



2014 Latornell Leadership Awards

From 1999 to 2013, the Latornell Conservation Symposium honoured individuals who have demonstrated life-long, outstanding contributions to the field of conservation. They were 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 field of expertise. Nominees have encouraged and motivated others to take similar leadership roles towards conservation work.

To commemorate the 20th Anniversary of the Symposium in 2013, it was decided to revise this award in order to also recognize individuals who have made significant contributions at any time, for any duration – and not just over the course of their entire lifetime as long as their achievements demonstrate leadership accomplishments. To reflect this, the award was renamed the Latornell Leadership Award.

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





Judi Brouse

Bracebridge

Judi Brouse started her career in conservation as the Resource Planner for the Cataraqui Region Conservation Authority and wrote their first watershed plan (1983-1984). In 1984, she became District Planner at the District Municipality of Muskoka (DMM), then Director for Long-range Planning and, since 2003, Director of Watershed Programs. She has overseen the evolution of the DMM water quality program from 1984 into today's Lake System Health Program. Throughout her career, Judi has gone well beyond expectations in committing time, energy and talent to achieve objectives.

One of Judi's most significant accomplishments is the instrumental role that she has played in the establishment of and on-going work associated with the Muskoka Watershed Council (MWC), a unique, volunteer-based, public and private sector partnership with the mandate to champion watershed health. In a region lacking a Conservation Authority, Judi has enabled MWC to develop and implement science-based programs to protect watershed health, advocate for environmentally sound planning and management practices and policies

to sustain the health of Muskoka's watersheds, and educate the public and municipal councils to promote awareness of the impact of human actions on the environment.

For thirty years, Judi has been an effective role model for environmental stewardship, promoting water quality and watershed health throughout Muskoka. She built a working watershed model for use with school groups, developed lake data sheets making monitoring data accessible to the public, established the shoreline survey program that later evolved into the Love Your Lake program, and developed the benthic-monitoring program to further engage lake residents in lake monitoring. She regularly gives talks to lake associations, service clubs, and school groups.

Judi loves her job, Muskoka and the environment. She is an outstanding role model who demonstrates that it is possible to find jobs that one is passionate about, all the while making a positive difference in the world.



Debbe Crandall

Palgrave

For 25 years, Debbe Crandall has dedicated herself to the Save the Oak Ridges Moraine Coalition (STORM) as a volunteer, board member, Executive Director, and most recently as policy analyst. As champion of Oak Ridges Moraine (ORM) protection, she provided leadership and support to numerous groups across the moraine landscape through a vibrant coalition model that initially succeeded in influencing decision-makers to protect the moraine through stand-alone legislation (the ORM Conservation Act in 2001 and the ORM Conservation Plan in 2002). In the lead-up to moraine protection, she represented STORM on the ORM Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) as Chair [part of the ORM Technical Working Committee [TWC] from 1991-1994] and was appointed to the Oak Ridges Moraine Advisory Panel in 2001, which developed the framework for the ORM Conservation Act and Plan. Subsequently, she transformed the coalition into a "planning organization" that maintained focus on the moraine through monitoring activities, capacity building and applied research such as the Loose Threads Workshop in 2004, the Monitoring the Moraine Project in 2005, the York Region Strategic Environmental Assessment Research Project in 2007 as well as numerous conferences and symposia.

Government agencies have called on Debbe's services numerous times. For example, she was appointed to the Central Ontario Smart Growth Panel and Land Exchange Review Panel in 2003. Debbe was also appointed to the Oak Ridges Moraine Foundation's Board of Directors as a Director in 2004, Treasurer in 2005 and the Chair from 2008 to 2010. In 2006 Debbe was appointed to the Greenbelt Council to provide advice to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing on Greenbelt matters. She continues to play a vital role in preparation for the review of the Greenbelt Plan (including the ORM Conservation Plan) scheduled for 2015.

Debbe's enthusiasm for the moraine's diverse landscape inspires both young and old. Her passion for the issues means that co-workers and volunteers become her life-long colleagues. Former employees who started their careers with Debbe in STORM currently hold management positions in the Ontario Public Sector and NGO sector in Ontario, planning positions with Conservation Authorities as well as academic positions. Indeed, Debbe has had a positive impact not only on the environment, but on the people that she has encountered as well.

