



# SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

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## 2015 ANNUAL AWARD BANQUET

honoring

Horticulturist of the Year: *Kathy Musial*

*Thursday, September 10, 2015 at the Los Angeles County Arboretum*

The Southern California Horticultural Society is recognizing Kathy Musial with the 2015 Horticulturist of the Year award. Her work as Curator of Living Collections at the Huntington Botanical Gardens for the last 30 years has made a significant contribution to horticultural and botanical knowledge both locally and globally. While much of this work goes on quietly behind the scenes, it is in the public arena of local horticultural societies where Kathy may be better known. She served on the Board of the Southern California Horticultural Society for 28 years, was an SCHS representative on the Board of the Pacific Horticulture Society for 21 years, and was a founding board member of the San Diego Horticulture Society.

Kathy earned a B.A. in Biology at UCLA in 1980 and a certificate in Horticulture, UCLA Extension in 1982, at which time she began work at the Huntington Botanical Gardens. From 1983 to 1985 she worked as a Botanist for the Huntington and has been their Curator of Living Collections since 1985.

Kathy has authored numerous publications ranging from professional papers dealing directly with her job as Curator, to excerpting her travel diary of her tours to Chile. Many of her articles have appeared in the pages of *Pacific Horticulture Magazine*. Additionally, she has served on many advisory

boards for plant selection and evaluation, from *Sunset Magazine* to Quail Botanic Gardens (now San Diego Botanic Garden). Kathy has also been editor of horticultural books dealing with everything from houseplants to the *Reference Lists of Ornamental Plants for Southern California Gardens* (Southern California Horticultural Society, Los Angeles, 1993), and - most notably - *Conifers Around the World*. Her work editing this massive two volume set appeared to have been going on for the entire time many of us have known her, and while its publication seemed like it might never happen, it now graces the shelves of major collections of botanical related books around the world.

For many years Kathy was an active participant on the Tours Committee of the Pacific Horticulture Society, and developed and escorted many excursions to destinations such as Australia, Chile, New Zealand, South Africa and Madagascar. Her encyclopedic knowledge of botany was an invaluable resource in helping tour participants understand the fascinating flora of these exotic locales.

Please join us in celebrating the remarkable work and dedication of Kathy Musial in the field of horticulture and in advancing a greater understanding of the flora of our world.

### Thursday, September 10, 2015

Los Angeles County Arboretum and Botanic Garden · 301 N Baldwin Ave, Arcadia, CA 91007

Join us at the Peacock Cafe at 6pm for social hour and silent auction. Dinner and presentation begin at 7pm.

(Reminder: We are unable to accept credit card payments at the auction. Cash and checks only please.)

You can purchase banquet tickets on-line through the SCHS Member Lodge: [www.schs.memberlodge.org](http://www.schs.memberlodge.org) or by mailing in a check with the completed form below. Please call Steven Gerischer (323) 257-3629 with any questions.

Southern California Horticultural Society 2015 Annual Award Banquet

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