

# LWV/RSC RIVER AWARD WINNERS 2003-2010

## 2003 Award Winners

### **Billerica**

#### **River Steward Award**

Kevin Gilligan, founding member, Concord River Environmental Stream Team

#### **Conservation Award**

Joann Giovino, member of the Billerica Conservation Commission

### **Carlisle**

#### **River Steward Award**

Greg Peterson, leader in the Carlisle Land Trust

### **Concord**

#### **River Steward Award**

Mill Brook Task Force

#### **Conservation Award**

Musketequid Arts and Environment Program

### **Lincoln**

#### **Conservation Award**

In memory of Ann Gannett, State Representative and Chair of the State Water Supply Citizen Advisory Committee for her leadership and commitment

### **Sudbury**

#### **Conservation Award**

Frank and Ursula Lyons and the Hop Brook Association

### **Wayland**

#### **River Steward Award**

Sally Newbury, Committee to establish the Wild and Scenic River Designation

#### **Conservation Award**

Lewis Russell, Russell's Garden Center, for environmentally sensitive advocacy for water conservation

## 2004 Award Winners

### **Billerica**

#### **Ellen Rawlings**

Billerica Selectperson, whose tenure has been marked by numerous strong stands for the environment and development of a Recreation and Open Space Plan

**Carlisle**

**Vivian Chaput**, posthumous award given for her commitment to land planning and protection through 17 years of service on the Planning Board and 8 years as a Selectman.

**Concord**

**CCHS students Emma Schumacher, Elena Coleman and Katie Lebling** for 5 years of enthusiastic participation in the Organization for the Assabet River Clean Up project

**Lincoln**

**Anna Rollins, Rural Land Foundation and Jane Leyton, Conservation Commission**, as leaders of the **Lincoln Green Fair Initiative**, an innovative, educational and fun approach to live in an environmentally friendly way

**Maynard**

**Jennifer Steel, Conservation Commission and Paul Boothroyd, Historical Society**, were instrumental in the restoration of the **Ice House Landing**, a brownfield site redeveloped as a public park on the banks of the Assabet River

**Sudbury**

The **Sudbury Earth Decade Committee**, for their education, advocacy and passion to minimize the use of toxic pesticides in the environment at a local and state level.

**OUTSTANDING RIVER STEWARD AWARD**

**Marian Thornton**, for her courage and lifetime of leadership in pioneering conservation efforts that protect the natural environment of the Concord area for future generations.

**NATIONAL PARK SERVICE AWARD**

**Bill Sullivan, Concord**, for his vision, leadership and tireless ten-year effort to seek wild and scenic designation for the Sudbury, Assabet and Concord Rivers.

**2005 AWARD WINNERS**

**Acton**

**Mary Michelman and the Acton Stream Awareness Project**

**Billerica**

**Margaret Hannon-Rizza**, Assistant Director, Recreation Department, Town of Billerica, for implementation of the Open Space-Recreation Plan

**Carlisle**

**Louise Hara & the Carlisle Trails Committee** for creating the River Trail Boardwalk encouraging awareness and enjoyment

**Concord**

**C.C. King**, co-founder of the Musketaquid Arts and Environment Program for her leadership in organizing the Musketaquid Earth Floats and Earth Day program

**Lincoln**

**Jen James**, The Food Project, for leadership in development of Sustainable Agriculture and Workshops

**Sudbury**

**Grove Wadman**, for passionate involvement in the SuAsCo Fisheries Restoration Program and Assabet River Refuge Clean Up

**Wayland**

**George Lewis**, Founder of the Sudbury Valley Trustees and conservation visionary

**Westborough**

**Chris Rogers and Stephanie Garrett**, Mill Pond School's Everyday Heroes

**2006 AWARD WINNERS**

**NATIONAL PARK SERVICE CONSERVATION HERO AWARD**

**Steve Meyer of Sudbury**, was honored for a lifetime of conservation leadership for the Town of Sudbury and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts

**Acton**

**Jim Snyder-Grant and the Acton Land Stewardship Committee** who made Acton's 1650 acres of conservation land and associated waters accessible to the public, yet protective of their resources.

**Billerica**

**Betsy Gallagher** for many years of service as the Concord River's ambassador in Billerica, generously guiding many visitors on her pontoon boat.

**Bedford**

**Dave Ranney**, Bedford Trails Committee, who brings the public to enjoy and appreciate Bedford's portion of the Concord River.

**Carlisle**

**Lynn Knight** has, for the past 6 years, volunteered to do water quality monitoring for the Organization for the Assabet River.

**Concord**

**Bob LeMaire**, a beloved teacher at the Thoreau School, for implementation of the River Schools project for all 5<sup>th</sup> graders due to his energy and commitment.

