

# PREVIOUS AWARD WINNERS

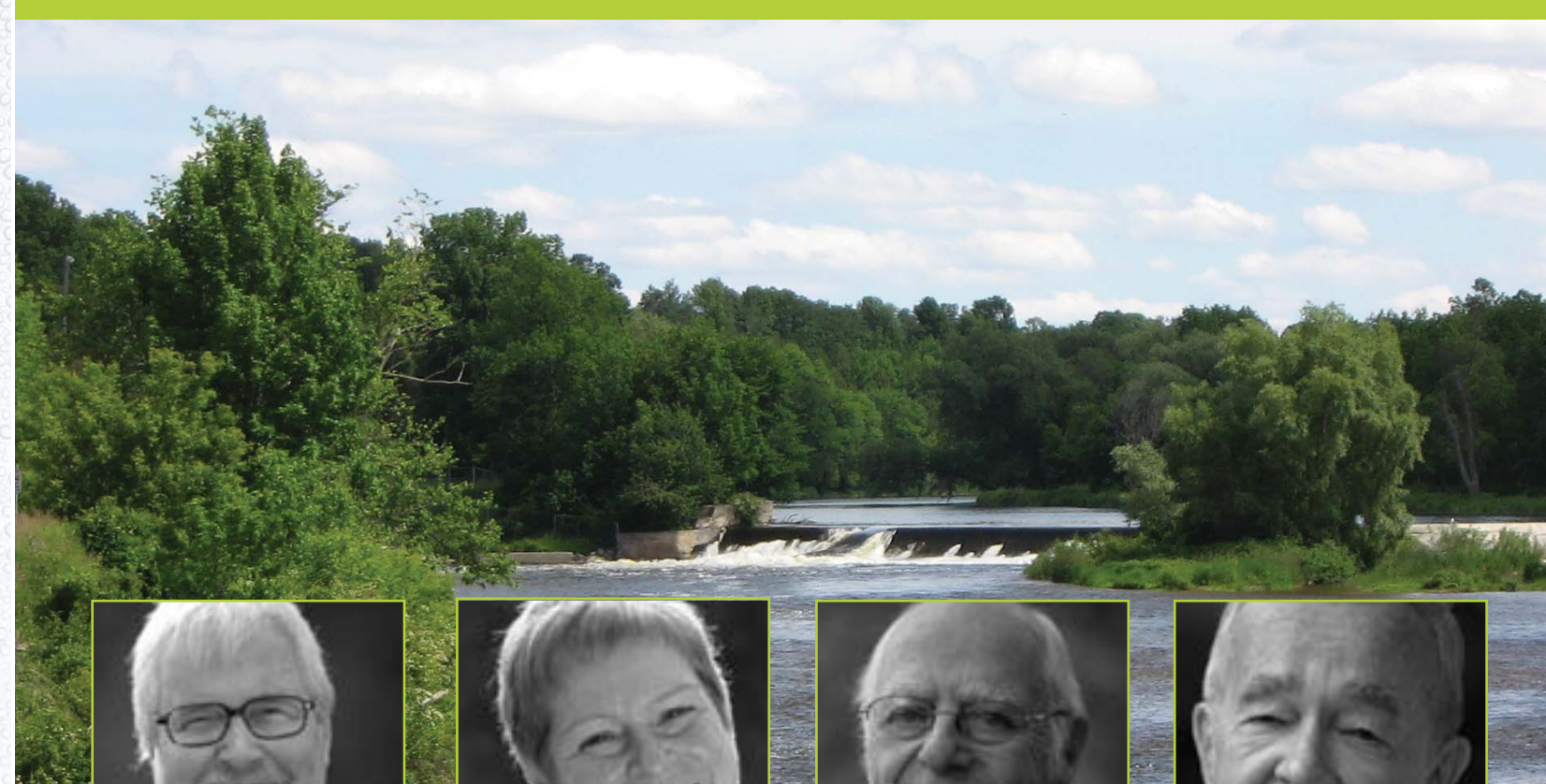


## CONSERVATION PIONEER AWARDS

# 2011

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, 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. Dave Ankney, Christine Nornbell, Russell Piper, Mac Coutts, Ken Higgs

If you are interested in nominating an individual for consideration to the 2012 Conservation Pioneer Award, see the criteria detailed on the A.D. Latornell Conservation Symposium website at [www.latornell.ca](http://www.latornell.ca)



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**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.

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## JIM ANDERSON, Renfrew

Nominated by: Ducks Unlimited Canada



Jim Anderson has worked on the frontlines of conservation in Ontario since the late 1960's. He has held a number of leadership roles in government as well as the not-for-profit sector throughout his career. After spending some time with the former Napanee Region Conservation Authority, he worked for the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources (OMNR) where he served in the Conservation Authorities Branch. During his time there, Jim became very involved in the development of Ontario's floodplain and watershed management policies and programs, and the development of administrative guidelines for

Conservation Authorities, which are still in effect today. While with OMNR, he led the Gypsy Moth Control Program – which, at the time, was the largest aviation project in Ontario since World War II. In addition, this spray program was the first to use biological control (BT) as opposed to chemical pesticides and serves as a positive example of safe and effective environmental control of invasive species in Ontario.