Lorrie Minshall

Caledonia



The connecting thread of Lorrie's long and busy career has been her commitment to integrated watershed management as the key to a better environment and healthier communities. As the first female engineer to graduate from the University of Guelph, Lorrie was an inspiration at a young age.

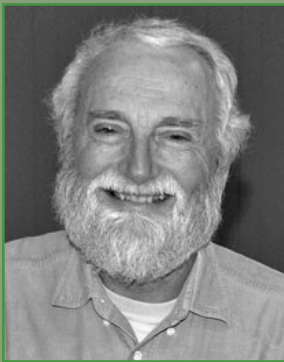
As a young engineer, she wrote papers for the 1982 Grand River Basin Water Management Study, which examined both water quality and quantity in addition to flooding issues. As a senior water resources engineer, Lorrie had an intimate understanding of how the Grand watershed works as well as extensive knowledge of the best ways to manage floods in order to minimize the impact on people and their communities.

Furthermore, Lorrie was the project manager for the "Grand Strategy for Managing the Grand River as a Canadian Heritage River" project, which was developed in a collaborative, watershed-wide process to support the 1994 Heritage River designation.

In the early 2000s, Lorrie saw the need to return to the 1982 Grand River Basin Study and in 2009, she began work on a project to revisit the study, update it, and provide a new guide to water management for the 21st century in three areas: water supply, water quality and flooding. She envisioned the new plan as a collaborative effort involving all levels of government as well as First Nations with a stake in water issues.

In 2010, partners signed on: municipalities, provincial ministries, Environment Canada and the Six Nations of the Grand River. After five years of work, the plan is now going through an endorsement process by all of the partners in anticipation of a formal launch in early 2015.

The new Water Management Plan is a direct outcome of Lorrie's commitment to watershed planning and an expression of her will to leave a legacy for the GRCA, its partners and the people of the watershed.



Master of Ceremonies

Ron Reid Orillia, ON

Ron Reid is Carden Program Coordinator for The Couchiching Conservancy, a land trust based in Orillia. In mid 2009, after seven years in the role, he retired from the position of Executive Director with the same organization. During his tenure, he played a key role in projects to conserve over 7,500 acres of natural lands, and raised over \$500,000 for conservation. Ron has been Chair of the Ontario Nature Trust Alliance and a Board member of many conservation organizations. During his career, he has worked for Ontario Nature, and provided consulting services for over 20 years to a wide range of government and nongovernment clients. He is co-author of three books and dozens of magazine and newspaper articles.

In November 2006, Ron was awarded a "Conservation Pioneer" designation by the A.D. Latornell Conservation Symposium in recognition of his lifetime of service to the conservation of Ontario's natural heritage. In 2009, he was also awarded the W.H.Gunn Award by Ontario Nature for exemplary leadership in natural heritage protection.

Previous Award Winners

2013

Mike Garrett, Peter Middleton, Russ Powell, Bill Dickinson, Jean-Marc Filion

2012

Peter Orphanos, John Sibbald, Jack Imhof, Scott Gillingwater

2011

Jim Anderson, Liette Vasseur, Paul Aird, Tom Taylor

2010

Stew Hilts, Vicki Barron, Don Ross, Gil Henderson

2009

Ian Parrish, Ian Macnab, Allan Ralph, Ernie Crossland, Craig Mather

2008

Dr. John Gunn, Lorne Smith, Harold Parker, Jim Myslik, Bob Whittam

2007

Bruce Duncan, Deborah Beatty, Lou Wise, Michael Hough, Ted Mosquin

2006

Sally Beaton, Robert Bowles, Ron Reid, George Stormont

2005

Don Lobb, Dr. Gray Merriam, Dr. David Pearson, Dr. Anthony Smith, Ben Vanderbrug

2004

Malcom Kirk, Patrick J. McManus, Dr. Duncan Sinclair, David Cressman, Maria and Paul Heissler

2003

Ron Scott, Jack Macpherson, Arthur Herbert Richardson, Greta McGillivray, William McLean

2002

Hal Hooke, Terry Sprague, Jim Bruce, Terk Bayly, Rheel Proulx, Tom Millar, Peter 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 Bugar

1999

John Murray, Charles Alexander, Len Johnson, Dr. Dave Ankney, Christine Nornabell, Russell Piper, Mac Coutts, Ken Higgs

If you are interested in nominating an individual for consideration for the 2015 Latornell Leadership Award, see the criteria detailed on the Latornell Conservation Symposium website at www.latornell.ca



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