

THE HERB SOCIETY OF AMERICA, INC. HISTORY OF ROSEMARY CIRCLE

“When our small committee discussed how we could honor our long-tenured members, the operative word was “*remember*”. What better way than rosemary. The circle? In all cultures the circle has been the symbol of long life, never ending or a continuation. Our answer was clear. **Rosemary Circle!**”

-Madalene Hill

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And so began The Rosemary Circle. This program for individuals with 25 years or more of membership in The Society had its beginnings when members recognized the need to acknowledge the time and service given to The Society by its long-term members. Thanks to the hard work of a committee chaired by Jamie Barrow the first inductees were honored at a luncheon at the 1996 Annual Meeting of Members in Williamsburg, Virginia. The first class consisted of two hundred eleven individuals. Rosemary Circle members are given a lovely pin depicting a delicate wreath of rosemary. Traditionally, all Society members attending the induction ceremony are given a sprig of fresh rosemary to commemorate the occasion. Many of these sprigs have been rooted and serve as living reminders of friendships and pleasant times. Rosemary Circle members represent the history, spirit of sharing and educational inquisitiveness that make The Herb Society of America a unique organization.