



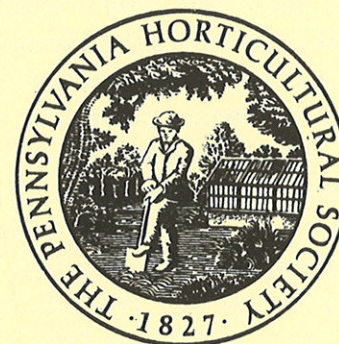
The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society

Certificate of Merit
awarded to

Secretary

President

Awards Presentation
of the
Pennsylvania Horticultural Society



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Distinguished Achievement Award

ERNESTA DRINKER BALLARD

Ernesta Ballard, during your eighteen years of leadership of the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society you received many awards for many accomplishments. You have been cited as an advocate of human rights, for service to your community and your country as well as for your skill and dedication in the art and teaching of horticulture. But more basic than these manifestations is your underlying concern for people, your integrity and the high standards you apply to yourself and others. These were the motivating principles by which your leadership transformed the Society to eminence in public horticulture. Throughout your eighteen years as executive secretary, director and president, you knew what needed to be done and, with consummate administrative skill you marshalled the human, physical and financial resources to do it.

The Society you left was many times larger and vastly more effective than the one you found. Its voice in the community is heard and respected by a wide cross-section of the population. The Philadelphia Flower Show, the community and professional outreach programs and the excellence of the Society's publications reflect your vision, your faith in people and your dedication to the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society. That institution—our institution—is a strong and thriving legacy to your service and those who continue to serve through it will long be in your debt.

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OLIVER J. STARK

The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society wishes to award you its Certificate of Merit for your many accomplishments in a life long pursuit of excellence in your chosen field.

After graduating from Cornell University, your management of the Rex Pearce Seed Company in Moorestown, N.J. offered the public a rich source of rare and unusual plants.

Your extensive knowledge of Pennsylvania native plants brought important expertise to Bowman's Hill State Wildflower Preserve, where you taught not only the young but also adults, giving a richness to this specialized phase of horticulture.

The development of a seed exchange with botanical gardens and arboreta world wide gave your preserve an international reputation of high merit. Also, your ability to bring together volunteers and professionals to further the high standards of the preserve has been recognized.

In constantly seeking to up-grade the scientific approach to what is grown, you initiated and guided the plant study on the habitat requirements of ten species of native plants which have proved difficult to grow. You have generously shared your knowledge with the broader public, offering lectures such as "The Colonial Medicine Chest" in which you describe the use of many wildflowers in folk medicine of colonial times, including some of those found at Bowman's Hill.

As administrator, author, lecturer, photographer and researcher, The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society commends you for your devotion to the cause you have chosen to pursue.

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JOHN R. H. THOURON

We applaud you for your deep interest in gardening, and for your continuing search for and introduction of the best perennials, annuals and rock garden plants for our climate area. These and equally outstanding shrubs and trees you have used to create the beautiful gardens at Glencoe Farm in Unionville. Your carefully designed perennial borders are unequalled both in excellence and diversity of plants.

With Pennsylvania Horticultural Society members and gardeners from all over the country you are always prepared to share the beauty of these gardens and many of the plants you have introduced from England and Europe. Horticultural institutions and private gardeners alike have benefited from your generosity. For these achievements and for your continuing interest in plants and gardens we award you the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society 1982 Certificate of Merit.