**Sudbury**

**Karen and Ron Riggert** who are models of local community involvement in watershed protection

**Wayland**

**In memory of Ken Moon**, honored for his tireless commitment to conservation efforts in **Wayland, in the watershed and in the State**

**Southborough**

**Freddie Gillespie**, founder of the Sudbury River Watershed Organization in response to the Sudbury River running dry in 1999.

**2007 AWARD WINNERS**

**LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**

The Rowan Family, Southbridge Boat House, Concord

**CARLISLE**

**Peter Burn**, Carlisle Conservation Commission and SuAsCo Watershed Association

**CONCORD**

**Susan Erickson, teacher and her 4<sup>th</sup> grade class**, Thoreau School

**FRAMINGHAM**

**Michele Grzenda**, Conservation Agent

**SUDBURY**

**Mike and Anne Meixsell**, co-founder, Hop Brook Protection Association, lifelong environmental activists and mentors

**WAYLAND**

**Brian M. Donahue**, Professor and Director of the Environmental Studies Program, Brandeis University, author and local expert on the great meadows of the Sudbury River valley.

**2008 AWARD WINNERS**

**NATIONAL PARK SERVICE CONSERVATION HERO AWARD**

Elizabeth C. Sluder, League of Women Voters. Concord-Carlisle

**BILLERICA**

**Chris Landers**, producer of a slideshow called “Cruising the Sudbury, Assabet, and Concord Rivers” and tour guide during Riverfest due to his vast knowledge of the Concord River.

**BEDFORD**

**Libby Herland**, U.S. Fish and Wildlife, has been the driving force to blaze trails and expand the Concord River Walk.

**CARLISLE**

**Thomas and D’ann Brownrigg**, have long term commitment to wildlife diversity in the Concord River as well as raise public awareness of the area.

## **CONCORD**

**Thoreau School Riverwalk Committee, (along with 2007 awardee Susan Erickson)** provided a handicapped accessible trail to the Assabet River for children.

## **MAYNARD**

**Liz Lingener and Mike Stevens**, Fowler Junior High School, for raising environmental awareness.

## **SUDBURY**

**Susan Crane, Esq.** serves on the Board of Sudbury Valley Trustees and has helped protect Hop Brook and promotes the Community Preservation Act in Sudbury.

## **WAYLAND**

**Sudbury Valley Photographers**

## **2009 AWARD WINNERS**

### **BILLERICA**

**Ralph Bacon** for a lifetime of working, studying, and advocating for the rivers in his community.

### **BEDFORD**

**Bob Slechta, Dennis Warner, Peggy Hobbs, Susan Russo, and Don Corey** for their work to restore and enhance the Two Brothers Rock site.

### **CARLISLE**

**Dr. Sally A. Zeilinski** for her work to protect Britton's Violet, a threatened wildflower found along the Concord River.

### **CONCORD**

**Sally Farrow** for her work to create and implement river-based educational programs for youth across the SUASCO watershed for the past 10 years.

### **LINCOLN**

**Joan C. Kimball**, Director of the Massachusetts Riverways program, for over 20 years of devotion to her home watershed, the SUASCO.

### **SUDBURY**

**Debbie Dineer**, Conservation Coordinator in Sudbury, for her work to protect the health of the Sudbury and Assabet watershed.

### **WAYLAND**

**Chris Devany and Cliff Kolovson**, for creating Wayland Cleans Up!, a town-wide clean up effort.

### **MAYNARD**

**A Vernal Pool Named Grace**, an environmental science project created by the Grade 2 teachers at the Green Meadow School.

## 2010 AWARD WINNERS

### NATIONAL PARK SERVICE AWARD

**Dierdre C. Menoyo**, for her passionate and tireless advocacy for all rivers.

#### BEDFORD

**Alan Bragg**, for his trail maintenance in Bedford and at the Concord Impoundments of the Great Meadows National Wildlife Refuge.

#### CONCORD

**Dr. Bryan Windmiller**, for creating the Headstarting Program for Blanding Turtles and sharing it with students in Concord, Carlisle, and Sudbury.

**Nathaniel Marden**, for fighting the invasive Water Chestnut plant on his own time and as property manager for the Concord Land Conservation Trust.

#### LOWELL

**Jane Calvin**, Executive Director of Lowell Parks and Conservation Trust, for her work to preserve and restore the Concord River in Lowell and for creating the Concord River Greenway in Lowell.

#### MAYNARD

**Mary Ann and Paul Scheiner**, for their environmental stewardship with youth and their work with frog populations at the Assabet River, Great Meadows and Oxbow National Wildlife Refuges.

#### SUDBURY

**Laury Hammel**, for his commitment to running his business, the Longfellow Clubs, in an environmentally responsible way, thereby having a positive impact on the river.

#### WAYLAND

**The Wayland Conservation, including members Roger Blackman, Barbara Howell, J. Andrew Irwin, Robert Goldsmith, John Sullivan, and Joy Viola**, for their tireless work on reviewing the Wayland Town Center project to assure appropriate impact on the river front area, wetlands and related habitat.