrange fabulous garden tours for our members.

Your on-going involvement with the Flower Show reflects the diversity of your talents. As an exhibitor in the Horticult, you have distinguished yourself with countless awards. As a consultant for the Schedule Writing Committee, you have selected named cultivars for the bulb classes that have challenged the exhibitor and intrigued the visitor. As a result of your connections throughout the country, you are invaluable to the PHS Judges and Awards Committee.

Moreover, you are rarely seen without your camera. As a result, you have won several photographic prizes and have provided tremendous enjoyment for your friends and your audiences. You have contributed photographs to Time-Life publications as well as many horticultural magazines.

Peggy, for the great wealth of knowledge you have acquired and for sharing it with an enthusiasm that delights all who know you, we are proud to present you with the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society Certificate of Merit.

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Gottlieb Hampfler

Gottlieb, your documentation of American gardens, particularly in the Delaware Valley, through your photography is unparalleled. It was indeed fortunate that Pierre duPont had the foresight to hire you to work at Longwood Gardens in the Horticulture Department in 1934 as a grower of plants for display and then recognized your exceptional ability as a photographer. By pursuing your primary interest in photography, you became Longwood's Staff Photographer in 1955. You have recorded the changing scenes of Longwood and documented the many new and unusual plants brought in through its innovative plant introduction program. The extensive files of your photography will form the basis of the historical record of Longwood's development. Your work has resulted in many publications and several excellent films about Longwood and its collections. With your keen eye and patient hand, you have captured the inspirational essence of those gardens, as well as The Goodstay Gardens, Wilmington, DE, Winterthur Museum and Gardens, Winterthur, DE, Mount Cuba Center for the Study of Piedmont Flora, Greenville, DE, Crowninshield Garden at the Hagley Museum and Library, Wilmington, DE, The Ashland Hollow Garden, Hockessin, DE, The Sir John Thouron Garden, Doe Run, PA, The Ross Garden, Greenville, DE, Meadowbrook Farm, Meadowbrook, PA and The Irene duPont Garden, Grenoge, DE.

While designers and nurserymen make gardens for others, your ability to capture the gardens' spirit and record their beauty is an inspiration to us all. Your enthusiasm for gardens, your love of plants and your incredible talent for sharing your mind's eye has provided a tremendous legacy to the horticultural community and we are proud to present you with the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society's Certificate of Merit.

Certificate of Merit

Dorsha Mason

Dorsha, in 1963 you started greening neighborhoods through window box projects and clean block efforts, assisted by Louise Bush Brown and the original Neighborhood Garden Association. Since then, you helped spark the vision that resulted in PHS's first Greene Countrie Towne, West Hagert, and paved the way for the other seven "townes". West Hagert has been and continues to be a model "towne" with gingkoes, Callery pears, katsura trees and curbside planters lining the narrow streets, providing welcome shade and softening the concrete landscape. The Cecil B. Moore Memorial Garden with its benches set among flowering shrubs, trees and perennials and the stately Glenwood Court are gathering spots for neighborhood recreation and community meetings. Although you are no longer head of the neighborhood council, you continue to chair the neighborhood greening projects and you carry the greening message to every local and city-wide occasion you attend. You continue to be a mentor, surrogate mother, playpartner and above all else, an inspiration to the youth in your neighborhood. As a result, the children not only care for the Clarence Thorpe Memorial Garden, they also carry forth your philosophy and dreams.

Your major goal has been "to maintain a desirable neighborhood in which to live and to improve our immediate area aesthetically, socially and culturally. To bloom where we are planted."

Therefore, on this day, your 75th birthday, Dorsha, it is truly an honor for the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society to present to you its Certificate of Merit. You have dedicated almost half of your life to the ideals and dreams we all cherish.

**The Pennsylvania
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