



It's time for the annual BSW holiday banquet which is scheduled for the first Tuesday, December 6, 2011. This year we will again be holding it at the Aria Trattoria - <http://www.ariatrattoria.com> which is in the Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center (1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW) near the Federal Triangle Metro.



Carol Spurrier will be giving the President's Address, "Why I Can't Quit My Day Job", after dinner. Directions to the restaurant can be found on the restaurant's web site.

Parking is available below the Ronald Reagan Building, and garage entrances are off 14th Street and Pennsylvania Ave. (Parking will be validated by the restaurant for those who enter the garage after 5 pm); nearest Metro stop is Federal Triangle (just to the east of the building).

Arrival time is 6:00 pm with cash bar. Dinner served at 7:00 pm; departure at 8:30 pm. Cost this year is again \$50.00 per person (includes D.C . tax and gratuity).

Please respond to this invitation by Thursday, December 1, 2011 so that we can give the restaurant a head count of how many people will be attending and numbers of each entrée needed. You may indicate on the form your preference for an Entrée for the dinner.

Please send form with check (payable to Botanical Society of Washington) (or notify by Thursday December 1, 2011 to - [peter@si.edu](mailto:peter@si.edu)) to: Paul Peterson, Department of Botany MRC-166, Smithsonian Institution, PO Box 37012, Washington, DC 20013-7012

### **Dinner Menu**

First course: Mesclun Mixed Greens, Vermont Goat Cheese Toast, Seasonal Apples, Fig Emulsion

Entrée choices (select one):

1. Oven-Baked Lamb Shank Roasted Garlic Mashed Potatoes, Pomegranate Sauce
2. Oven-Roasted Free Range Chicken Celery Root Mousseline, Oyster Mushroom Fricassee, Juniper Berry Sauce
3. Vegetarian Option (not yet determined by the Chef)

Dessert Choice Caramel-Glazed Light Vanilla Cream Dome Apricot Sauce

In addition, you can renew your BSW membership for 2012 by adding \$10.00 (\$15.00 for two at same address).

