

AMY GOLDMAN FOWLER, PHD

AUTHOR, HEIRLOOM SEED SAVING ADVOCATE

The Florens DeBevoise Medal is awarded for horticultural achievement in the fields of hybridizing, collecting or nurturing, and will be awarded to Amy Goldman Fowler, PhD for her work in the heirloom seed and local food movements.

Amy Fowler is a leader in the heirloom seed and local food movements, committed to protecting the genetic diversity of the world's food supply by saving and promoting heirloom seeds. She is an award-winning author of five books documenting the beauty, flavor, history, and diversity of heirloom fruits and vegetables. Described as "perhaps the world's premier vegetable gardener," she has popularized the use of heirloom varieties by home gardeners and celebrated chefs nationwide.

To preserve these historic garden treasures, Amy is an integral part of a community of seed conservationists operating around the world. She is former chairman of the Seed Savers Exchange, the nation's leading, non-profit seed saving organization. Her passion for gardening, her devotion to heirloom seeds, and her preservation of this essential part of the world's horticulture heritage, combined with her willingness to collaborate and share her knowledge, exemplifies the work of The Garden Club of America.

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