

**AWARDS PRESENTATION
OF
THE PENNSYLVANIA
HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY**



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Distinguished Achievement Award

Pamela Cunningham Copeland

Mrs. Copeland, you are a gardener in the truest sense of the word: one possessed of a deep and abiding love of plants and gardens. This caring attitude goes beyond the art of the garden to the conservation of native plants and their fragile habitats.

You are a leader in the native plant naturalistic gardening movement and an active proponent of conservation efforts and the proper stewardship of our natural resources.

In 1979, we recognized you and your gardens at Mt. Cuba by presenting to you the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society's Certificate of Merit. Since then, the gardens have continued to grow in scope and refinement. The naturalistic gardens are devoted primarily to preserving, for future generations, the native flora of this area and a display of wildflowers, shrubs and trees of the Piedmont. These plantings now occupy about 20 acres and attract several thousand visitors annually who are inspired to appreciate the importance of the conservation of natural habitats. The Mt. Cuba Center for the Study of Piedmont Flora is not only dedicated to preservation but also to research and education. Propagation and cultural techniques for the "natives" are being developed and superior strains and cultivars are being identified for distribution.

Generous of your time, skills and knowledge, you have served on the boards of Winterthur Museum, Garden and Library, Gunston Hall Plantation in Virginia and the Delaware Nature Society. In 1987, the Garden Club of America recognized your creative vision and ability to interpret and further its goals through the Garden Club of America Achievement Award.

The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society will always be grateful for your support of the Philadelphia Flower Show through special exhibits, superior entries in a large variety of horticultural classes and as a benefactor.

Pamela Copeland, loyal member and friend, the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society takes great pride and pleasure in presenting the 1991 Distinguished Achievement Medal to you for your dedication to the traditions and dreams for the future that we all cherish.

Certificate of Merit

Josephine McQuail Bachman

Josephine, for approximately 55 years you have been gardening. In that time, you have created four beautiful gardens, but perhaps more importantly, you have created and cultivated gardeners to complement each one. The first three were at homes where you and your family lived. The lucky recipients of your knowledge, enthusiasm and excess treasures were your daughter, three sons and your neighbors. This love of gardening is apparently hereditary because you have passed it along to your grandchildren as well.

The fourth garden you created has cast your magic over literally thousands of people. For almost 10 years you have given your full attention, unending love and expertise to the gardens at The People's Light and Theatre Company in Malvern. From earliest spring to late fall, there is a succession of blooming plants whose lovely fragrance entices the picnickers supping before a performance; whose white or light colors, highlighted by silver foliage, are visible at dusk and whose strategic placement screens out the sight and sounds of a busy highway and leads the way to theatre entrances. Your gardens enhance the buildings while providing blissful sitting spots. They captivate both the actors and the audiences.

To help plant and maintain these extensive gardens, you have enlisted and supervise a corps of volunteers whose willingness to serve can only be credited to your ability to teach and inspire with tremendous selflessness. You have contributed not only to the horticultural environment at the theatre, but you also have served as a source of sound advice and humorous relief for the staff members who visit your garden to find peace at stressful moments.

It has been said of you, Jo Bachman, that your soul can be seen in your gardens. For this reason and for the beauty and love you have shared with so many people, we are proud to award you the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society's Certificate of Merit.

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William A. Bender, M.D.

Dr. Bender, for 30 years you have been known as Pennsylvania's "Dr. Daffodil" as a result of your tireless efforts to teach proper culture of daffodils and the avoidance of problems with disease and pests. You have written many informative articles about diseases and culture for the *Daffodil Journal* and you have taught these subjects in numerous judging schools. Your focus always has been on helping other gardeners, especially beginners.

Since joining the American Daffodil Society in 1963, you have been a devoted leader, serving many roles including that of President. You have also served as Chairman of the Breeding and Selection Committee. While holding this office, you instituted The Hybridizers Breakfast at the annual convention, an opportunity for breeders from all parts of the country to discuss the important points of hybridizing. In 1986, the Society bestowed on you its highest honor for service, the American Daffodil Society Silver Medal.

As a grower and a breeder, you have never been interested in anything less than perfection. In the early days, you grew the finest cultivars from England, Ireland and Oregon and your flowers were always larger and brighter than any others in the shows. You studied your good southern central Pennsylvania soil and added the right ingredients. If the cultivars did not perform well, you discarded them. Before long, you began a little pollen dabbing among your better cultivars and flowered your own daffodils. To date, you have only registered a few of your many outstanding cultivars because you are not sure the others are "good enough".

Currently, you are operating Culbertson Green, the first commercial bulb farm to feature daffodils hybridized in Pennsylvania, thus making special cultivars available to the public.

Bill Bender, for all the great knowledge and expertise you so willingly share, for the inspiration and enthusiasm you have given to so many and especially for the excellent contributions you have made to the daffodil world, the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society is pleased to present to you its Certificate of Merit.

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The Four Seasons Hotel

The Four Seasons Hotel is a model for civic concern and involvement that should serve as a beacon for others.

Since its planning stages, the Four Seasons Hotel has set high standards for the design and maintenance of its horticultural displays, both inside and outside the Hotel. The flower arrangements in the lobbies and hallways change frequently and are always spectacular. The plants in the lobby areas also are refreshed frequently; they are clean, interesting and appropriate for the season. The Hotel's care and enthusiasm for horticulture is most evident.

The Hotel management has been extremely supportive of the "fountain project" and the restoration and beautification of the Logan Square area, which was initiated by The Friends of Logan Square Foundation, a non-profit organization. The Swann Memorial Fountain has been rebuilt and the area has once again become one of the most beautiful in the city. The Hotel has been instrumental in raising the necessary funds for the completion of this task. The Hotel has also supported the Society's efforts to restore the Azalea Garden behind the Philadelphia Museum of Art by providing the Friends' Committee with several "Tea For Two" afternoons, which are raffled off during clean-up days in the Garden. The Four Seasons Hotel's dedication to, and enthusiasm for the Logan Square area is evidence of its desire to enhance the image of Philadelphia to city dwellers and visitors alike. They are in every sense a "good neighbor".

The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society is proud to present to the Four Seasons Hotel the Certificate of Merit. We commend its management for demonstrating its love and pride in our city and for making Philadelphia a more beautiful place to live and visit.

**The Pennsylvania
Horticultural Society**

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