In 1995, Jim became the General Manager of Conservation Ontario where he successfully led Ontario's Conservation Authorities through major challenges. During this period, Jim's legacy remains that not one Conservation Authority disappeared from the Ontario landscape despite the significant funding reductions implemented by the Province in the 1990's. Jim helped move Conservation Authorities from simply acting as implementers of provincial flood plain policy to a much broader scope within a municipal conservation partnership supporting the overall health of their watersheds and communities. During his tenure at Conservation Ontario, Jim was well known for his talent of building and maintaining relationships such as the one with the Department of Fisheries and Oceans, which enabled the Conservation Authorities to deliver certain aspects of the Federal Fisheries Act at the local level.

Jim retired from Conservation Ontario in 2000 and immediately went to work with Ducks Unlimited Canada (DUC). Jim was an architect of DUC's national government relations and policy influence strategy. He encouraged the organization to work closely with municipal governments to influence wetland protection while advocating for science-based influence as evidenced in the "Beyond the Pipe" report (DUC's presentation to the Walkerton Inquiry). Subsequently, Jim was DUC's representative on various committees addressing the need for Source Water Protection Planning in Ontario. Today, Jim continues to work on Great Lakes Initiatives and as a consultant to the DUC policy program. Jim has been an invaluable participant on a variety of boards and commissions including the Advisory Committee to the Great Lakes Commission and the Great Lakes Charter Annex Advisory Panel.

Jim's work and volunteer efforts make him a great inspiration to young people and he has acted as a mentor to many of Ontario's conservation leaders. Jim was a Founding Chairman of University of Guelph's A.D. Latonell Endowment Fund which, among many other activities, also supports the A.D. Latonell Conservation Symposium and its focus on bringing students together with conservation practitioners. Jim's impact, his reach as a mentor and a leader in the conservation world, is an enviable legacy.

## BILL CAMPBELL, Brantford



Bill Campbell grew up on a dairy farm near Avonmore in eastern Ontario. He attended the Ontario Agricultural College (OAC) and graduated in the late 1950's with degrees in agronomy (soils and crops) and later received his MBA from McMaster University. After graduation from the OAC, he joined the Department of Land Resource Science at the University of Guelph. He was a close friend and business partner of Art Latonell for decades. After leaving the university, Bill became a successful businessman (along with Art) in the sod industry. In the 1980's, after years of hard work, Bill's

## LIETTE VASSEUR, St. Catharines

Nominated by: Nickel District Conservation Authority



Dr. Liette Vasseur has enjoyed a very distinguished academic career spanning diverse, yet integrated, environmental issues. She is currently a Full Professor of Biological Sciences at Brock University where she has also held the position of Vice-President, Research. Previous to her tenure at Brock, Liette was Associate Vice-President, Research at Laurentian University, and the K.C. Irving Research Chair in Sustainable Development at the University of Moncton.

Throughout her career, Dr. Vasseur has been a firm believer and promoter of an inter-disciplinary approach to research at the ecosystem level. This approach has been exemplified in Liette's own emphasis on community-based ecosystem management, decision-making and sustainable development. Her research and project work has included extensive involvement with academia, government organizations, NGO's, industry, community conservation groups and aboriginal communities across Canada. While at Laurentian University, Liette was a Board Member at the Nickel District Conservation Authority as well as a serving member of the Sudbury Mayor's Expert Panel on Environmental Health. She is currently an expert advisor to the Greater Sudbury Climate Change Consortium. In Niagara, she works with the Niagara Prosperity Initiative which aims to improve sustainability at the neighbourhood level and is also a lead member of the Niagara Region Climate Change Adaptation Network.

At Brock University, Liette's research program focuses on plant and conservation ecology, climate change, sustainable development, community-based management and gender issues in various countries such as Canada, China, and Burkina Faso (Africa). Among her many affiliations, Liette is a member of the Commission for Ecosystem Management of International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) and honorary member of the Nickel District Conservation Authority. She is also an Associate Editor of the journal Botany, and associate editor-in-chief of the Journal of Biosafety, which focuses on important issues concerning human-dominated and natural ecological systems.

Dr. Vasseur has had a significantly positive effect on youth. Through academia as well as her many community-based undertakings, Liette has acted as mentor for many young conservationists. To date, more than 75 of her former students have entered careers in the conservation/environmental fields. While at Laurentian University, she was a member of an initiative "Children First" Round Table designed to encourage youth to use a focus on the natural environment in order to become productive members of the community. Through her work, Dr. Vasseur continues to inspire the next generation of community-based science advocates.

## Master of Ceremonies

company - Fairlawn Sod Nursery Limited - became the largest sod growing operation in North America.

