



**BOTANICAL SOCIETY
OF AMERICA, INC.
CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR
2003 BSA MERIT AWARDS**



The BSA Merit Award is the Botanical Society of America's highest honor, granted for "outstanding contributions to botanical science," recognizing truly exceptional scientists in plant biology. Some past Merit Award recipients have gone on to win the Nobel Prize (George Beadle and Barbara McClintock), National Medal of Science (most recently, Peter Raven in 2000) or election to the prestigious US National Academy of Sciences (most recently, John Doebley in 2002). Awards for 2003 will be presented at the banquet of the Botanical Society of America at its annual meeting, BOTANY 2003, in Mobile, Alabama, on July 30, 2003.

The selection of awardees is driven largely by nominations from the membership. Nominations should include: (1) a formal letter of nomination including a clear statement of (a) the notable accomplishments of the candidate; (b) disciplines that have been significantly influenced by the contributions of the candidate; (c) a list of potential referees willing to prepare letters of support and evaluation regarding the nominee's candidacy, with complete contact information (postal address, phone and e-mail address); and (2) the curriculum vita of the candidate being considered.

The BSA Merit Award Committee requests nominations to the Chair of the Merit Awards Committee, to be postmarked no later than 31 January 2003. All nominating materials should arrive no later than February 15.

Respectfully submitted for the Committee,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Scott Russell", written in a cursive style.

Scott D. Russell, President
Botanical Society of America

Nominations may be sent via e-mail to (vulgare@ku.edu) or by sending materials postmarked no later than 31 January 2003 to:

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