

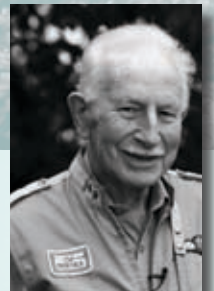
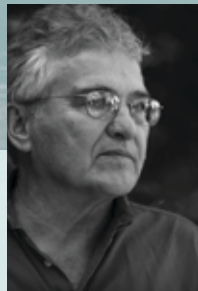
2007 CONSERVATION PIONEER AWARDS



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.



BRUCE DUNCAN

NOMINATING AGENCY:
HAMILTON CONSERVATION AUTHORITY



The late Bruce Duncan came to be known early in his career, probably first by the Hamilton Naturalists' Club while working as a nature interpreter at the Taquanyah Nature Centre where he initiated a hacking program for Bald Eagles.

The successful program helped to bring back the Bald Eagle to the north shores of Lake Erie. He worked 11 years for the Grand River Conservation Authority prior to joining the Hamilton Conservation Authority for 18 years when he began as a nature outdoor educator at the Merrick Field Centre. In 1992 Bruce became the ecologist for the Authority and through this work he became better known in the community, especially with the different agencies and groups responsible for the environment. In 2003, Bruce took on the position as Director of Watershed Planning and Engineering for the Hamilton Conservation Authority and in one year was promoted to the General Manager's role.

In addition to his accomplishments with the Hamilton Naturalists' Club and the Conservation Authorities, Bruce was also a past president of the Ontario Bird Banding Association. In 1992 he received the honour of being the Environmentalist of the Year in Hamilton, by then he also had received the Canada 125 Award for Environmental Service to the Community. In 1997, Bruce was awarded an accolade from the Hawk Migration Association of North America.

Bruce was a storyteller and a beautiful writer. He was a passionate conservationist and outdoorsman who loved to teach school children in and around Hamilton about the plant and animal life in their surroundings. He was a prolific contributor to books and scholarly articles on eagles, hawks and natural history in Ontario. In his 60 years, Bruce taught many and accomplished a great deal. Hamilton and its area continue to benefit from having had Bruce Duncan in their community.

FRANK SHAW

Master of Ceremonies

Frank Shaw graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Honours Biology/Chemistry in 1967 from the University of Western Ontario and qualified for certification in the Ontario Institute for Professional Agrologists. He has over 39 years of professional experience in land conservation, parks, resources management, tourism and program development as an executive manager with several Ontario ministries, conservation authorities and other government agencies. During his agency career he has served as Director of Operations - Hamilton Region Conservation Authority, Executive Director - Niagara Escarpment Commission and General Manager for St. Lawrence Parks Commission.

DEBORAH BEATTY

NOMINATING AGENCY:
LAKE SIMCOE REGION CONSERVATION AUTHORITY



Deborah Beatty is currently the volunteer President of the Lake Simcoe Conservation Foundation and the Helen McCrea Peacock Foundation, two important organizations that provide funding for environmental projects.

She has been a committed environmentalist for most of her life, working with nature or working to save nature, and now devotes her full working life to this issue. Deborah brings an enormous passion and conviction to her roles in these organizations, and she also evangelizes these beliefs to those who know her personally.

In addition to her work in the aforementioned foundations, Deborah has also been a board member of the Rescue Lake Simcoe Coalition and the Ladies of the Lake. She has been an active member of the Garden Club of Toronto since 1981 and a key organizer of the Canada Blooms Festival. In addition, she has been a dedicated Toronto Community Foundation Board Member since 2000 and was awarded the Belchen/Gorby Award in 2005.

Most importantly, Deborah spent most of her life finding ways to become "greener". Some of these initiatives have included using only biodegradable products in her home and urging all her neighbours to do the same. She also began composting well before the green bin was introduced, and grew organic produce in her yard. Deborah is not afraid of personal sacrifice to make a difference and is very conscious and passionate about the environment and expresses this concern to others.

Her actions have and continue to inspire many individuals in our communities. Deborah's spirit and outstanding contributions are truly remarkable.

LOU WISE

NOMINATING AGENCY:
KAWARTHA CONSERVATION



Lou Wise has been capturing the landscape of Southern Ontario via airplane and camera for over 30 years. He has taken thousands of images of Ontario's waterways, including most of the Oak Ridges Moraine and

the waters that flow outward from it. He has generously shared his talent and images with many organizations, including several conservation authorities. His work has been instrumental in compelling donors to give, and politicians to rethink development plans - all for the cost of gas and film!

Lou had been taking aerial photographs from rented aircraft as a hobby since the 1970's, but it wasn't until 1980 that his efforts were directed toward the conservation of the environment. While still working full time as Director of Educational Media for the Toronto Board of Education, Lou often took aerial photos of landmarks that interested him. Upon retiring in 1984, Lou continued to capture the landscapes from his own Piper Cherokee and his enthusiasm for the environment is as great as ever. In 1988 he acquired the funds to undertake a three year project to photograph 150 Class 1 wetlands across Southern Ontario from Windsor to Cornwall and up into the Muskokas.

