



January 18, 2019

Invitation to Nominate a Conservationist of the Year

For 35 years Ausable Bayfield Conservation has honoured a person, farm, business, community group, municipality, or organization with a *Conservationist of the Year Award*. I would like to invite you to consider submitting a nomination for this award to recognize an outstanding community steward(s) who takes positive actions in our watersheds.

Adelaide Metcalfe

Bluewater

Central Huron

Huron East

Lambton Shores

Lucan Biddulph

Middlesex Centre

North Middlesex

Perth South

South Huron

Warwick

West Perth

A nomination form, with details about the award and past winners, is attached. Nominations are accepted until Friday, February 15, 2019.

The Conservationist of the Year Award will be presented at the Partners Appreciation Evening, to be held on Thursday, March 21, 2019 at Ironwood Golf Club, 70969 Morrison Line, east of Exeter. You and a guest are invited to attend. Please RSVP by March 14, 2019 to Sharon Pavkeje at spavkeje@abca.ca if you would like to attend. More details will be provided closer to the date and posted online at abca.ca.

Each award winner must be located in the Ausable Bayfield Conservation watershed or have done conservation work within the jurisdiction. Past award winners have included rural landowners and residents, agricultural producers and farms, service clubs, community organizations, companies, nature groups, and municipalities.

This award is one way we show our thanks to those who are taking positive actions in our local watershed communities to protect water, soil, and living things. I would like to thank you for your consideration of this opportunity to honour a person, farm, business, group, or organization.

Sincerely,

AUSABLE BAYFIELD CONSERVATION

George Irvin
Chair



Conservationist of the Year Award

What is the Conservationist of the Year Award?

Criteria

Ausable Bayfield Conservation has recognized outstanding achievements in conservation, each year since 1984, with an award to the Conservationist of the Year.

The Conservation Award acknowledges one individual, farm, business, or group per year who demonstrates positive conservation principles. The nominee must have undertaken conservation efforts over a number of years that have shown long-term benefits for water, soil, and living things. Examples include:



- Improving local water quality
- Conservation farming
- Reforestation
- Environmental education
- Providing wildlife and fish habitat
- Promoting environmental awareness + action

Eligibility

Individuals, farms, organizations, or companies who either reside in, or have completed conservation work within, the area of jurisdiction of the Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority (ABCA), are eligible to win the Conservationist of the Year award. Current ABCA staff members and directors are excluded.



Recognition

Ausable Bayfield Conservation will make a donation towards a tree and plaque at a Commemorative Woods site maintained by the Ausable Bayfield Conservation Foundation.



**Please go to nomination form
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Conservationist of the Year award winners in the past:

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| • Rick Quinn and Diane Hawthorne and Family | • Stewardson Dairy | • Stephen Bright | • Ausable Anglers Club |
| • Mels and Ruthanne van der Laan, of Cold Stream Ranch | • Boys' & Girls' Club, London (Middlesex ECO Crew) | • Dinney Funeral Home | • Carfrey Cann |
| • Lambton Shores Phragmites Community Group | • Shadyside Farms, Paul and Vic Hodgins | • Huron Fish and Game Club | • Keith Connelly |
| • Cordner Farms – Jane Sadler Richards and Doug Richards | • Ray Letheren, Friends of the Bayfield River | • Garry Palmateer | • John Deeves |
| • Bob Norris | • Environmentally Concerned Citizens of Lambton Shores | • Lions Club of Clinton | • Nancy Glendinning |
| • Peter Darbishire | • Andy deBoer | • Bluewater Recycling Assoc. | • Hayter Turkey Farms |
| • Joan and John Love | • Stephanie Donaldson | • Andrew Dixon | • Peter Rombouts |
| • Ann and Bill Phelan | • Everet and Joan Van Sligtenhorst | • Ralph and Eleanor Smith | • Bill Thirlwall |
| • Exeter Lions Club | • John MacPherson | • Elmer Trick | • Ausable Nomads |
| • Patricia Down * and Robert Down | • Straw Family | • Armstrong East Cottage Association | • Dearing Farms |
| • Lorne Teeple * | • George Cantrick * | • Lambton Wildlife Inc. | • Huron Soil and Water Conservation District |
| • Grand Bend Community Foundation | • David McClure | • David Ball | • Murray and Ron McRae |
| | • Brian Arnold | • Adelaide Township | • Huron Board of Education |
| | • Fred Dobbs | • Arnold Westlaken | • Thomas Doherty |
| | • Lions Club of Arkona | • Tuckersmith Township | • Huron Centennial School |
| | • Village of Arkona | • Van Loon Farms | • Jerry Giesen |
| | • Township of Hibbert | • Village of Hensall | • Claybird Gun Club |
| | | • Bob Montgomery | • Wayne Woods |
| | | • Jim Reeve | • Bayfield Anglers Association |
| | | • DEL Farms | • Jay Campbell |
| | | • Bud Walker | |
| | | • Bert and Margaret Daynard | |

** Asterisk denotes that the award was given posthumously.*



The nomination deadline is **Friday, February 15, 2019**.
The award is to be presented at the Partner Appreciation Evening
held **Thursday, March 21, 2019** at Ironwood Golf Club in Exeter.

Nomination Form

I wish to nominate the following person or organization:

Name of nominee: _____

Contact name (if nominee is organization or business): _____

Their address: _____

Postal code: _____ Telephone: _____

E-mail (optional): _____

Tell us why this person or organization is deserving in 300 words or less:

This nomination is being submitted by:

Your name: _____

Address: _____

Postal code: _____ Telephone: _____

E-mail (optional): _____

NOTICE OF COLLECTION: Personal information on this form is collected under legal authority of the Conservation Authorities Act for the purposes of reviewing and evaluating, by Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority, of nominations and the work of nominees to create environmental awareness and/or take positive actions for a healthier watershed. This information will also be used to assist conservation authority staff to recognize recipients through awards night and public recognition. Questions regarding this collection can be made to Brian Horner, Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Officer, ABCA, 71108 Morrison Line, RR 3 Exeter, ON N0M 1S5 or phone 519-235-2610 or 1-888-286-2610.

Please send nomination form to:

Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority (ABCA) • 71108 Morrison Line • RR 3 Exeter, ON • N0M 1S5

Attention: Tim Cumming, Communications Specialist

E-mail: tcumming@abca.ca • **Website:** abca.ca

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