

EDITORIAL

In Fond Memory of Judith L. Croxdale (1941–2002)

On June 14, 2002, the academic and research communities were deeply saddened by the demise of Judith L. Croxdale, Editor-in-Chief of *JPGR*, and one of the leading experts of pattern formation in leaves. Judith suffered a sudden heart attack while riding her bicycle that afternoon.

Judith Croxdale was born on August 27, 1941 and grew up in Modesto, California. Her academic studies in botany started at the University of California, Berkeley. In 1979, she was recruited to the University of Wisconsin, Madison. As a full professor in botany at the University of Wisconsin, Judith's research focused mainly on pattern formation in leaves. In recognition of her work and studies, Springer-Verlag cordially invited Judith to become Editor-in-Chief of the journal in 1999. During her editorship, she successfully managed and re-launched *JPGR* for it to become one of the leading publications in plant growth regulation. Her dedication and hard work lead the journal's increase in impact factor and provided the scientific research community a forum of information that was not readily available in other resources.

Aside from being Editor-in-Chief, Judith was actively involved in a variety of university services, served on over 20 committees in the Department of Botany, and was most active as Chair of the college Curriculum Committee. She was also very active in groups such as the Women in Science and Engineering by encouraging and motivating women in developing research careers. In addition, The UWF/Croxdale Scholarship Fund, PO Box 8860, Madison, Wisconsin 53708 has been established to support this.



Judith's role as Editor-in-Chief will always be remembered in the entire research community. She always went above and beyond in her work and we will always be grateful for all that she has done for the Journal. She will be deeply missed.

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