ROSALIND CREASY

BIOGRAPHY

Rosalind Creasy is a garden and food writer, photographer, and landscape designer with a passion for beautiful vegetables and ecologically sensitive gardening. She began her career in horticulture in the 1970s as a landscape designer and restaurant consultant. By 1982 she had published her first book, *The Complete Book of Edible Landscaping*, which won the Garden Writers Association's Quill and Trowel award, was chosen as a Book of the Month selection, and hailed by The Wall Street Journal as the best garden book of 1982. Considered a classic, it coined the term "Edible Landscaping," now a part of the American vocabulary. Her *Cooking From the Garden*, published in 1988 won the Award of Excellence from the Garden Writers of America. *Cooking From the* Garden introduced the American public to a vast new palette of vegetables including the then unknown: heirloom tomatoes and melons, mesclun salad greens, and the blue potatoes and corn we now take for granted.

Today, Rosalind continues to share her knowledge of gardening and cooking by writing, lecturing nationwide, appearing on television and radio shows, and working as a consultant to restaurants, growers, and seed companies. Besides her books, she has been published in countless national magazines, written a regular column for the food page of the *Los Angeles Times*, a garden feature for *Garden Design* magazine, a regular column for *Gardening How-To* magazine, and is a contributing editor for *Country Living Gardener* magazine. Her photographs appear frequently in numerous magazines, calendars, and books.

Rosalind's latest publications are the ten book *Edible Gardening* series published by Periplus Publishing filled with beautiful photographs and recipes. The series was awarded a Quill and Trowel Award from the Garden Writers in 2001.

Her latest project is updating *The Complete Book of Edible Landscaping* which is still in print 20 years later.

Books by Rosalind Creasy:

The Complete Book of Edible Landscaping. Sierra Club Books, 1982. A best seller, this was a Book of the Month Club selection and is used as a text in many college classes on edible landscaping. This book was in large part responsible for Americans embracing edible plants in their entire landscape. Prior to its publication these beautiful plants were relegated to the back yard.

Earthly Delights. Sierra Club Books, 1985. An environmental primer for gardeners.

The Gardener's Handbook of Edible Plants. Sierra Club Books, 1986. An encyclopedia of edible plants.

Cooking From the Garden. Sierra Club Books, 1989. Won the prestigious Award of Excellence from the Garden Writers of America for 1989 as the best garden book of the year. A ground-breaking text covering specialty vegetables and herbs, it has been used as a "bible" by countless growers, chefs, and home gardeners. This book was a large part of the gourmet revolution that introduced Americans to heirloom vegetables and fruits, edible flowers, ethnic herbs, and many organic methods.

Van Patten's Organic Gardener's - Edible Plants. Van Patten Publishing, 1993. An updated encyclopedia of edible plants.

*Blue Potatoes - Orange Tomatoes - How to Grow a Rainbow.*Sierra Club Books, 1994. A beautifully illustrated gardening book for children.

Herbs: A Country Garden Cookbook. Co-author Carole Saville. Harper/Collins Publishers, 1995. Includes growing instructions along with its delicious recipes.

The Edible Gardening Series. Periplus Publishing, 1999 and 2000. Including: *The Edible Herb Garden, The Edible Salad Garden, The Edible French Garden, The Edible Italian Garden, The Edible Heirloom Garden, The Edible Flower Garden, The Edible Mexican Garden, The Edible Pepper Garden, The Edible Asian Garden, a*nd *The Edible Rainbow Garden*