

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, with long-term benefits for water, soil, and habitat for all living things. Examples are:

- 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.



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Previous Conservationist of the Year Award Winners

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

** Award given posthumously.*

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The nomination deadline is **February 9, 2024**.



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 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:

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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