

January 5, 2022

**RE: Invitation to nominate a person, farm, business, community group, or organization
as Conservationist of the Year**

Adelaide Metcalfe

Bluelwater

Central Huron

Huron East

Lambton Shores

Lucan Biddulph

Middlesex Centre

North Middlesex

Perth South

South Huron

Warwick

West Perth

Ausable Bayfield Conservation is honoured to present, once again, the Conservationist of the Year Award in 2022.

We invite you to nominate a person, farm, business, community group, municipality, or organization for this award. We are pleased to receive nominations until February 24, 2022.

We have presented this award each year since 1984. The award goes to an outstanding community steward, or stewards, who are taking positive actions in our watersheds. We have attached a nomination form, with details about the award and past winners. The nomination form is also available on this web page:

<https://www.abca.ca/community/conservationistoftheyear/>

Each award winner is a business, farm, organization, or person who is located in our watershed area or that has done conservation work here. Previous award winners have included rural landowners and residents, agricultural producers and farms, service clubs, community organizations, companies, nature groups, and municipalities. Past winners are listed on the nomination form.

Our local stewards help to protect and improve our watershed resources. They protect and enhance water quality, soil health, and habitat for all living things.

This award is one of the ways we say 'thank you' to the people, businesses, and groups taking positive actions in our local watershed communities.

I thank you in advance for your kind consideration of this request to nominate a person, farm, business, group, or organization for this honour.

Sincerely,



Brian Horner
General Manager/Secretary Treasurer
Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority

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Conservationist of the Year Award

Criteria

Ausable Bayfield Conservation has recognized outstanding conservation achievements, each year since 1984, with the Conservationist of the Year Award.

The award acknowledges one individual, farm, business, or group per year who puts into action positive conservation principles. The nominee must have undertaken conservation efforts over a number of years showing long-term benefits for water, soil, and living things. Examples include:

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

Eligibility

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



Recognition

Ausable Bayfield Conservation makes a donation for a tree and plaque at a Commemorative Woods site maintained by Ausable Bayfield Conservation Foundation.



**Please go to nomination form
on the back of this page**

Previous Conservationist of the Year Award Winners

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

** Award given posthumously.*

Conservationist of the Year Award

The nomination deadline is **February 24, 2022**.



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 • 71108 Morrison Line • RR 3 Exeter, ON • N0M 1S5

Attention: Tim Cumming, Communications Specialist **E-mail:** tcumming@abca.ca

Website: abca.ca **Phone:** 519-235-2610 • **Toll-free:** 1-888-286-2610 • **Facsimile:** 519-235-1963