

Garden Event

10-21-23, 5:30-7pm, 2023 Annual Award Banquet Honoring Horticulturist of the Year Richard Schulhof, Arcadia 91007

Description = The Southern California Horticultural Society is pleased to honor Richard Schulhof as our 2023 Horticulturist of the Year in recognition of his distinguished career and work in Southern California horticulture, which has reached beyond local geographic boundaries and has already impacted multiple generations. Locally, Schulhof is probably best known for his leadership role as CEO of the Los Angeles County Arboretum, a position he held from 2009 until his recent retirement in the spring of 2023. Inspired by a life-long love of plants, Richard has enjoyed a 50-year career in horticulture. After assisting in his grandfather's garden in Rancho Santa Fe as a child, he completed horticulture classes at San Dieguito High School in Encinitas to work in the greenhouse industry of north San Diego County. He later worked in Los Angeles area nurseries and completed internships at the Huntington Botanical Gardens and the Mildred E. Mathias Botanical Garden at UCLA. He holds a BA in landscape architecture from UC Berkeley, and master's degrees in botanic garden administration from the University of Delaware, and in Forestry from Harvard University. It was in botanic gardens that Richard found a lasting professional home, drawn by highly diverse collections of plants. In addition to his tenure at the LA Arboretum, where he collaborated with an exceptional team to create new gardens and programs for over 600,000 annual visitors, he previously served as deputy director of Harvard University's Arnold Arboretum in Boston, as executive director of Descanso Gardens, and as a Longwood Fellow at Longwood Gardens in Pennsylvania. Richard has also maintained a strong interest in garden-based education. He has collaborated with public schools in Boston and Los Angeles to help develop teacher training programs and life science curricula. Working with the National Endowment for the Humanities, National Endowment for the Arts, and the National Park Service, he has launched programs preserving and interpreting landscape history and design. You are invited to participate in this special evening honoring Richard Schulhof as this year's HOTY award recipient, by sharing in a delicious catered dinner with friends and enjoying the opportunity to bid on an intriguing array of silent auction items. Prior to the actual award presentation you will be hearing accolades from several of Richard's esteemed colleagues, followed by a presentation prepared by Richard for the occasion on "Adventures and Hijinks in Horticulture: Detours and Rewards in Over 50 Years of Working with Plants."

Cost = \$60 per person. Registration Link = <https://socalhort.org/Annual-Award-Banquet>

Location = Ayres Hall (enter through side gate), Los Angeles County Arboretum and Botanic Garden, 301 N. Baldwin Ave, Arcadia 91007

This event will be in-person and recorded for our YouTube archives. In keeping with L.A. County Health Dept. guidelines, and because a new COVID variant is circulating, we recommend that masks be worn indoors and that vaccine boosters are current.

For more information = <https://socalhort.org/Annual-Award-Banquet>