

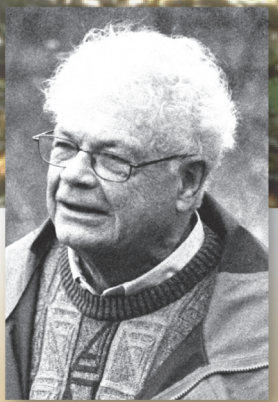
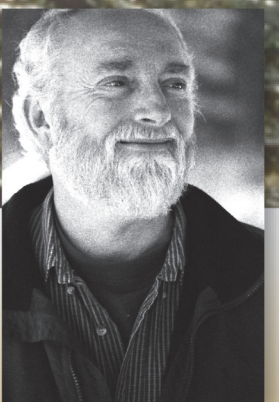
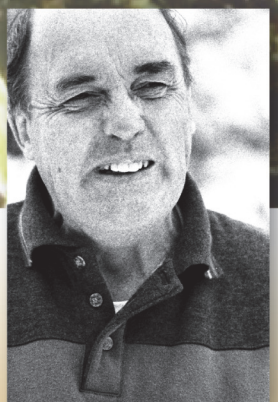
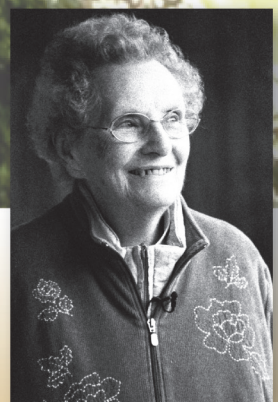
2004 CONSERVATION PIONEER AWARDS



This award is designed to recognize individuals who have demonstrated life-long, outstanding contributions to the field of conservation. They are recognized for their innovation, leadership and dedication to the conservation field. Either through their personal activities and/or leadership, they have gone beyond the call of duty or responsibility to an employer, client or their community.

These individuals have helped to celebrate and inspire innovation in the conservation field and have made a difference in their area of expertise. Nominees have encouraged and motivated others to take similar leadership roles towards conservation work.

Nominations are reviewed and evaluated by a special sub-committee of the Latornell Steering Committee.





SALLY BEATON

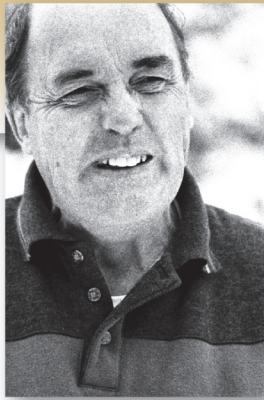
Nominating Agency:
Mississippi Valley
Conservation Authority

Born in Richmond, Ontario in 1921, Sally Beaton was already something of a pioneer in the area of municipal politics! In 1972, she was the first woman to be elected to the Goulbourn Township Council, where she served for seven years. In 1981 she ran and was elected Reeve of Lanark Township, and remained for 13 years. During her time in municipal politics, she became involved in the conservation community. Her pioneering spirit and outstanding contributions have left a rich and lasting legacy.

Sally joined the board of the Mississippi Valley Conservation Authority in 1972, becoming actively involved on the executive committee in 1975, and in 1981 she became the first female Chair of Mississippi Valley Conservation. In twenty five years of service with MVC, Sally was an integral part of several committees, and provincially she was the first female chair of the Eastern Region Chapter of the Association of Conservation Authorities (now Conservation Ontario).

Some of her more notable accomplishments and initiatives include:

- Spearheading the creation of various publications for the MVC, to promote its programs and to inform the public about water conservation issues and projects, using displays, slide shows and literature to foster community awareness.
- Playing an active role in the acquisition and preservation of the Purdon Conservation Area, and lobbying for the installation of a specially designed boardwalk, completed in 1986, which allows visitors to enjoy the beauty of the colonies of Showy Lady's Slipper Orchids.
- Redesigning conservation education programs to focus on water management and conservation themes—programs to teach students about conservation activities to promote awareness and appreciation. In twenty five years some 48,000 children have benefited from the programs offered by the MVC at the Mill of Kintail Conservation Area.



ROBERT BOWLES

Nominating Agency:
Moon Point
Homeowners Association

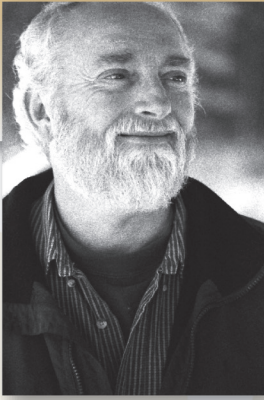
A retired Ontario Hydro engineer, Bob took an interest in nature and the environment around him and has gone on to become an established naturalist and ecotourism specialist. His contributions to environment and species research and conservation over the past 30 years have earned him a great deal. He is a founding member of nineteen Professional Affiliations, among them the Twin Lakes Conservation Club, the Orillia Naturalists Club, the Carden Field Naturalists, the Federation of Ontario Naturalists. He is also a columnist for the 'Orillia Packet and Times' and 'The Muskokan', and has published many documents, including studies and checklists of species and plantlife in the District of Muskoka and surrounding areas.

