NYSAF Award Winners

FORESTER OF THE YEAR

Objective: To recognize outstanding contributions to the practice and profession of forestry, the conservation and stewardship of forest resources in New York, and the objectives of the Society of American Foresters.

Award Recipients
1990 Ross Whaley
1991 Curt Bauer
1992 Doug Allen
1993 Mike Greason
1994 Bob Stegemann
1995 Rod Jones
1996 Sally Bogdonovitch
1997 Ralph Nyland
1998 James Coufal
1999 Michael Virga
2000 Joe Hanley
2001 Roger Dzienieleski
2002 Hugh Canham
2003 Bob Sand
2004 Herb & Debbie Boyce
2005 James Farrar
2006 Eric Rasmussen
2007 Jude Zicot
2008 Brian Bower
2009 Thomas Gilman
2010 James Savage
2011 Craig Vollmer
2012 Don Schaufler
2013 John Gibbs
2014 Thomas Martin
2015 Bruce Williamson
2016 Caleb Combs
2017 Len Cronin
2018 Tim Burpoe
2019 Michael Walsh
2020 Bernard Braun
2021 Jack Santamour
2022 David Smith

YOUNG FORESTER LEADERSHIP

Objective: To recognize a young forester for outstanding commitment to leadership development and contributions to New York Society of American Foresters.

Award Recipients
2018 Corrie Magee
2019 Christi L. Barber
2020 Rebecca Terry
2021 Cody Wilkes
2022 Trevor Keough
SOCIETY COMMENDATION

Objective: To recognize a person or an organization for their extraordinary efforts or significant contributions in support of the Society and/or the forestry profession.

Award Recipients
1991 NY Forest Owners Association
1992 Robert Bendick
1993 Jim Coufal
1995 Lower Hudson Chapter
1997 NYFOA
1998 NYDEC Div. Of Lands & Forests
1999 Dr. John Wagner
2000 ESFPA
2001 Doug Allen
2002 International Paper Company
2003 NY SAF National Convention Committee
2004 Don Floyd
2005 Lloyd Casey
2006 Craig Vollmer
2007 Mary Spring
2008 Collin Miller
2009 Heather Engelman
2010 Thomas Gerow
2011 Richard Scchwab
2012 Roger Dziegeleski
2013 Rock Termini
2014 Robert Malmsheimer
2015 Robert O’Brien
2016 Dr. René Germain
2017 Michael Burns
2018 Leonard Cronin
2019 NYS Senator Betty Little
2020 Christopher Prentis
2021 Brooke DeFrancesco
2022 Gregory Clarke

CHAIR’S COMMENDATION

Objective: To recognize a person or organization for their special assistance, contributions or service to the Chair of the NY Society. Awarded by the Chair at his/her discretion.

Award Recipients
1992 Mike Virga
1993 Doug Allen
1994 Curt Bauer
1995 Mike Virga
1996 Don Floyd
1997 Katie Watson
1998 Bob Sand & Roger Dzingele
1999 Peter Smallidge
2000 Patrick Kivlen
2001 Dave Smith
2002 Robert Malmsheimer
2003 Curt Bauer
2004 Robert Davis
2005 Craig Vollmer
2006 NYSAF Chapter Chairs
2007 SUNY-ESF Ranger School
2008 Andrew Hayes
DISTINGUISHED SERVICE

Objective: To recognize a NYSAF member for their outstanding professional service, dedication and long-standing contributions to the New York Society of American Foresters. Awarded by the NYSAF Executive Committee by majority vote. Note: this award is not necessarily given out every year, but rather as deserved.

Award Recipients
2007 Bernie Braun
2008 Bruce Breitmeyer
2009 Christopher Nowak
2010 Andrew Hayes
2011 Jeff Weigert
2012 Fred Munk
2013 Hugh Canham
2014 Sloan Crawford
2015 Roger Dziengeleski
2016 Kevin Virkler
2017 Dr. Ross Whaley
2018 James Coufal
2019 No award presented
2020 Robert O’Brien
2021 David Newman
2022 Mariann Johnston

FORESTRY COMMUNICATIONS and EDUCATION

Objective: To recognize outstanding efforts to promote understanding and appreciation of forest resources, management and stewardship through communications and/or education. This new award is the combination of the previous Forestry Communications and Forestry/Environmental Education awards.

2019 Dr. Michael Bridgen
2020 Catskill Forest Association, Inc.
2021 Suzanne Treyger, Audubon NY and Steven Hagenbuch, Audubon VT
2022 Thomas Martin

FORESTRY COMMUNICATIONS

Objective: To recognize outstanding efforts to promote public understanding and appreciation of forest resources, management and stewardship. When awarded for news coverage of forestry...
issues and/or SAF activities, coverage should be fair, accurate and comprehensive. This award is now part of the Forestry Communications and Education award.

Award Recipients:
1991 John Marchant
1993 Wes Suhr
1996 Donna Rogler
1997 Post Journal of Jamestown
1998 Mike Greason
1999 Andrew C. Revkin
2000 Mary Beth Malmshieiner
2001 The Post Star of Glens Falls
2002 Chris Nowak
2003 D. Andrew Saunders
2004 Ward Lumber
2005 NYS DEC, NYPF & ESFPA
2006 Charlie Porter
2007 Andrew Hubbard
2008 Bob Malmshieimer
2009 Hugh Canham
2010 Kevin King
2011 Josh VanBrakle
2012 Muriel Church
2013 Audubon New York
2014 Paul Hetzler
2015 Heather Hilson
2016 Catskill Forestry Association
2017 Joshua VanBrakle
2018 John Bartow

FORESTRY/ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION

Objective: To recognize outstanding accomplishments in forestry education, aimed at any audience, which have increased the understanding and appreciation of forest resources, forest management and the full spectrum of forest values and benefits. This award is now part of the Forestry Communications and Education award.

Award Recipients
1991 Jack & Harriet Hamilton
1992 Peter Grupe
1996 Jim Campopiano
1997 Henry Kernan
1998 Alan White
2000 Justin Perry
2001 Rene Germain
2002 Laurel Gailor
2003 Richard W. Sage, Jr.
2004 Tom Pavlesich
2005 ESFPA
2006 Agroforestry Resource Center
2007 Ben Snyder
2008 Matt Smith
2009 John Graham
2010 Rebecca Hargrave
2011 Watershed Agricultural Council
2012 Marilyn Wyman
2013 Dennis Flynn
2014 Northeastern Logger’s Association
2015 James Campopiano
2016 Dr. Ralph Nyland
2017 Dr. Robert Malmshieimer
COMMUNITY SERVICE

Objective: To recognize exceptional forestry and environmental related services and contributions provided to any community. This award was discontinued in 2019.

Award Recipients
1999 Finch, Pruyn Company, Inc.
2000 Marcus Phelps
2001 Cornell Master Forest Owner Program
2002 Senators Hoffman and McGhee
2003 Mark Mowery
2004 Great Adirondack RC&D
2005 Mary Kramarchyck
2006 Harry Wilber
2007 The Watershed Forestry Program
2008 Ronald Brach
2009 Woodwise, Inc.
2010 Mark Mowery
2011 Jason and Kathy Miranda
2012 NY Logger Training & Bill Lindloff
2013 New York State Project Learning Tree Steering Committee
2014 Fort Drum Natural Resources Branch
2015 Mark Whitmore
2016 Laurel Gailor
2017 Richard McDermott
2018 Marianne Patinelli-Dubay