Much of his work continued in the early 1990s when he became interested in the Oak Ridges Moraine. After consulting with conservationists and educators about what material might be useful, Lou continues shooting photos of diverse subjects within the Moraine such as kettle lakes, headwaters of rivers, gravel pits, car wrecking yards, urban settlements and more. He makes these photos available for schools and conservationists who use them widely. Today, he also focuses his interest on the tributaries of the Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority, the Duffins Creek Watershed, the Nottawasaga Valley Watershed and the Niagara Escarpment.

Lou Wise boasts an extended list of accomplishments with a clear emphasis on education and guidance, promoting conservation principles through aerial photography and a truly personal inspiration for the environment.

MICHAEL HOUGH

NOMINATING AGENCY:
TORONTO AND REGION CONSERVATION



Michael Hough's distinguished career has progressed through many professional avenues including private consulting practitioner, academic teacher, respected author and community activist. He was the founding

partner of Hough, Stansbury & Associates in 1963 and has continued with the firm as it has evolved today into Envision - The Hough Group. He was also a founder of the School of Landscape Architecture at the University of Toronto and more recently has taught as Professor in the Faculty of Environmental Studies at York University, as well as Harvard. Michael has travelled extensively for many years lecturing and providing leadership through academic endeavors and practice. He has lead several generations of landscape architects in Canada and abroad in articulating an ecological view of planning and design that encompasses a consideration of nature and society, as a functioning whole. His books are widely distributed in the world and include *Cities and Natural Processes*, *Out of Place: Restoring Identity to the Regional Landscape* and *People and City Landscapes*.

Trained as an architect and landscape architect, Michael has bridged several professional disciplines to bring a new view to urban design and site planning. He has tirelessly mentored staff for 40 years within his consulting practice, students within various academic programs where he has taught, and through community efforts and volunteer leadership. Over the years, he lead a movement of design thinking that has evolved into a foundation for today's urban agenda for healthier built communities and natural systems. In addition to his writings, and award winning research, Michael has left a legacy of landmark design projects which form anchors in the urban environment at Scarborough College, Ontario Place, Major Hill's Park - Ceremonial Route (Ottawa), and many others here and abroad.

TED MOSQUIN

NOMINATING AGENCY:
MISSISSIPPI VALLEY CONSERVATION



Ted Mosquin has had a distinguished career as a university professor, researcher and policy advisor deeply committed to involving governments and the public in a greater understanding of our ecologically intertwined

world. He was deeply involved in many biodiversity studies and policy development in addition to being a member and major contributor on the Canadian delegation negotiating the Rio 1992 Convention on Biological Diversity. Ted also worked on drafting the 1995 Canadian Biodiversity Strategy, and was the principal author of the Museum of Nature's Country Study of Biodiversity. He has researched, coordinated, authored and edited articles, reports and books on endangered and threatened species, natural history, ecology and the ecosphere.

Not just a researcher and author, he was the first President and Executive Director of the Canadian Nature Federation, President of CPAWS, and director of numerous other similar boards concerned with conservation and the environment. To all these organizations he brought a deep knowledge that enhanced their integrity and a quiet passion that gave them life. It is no wonder that the Government of Canada (Department of the Environment) put his name forward for the Queen's Silver Jubilee Medal for his conservation work.

While Ted was busy contributing to international, national and regional levels, he was also focused on local issues. In a formal capacity, he is a valued member of the Mississippi Valley Conservation Foundation and was the spark and driving force for the creation of the Mississippi Madawaska Land Trust Conservancy in 2003, of which he is the President.

Ted is a genuine and sincere conservationist with modesty who leads the way by example. His love of nature and his passion for the Purdon Conservation Area led to the creation of a nature trail into the highland forest area surrounding the fen. In 2005, Ted oversaw the construction of the trail that now bears his name. His accomplishments are diverse and many will remain a focal point for years to come.

PREVIOUS PIONEER AWARD WINNERS

2006

SALLY BEATON, ROBERT BOWLES, RON REID, GEORGE STORMONT

2005

DON LOBB, DR. GRAY MERRIAM, DR. DAVID PEARSON,
DR. ANTHONY SMITH, BEN VANDERBRUG

2004

MALCOLM KIRK, PATRICK J. MCMANUS, DR. DUNCAN SINCLAIR,
MARIA AND PAUL HEISSLER, DAVID CRESSMAN

2003

RON SCOTT, JACK MACPHERSON, ARTHUR HERBERT RICHARDSON,
GRETA MCGILLIVRAY, WILLIAM MCLEAN

2002

HAL HOOKE, TERRY SPRAGUE, JIM BRUCE, TERK BAYLY, RHEAL PROULX,
TOM MILLAR, PETER MICHAEL ROSE HARVIE

2001

KEN MAYALL, MURRAY MILLER, DOUGLAS HOFFMAN, ELWOOD MOORE,
GEORGE R. RICHARDSON, GORDON OLDFIELD

2000

JIM BAUER, JANET FLETCHER, HARRY BARRETT, TREVOR DICKINSON,
RAY LOWES, BOB BURGAR

1999

JOHN MURRAY, CHARLES ALEXANDER, LEN JOHSON, DR. DAVID ANKNEY,
CHRISTINE NORNABELL, RUSSELL PIPER, MAC COUTTS, KEN HIGGS

If you are interested in nominating an individual for consideration to the 2008 Conservation Pioneer Award, see the criteria detailed on the A.D. Latornell Conservation Symposium website at www.latornell.ca



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