**Dr. Barbara D. Webster:**

**Dr. Barbara Webster** is recognized for her many contributions to plant development and structure. Her early work focused on abscission and senescence in higher plants, and included anatomy, ultrastructure, histochemistry, and physiology, as well as experimental work, especially on the genus *Phaseolus*. Beginning in the 1970s, Dr. Webster began to concentrate more on reproductive biology, but she has contributed to a wide range of topics, including nitrogen fixation in the legumes, environmental stress, and yield of crop plants. Her impressive publishing career spans more than five decades and includes more than 100 published papers and book chapters; her research has been supported by the National Science Foundation, the USDA and USAID. Dr. Webster was truly a pioneer in advocating for increased participation of women and minorities in science, and has served as a role model and mentor to both undergraduate and graduate students in plant biology. She is a fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science and the American Society for Horticultural Science, served as Treasurer and President of the Botanical Society of America, and has served as Associate Vice-Chancellor for Research at the University of California, Davis since 1989. As one letter writer noted, "It is hard to believe that Barbara has not already received this award." For her numerous contributions in many arenas to the field of botany, the BSA is proud to recognize Dr. Barbara D. Webster with its highest award.

**Shortened 'blurb' for the certificate:** For her contributions to plant development and structure, her support and mentoring of young botanists, and her tireless efforts on behalf of the botanical sciences in teaching, research, service and advocacy.....

**Dr. Ruth A. Stockey:**

**Dr. Ruth Stockey** is recognized for her contributions to paleobotany, especially to our understanding of the anatomy and development of fossil conifers and angiosperms. Dr. Stockey has been a member of the Botanical Society of America for more than 30 years. She began her research career elucidating the structure and development of fossil conifers and is recognized as the world's expert in this area. Since moving to the University of Alberta, she has concentrated on anatomically preserved fossil angiosperms, providing data on floral structure, development, and phylogeny in these ancient plants. Her research has been supported by the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council (NSERC) of Canada for more than 26 years. Dr. Stockey is truly an "ambassador of botany" and is involved in collaborative work with colleagues around the world; her letters of support came from five countries! She is an enthusiastic teacher and her support and training of students is exceptional--one student began research in her laboratory in high school, and received her Ph.D. this year. For her many contributions to paleobotany, including her dedication to training the next generation of botanists, the BSA is proud to recognize Dr. Ruth A. Stockey with its highest award.

**Shortened blurb for the certificate:** For her contributions to paleobotany, especially to the anatomy and evolution of fossil conifers and angiosperms, and for her dedication in training the next generation of botanists.....