Bill remembers Art as the best of silent business partners. As Bill planned expansions to the business and ran the numbers and the risks past Art, he remembers that "Art would ask the occasional question, and then more often than not just say – let's go for it. Then, left it to me to carry it out". Bill believes that Art's generosity and commitment to conservation and youth are truly reflected in his

## PAUL AIRD, Toronto

Nominated by: Pembroke District – Ministry of Natural Resources



During the first 22 years of Dr. Paul Aird's career, he served as a scientist in the pulp and paper industry where he actively promoted nature conservation. As his years in that industry progressed, he felt compelled to more widely share his views on conservation issues with the public. The subsequent 35 years of his career with the Faculty of Forestry, University of Toronto fulfilled his desire to create and promote an environmental dialogue amongst Canadians, and then some. Paul's scholarly and professional activities included research in

policy analysis relating to forest conservation, forest policy and law, forest geography and history, conservation education, conservation history, as well as parks, wilderness and nature preservation.

One of Paul's best known achievements is his long-term contributions to the study of endangered bird species - specifically, the Kirtland's Warbler. He discovered the first Kirtland's Warbler in Ontario in 1977 and co-discovered the breeding territory of Kirtland's Warbler in 2006, which led to the first confirmed nesting record in Ontario and Canada in 2007. This discovery also led to the listing of this species under the Endangered Species Act of Ontario. Paul has been a member of the Canadian Recovery Team since its inception in 2005 and co-authored the 2006 Environment Canada Recovery Strategy for Kirtland's Warbler. For over 24 years, Paul has represented Ontario and Canada as a member on the U.S. Kirtland's Warbler Recovery Team. His decades of volunteer work towards conservation research, field work and studies related to Kirtland's Warbler has resulted in significant contributions towards the recovery of this globally rare bird in Ontario, Canada and North America.

He has worked in other areas of conservation as well throughout his career. He has contributed to numerous environmental entities including: Special Joint Committee on the Constitution of Canada, Sub-committee on Acid Rain, Standing Committee on Fisheries and Forestry, Ontario Royal Commission on the Northern Environment and also contributed significantly to the public debates that resulted in the establishment of Ontario's Environmental Bill of Rights in 1993 and 1994. He has also served as a member of the Niagara Escarpment Commission.

Paul is committed to inspiring and mentoring young people. In addition to his accomplishments as a Professor, Paul's gift for writing and storytelling has led him to co-author a book on eco-fables for children as well as author other publications on ecological fables and nature tales. These stories serve as a way to educate, inspire and motivate youth to make a personal contribution towards conservation in their lives.

estate bequest of substantial dollars (obtained through his business profits) to the University of Guelph after his death in 1991.

Bill has a long list of involvement in his local community including being a Rotarian for over 40 years and a long-term Director of the Brantford General Hospital. He and his wife, Dorothy, are actively involved with the Kids Can Fly organization in Brantford which assists young children from underprivileged families with reading and social skills.

## TOM TAYLOR, Newmarket

Nominated by: Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority



Tom Taylor has spent nearly 50 years in volunteering and providing public service to his community. His work in supporting conservation and environmental initiatives as both a volunteer as well as a municipal politician are well documented. In 2004, his environmental accomplishments were recognized by his being awarded the George R. Richardson Conservation Award from the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority for his lifetime commitment to improving the environmental health of the Lake Simcoe Watershed.

Tom has spent more than 32 years in the municipal political arena. In his capacity as Town Councillor with the Town of Newmarket and later as Regional Councillor with York Region, Tom continually emphasized the environmental aspects of various initiatives on the municipal agenda. His leadership during his nine year term as the Mayor of Newmarket helped to launch that community as one of the most environmentally progressive municipalities in the Country. The development and implementation of a comprehensive natural heritage strategy, a municipal Tree Preservation Policy and Anti-Idling By-law are examples of his advocacy and leadership.

Tom is a Founding Director of the Oak Ridges Moraine Land Trust and served on the Board of the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority from 2003 until 2006. He is the Chair and founding member of the Holland River Improvement Committee where he was instrumental in the creation of Holland River Clean-up Day.

Through his position as Mayor of Newmarket, Tom worked tirelessly to help develop Canada's first Platinum LEED eco-homes subdivision. In looking for private interests to develop the property the Town insisted that certain stringent environmental principles be followed – even though it meant that the Town would not be accepting the highest possible bid. The homes sold for a slight premium to comparable houses in the Town, however the energy savings more than compensated for the higher cost. This legacy has become a blueprint for other municipalities across Canada.

Tom Taylor has been an influential advocate for stewardship of our environment among our youth. As an Ambassador for Neighbourhood Network Aurora – Newmarket, a non-profit community-based organization, Tom has been instrumental in developing a student tree planting initiative. Planting a Future: Students for the Environmental Tree Planting Day began with 200 student volunteers and four planting sites in 2010 and this year had already grown to involve over 400 student volunteers and seven planting sites. The student planting initiative encourages youth in the community to get involved and help support their environment now and into the future.



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