



**BOTANICAL SOCIETY
OF AMERICA, INC.**



**CALL FOR
NOMINATIONS
2009 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). Award(s) for 2008 will be presented at the banquet of the Botanical Society of America at its annual meeting, **BOTANY 2009**, in Snowbird, Utah, on July 29, 2009.

Each year the committee solicits nominations, evaluates candidates, and selects those to receive a Merit Award. Awardees are chosen based on their outstanding contributions to the mission of The Society. The Merit Awards committee identifies recipients who may demonstrate excellence in basic research, education, public policy, or exceptional service to the professional botanical community, or who may have made contributions to a combination of these categories. Nominations should include:

1. A formal letter of nomination including a clear statement of
 - a. The notable accomplishments and contributions of the candidate;
 - b. Disciplines and/or areas that have been significantly influenced by the contributions of the candidate;
2. Letters of support and evaluation regarding the nominee's candidacy; and
3. The curriculum vita of the candidate being considered.

The BSA Merit Award Committee requests that nominations be sent in one of the manners listed below. All nominating materials must arrive no later than **March 1, 2009**.

Respectfully submitted for the Committee,

Dr. Karl Niklas, President
Botanical Society of America

Nominations and all required materials may be mailed to the address listed below or emailed as a .PDF file via e-mail to (bsa-manager@botany.org).

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