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## **MELINDA MYERS RECEIVES HONORARY AWARD FROM THE WISCONSIN ARBORIST ASSOCIATION**

**Milwaukee, Wis.** – April 14, 2005 – Milwaukee-based horticultural expert and author Melinda Myers has received the Honorary Life Membership Award from the Wisconsin Arborist Association (WAA).

The award is the association's most prestigious and is given to Melinda in appreciation for her work as an arborist.

Brian Cassity, WAA President said "It is hard to imagine any member, past or present, who has been more influential to our industry and the promotion of the WAA and certified arborists. With her public image as host of MPTV's Great Lakes Gardener and the weekly Plant Doctor Show on WTMJ, the importance of hiring a certified arborist is frequently discussed. Melinda was cited by the *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel* as one of 90 people in Wisconsin who would make a significant impact in the 1990's. She shows no sign of letting up soon, and our profession and organization continue to reap the benefits."\*

Myers, best known for her practical, gardener-friendly approach to gardening, has more than 25 years of horticultural experience in both hands-on and instructional settings. She has a master's degree in horticulture, is a certified arborist, and is a horticulture instructor at Milwaukee Area Technical College.

Outside the classroom, Myers shares her expertise through a variety of media outlets. She hosts "Great Lakes Gardener" which is seen on PBS stations throughout the Midwest, has hosted "The Plant Doctor" radio show on WTMJ since 1987, is the author of numerous books, including the recently released *Ultimate Gardening Guide*, and contributes regularly to both *Birds & Blooms magazine* and *The Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*.

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