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## SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY 2016 HORTICULTURIST OF THE YEAR AWARD

The Southern California Horticultural Society is recognizing Carol Bornstein with the 2016 Horticulturist of the Year award. Her work as a writer and co-author of the award-winning *California Native Plants for the Garden* and *Reimagining the California Lawn: Water-conserving Plants, Practices, and Designs*, has helped shape the future of responsible gardening across California and beyond. Her extensive knowledge of climate-appropriate and California native plants, combined with sound design strategies, is at the heart of her work educating the public in sustainable landscape design.

Currently, Carol is responsible for the daily operations of the 3.5-acre Nature Gardens at the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County, as well as the oversight of the museum's Live Animal program. These gardens were designed to create habitat for urban wildlife, allow visitors to experience nature in an urban setting, assist museum scientists in documenting biodiversity in the Los Angeles Basin, train citizen scientists, and present a model of sustainable landscaping.

For many years, Carol was a strong directing hand at the Santa Barbara Botanic Garden, a 78-acre garden devoted to the study, display and conservation of California's native flora. She led the development of the award-winning Home Demonstration Garden, the Dudleya Exhibit (a North American Plant Collections Consortium collection), and the Japanese Tea House Garden composed of California native plants. She was also responsible for transforming the garden's famous Meadow Display into a representational exhibit of native grassland communities.

As a horticulturist, Carol has introduced many popular selections of California native plants into the nursery trade. Among her favorites are Catalina silverlace, *Constancea* (formerly *Eriophyllum*) *nevinii* 'Canyon Silver'; California aster, *Corethrogyne* (formerly *Lessingia*) *filaginifolia* 'Silver Carpet'; and manzanita, *Arctostaphylos* 'Arroyo Cascade'. Through her efforts, these plants and other introductions uniquely suited to California gardens are available to designers and home gardeners alike.

We are pleased to honor Carol Bornstein with this year's award, and invite you to join us in celebrating her many distinguished achievements in the field of horticulture.