

## MORITZ MANTERO



*"For his famous foulards expressing his passion for plants and flowers, and for having founded the Orticolario, an innovative event promoting awareness and respect for nature."*

Lives in Como, he is 64 years old and he is married with three children.

Education: Accounting and textile Engineering – Germany 1968

President of the Mantero Silk SpA in Como [www.mantero.com](http://www.mantero.com), a company that since 1902 transforms and enriches this magnificent fiber, working with the most important fashion and luxury brands.

Public roles: he was President of the Italian Silk Association; vice-president of Federtessile and President of Euratex a European Association of clothing and textile groups.

He has a great passion for plants and flowers; to underline this passion, we quote the beautiful Mantero scarves with floral subjects such as Dahlias, Iris etc. and a limited edition requested by Wanda Ferragamo having as a subject the Liliiums of Leonardo da Vinci. In 2010 he implemented a silk necklace, with floral subjects and with a limited edition, called "Be Me". Its first edition was dedicated to Gian Lupo Osti, and its subject is the "Paeonia Ostii".

In 2009 he started his activity in the gardening area as President of SOGEO srl, with the **Orticolario** project, an innovative event aimed to search for all those elements which contribute to create in an excellent way the "garden space" but also and most of all, to educate and form a more aware mentality which respects nature in its entirety.

Since its first edition, **Orticolario**, has hosted in the park of Villa Erba (former residence of Luchino Visconti) and in its pavilions in the shape of a green-house designed by the Architect Bellini, thousands of visitors attracted by the new exhibition layout and by the quality of its exhibitors selected by a technical-scientific Committee.

For this important contribution to the education, culture and beauty of plants and flowers, he received the 2011 Prestige Award.

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