Bob has also taught night courses at Georgian College, and has conducted staff training workshops, seminars and lectures on a wide variety of nature related subject matter. He has also helped in tracking harmful invasive species, such as the Asian Longhorned Beetle.

Currently, Bob is Executive Trip Director for the Midland based Boots Adventure Tours, where he leads ecotours to areas in the Galapagos Island, the Amazon River, Mexico and Cuba.

He also devotes much of his time to working with children, through environmental presentations, field trips with schools and acting as camp director for summer camps. One of Bob's recent projects is his role as special advisor for *Lake Country Kids for Turtles*, a group dedicated to raising awareness about and preventing the extinction of turtles and other reptiles due to deaths while crossing roadways. Research and identification of problem areas and setting up turtle crossing signs in those areas are some of the group's main activities.

Bob Bowles boasts an extended list of accomplishments with a clear emphasis on youth education and guidance, ensuring that these and future generations remain aware of land and species conservation principles.



RON REID

Nominating Agency:
Ontario Nature

Having majored in fish and wildlife biology at the University of Guelph, Ron has made significant contributions to the conservation community, specifically in the areas of park creation and research publications.

Ron is the founder and one of the key driving forces behind the Couchiching Conservancy, and has been its Executive Director since 2002. This is arguably the most successful Ontario Land Trust with 18 properties owned or under Management amounting to 1806.5 acres of land.

One of Ron's major accomplishments came when he served as Great Lakes St. Lawrence Coordinator for the Partnership for Public Lands from 1997 to 1999. Ron was a key strategist during the Lands for Life/Ontario Living Legacy (OLL) process resulting in many new Parks and protected areas under OLL (such as the Spanish River Park and much of the Eastern Shore of Georgian Bay).

Ron has numerous publications to his credit, among them his co-authorship of *Creative Conservation: a handbook for Ontario land trusts*. He is considered the "Founding Father" of the Ontario Land Trust Movement and helped form the Ontario Nature Trust Alliance (now Ontario Land Trust Alliance). He also co-authored *Towards a Conservation Strategy for Carolinian Canada – Background and Issues and Options*, and has worked with private landowners for conservation with Carolinian Canada.

Other publications include *Beyond Islands of Green: A Primer for Using Conservation Science to Select and Design Community-Based Nature Reserves*, *Canoeing Ontario's Rivers*, *Islands of Green*. He has had over 30 articles published in magazines including *Macleans*, *Cottage Life*, and *Nature Canada*, in addition to newspapers such as *The Toronto Star*, *The Globe and Mail* and *The Ottawa Citizen*.

Ron Reid's pioneering efforts and leadership skills have made for an exemplary body of work in the field of conservation. His accomplishments are diverse and many and will be a focal point for years to come.



GEORGE STORMONT

Nominating Agency:
Grand River
Conservation Authority

With a background in advertising and communications in the insurance industry, George embarked on a 22 year career at the Grand River Conservation Authority in 1969 as Director of Communications. He brought with him a professional, outgoing, enthusiastic attitude, and made an immediate impact on many levels.

He pioneered a program he dubbed "Lands for Learning", which would see Conservation Authority lands shared with watershed school boards to provide hands-on, curriculum-related outdoor education studies. The program expanded quickly, and by 1981 the Lands for Learning program had broadened its scope to include four permanent nature centres for school learning providing four different school boards with quality outdoor education for students.

Another of George's significant accomplishments is in the production of GRCA educational movies and videos about the Grand River, acting as technical advisor. One of his personal favourites was the animated film *S.P.L.A.S.H.*, produced in cooperation with the National Film Board of Canada. These films brought conservation concepts, more specifically the importance of the river and the water cycle, to a much wider audience.

George also had a hand in the formation of the volunteer-based Grand Valley Conservation Foundation in 1965, which has raised over \$10 million since its inception, and has undertaken many conservation projects, such as major reforestation work, land acquisition and trail development to name a few. The Foundation's successful "Grand River Reflections" coffee table book was the result of another of George's smart marketing ideas.

George's dedicated vision, hard work and marketing savvy have laid a solid foundation for conservation authorities in Ontario. The approaches and concepts developed during his tenure were truly innovative and will continue to serve as enduring inspiration.

PIONEER AWARD WINNERS

2006

SALLY BEATON, ROBERT BOWLES, RON REID, GEORGE STORMONT

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RAY LOWES, BOB BURGAR

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