

# OWEN SOUND FIELD NATURALISTS

## COMMUNITY CONSERVATION AWARD

### Award Outline

#### Concept:

To recognize citizens within the community (Grey - Bruce) who in some way have made a significant contribution toward the welfare of the natural world through stewardship, restoration, protection or other actions deemed beneficial to natural habitats or species.

#### Structure:

Each year an award would be made to a person, group or business deemed worthy of recognition. Names would be submitted annually to the executive for consideration, and selection of a recipient.

If, in any year, there is no nomination for the award, or there is no candidate deemed deserving, then an award would not be given in that year.

#### Award:

A certificate would be given to the recipient, on behalf of the Owen Sound Field Naturalists and a framed, or plaque-mounted image, appropriate to the project. The certificate would name the individual(s), and the action to be recognized. The award would be made at the OSFN AGM (family and the press invited).

#### Benefits:

- raises profile of the Club as an active community body
- places emphasis on proactive conservation
- provides positive publicity and recognition to individuals who undertake actions on behalf of the environment

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## **Recipients:**

### **2009 – The Burr Family**

(for postponing haying until after nestling Bobolinks in their hay field fledged)

### **2011 – Lorne Smith**

(for his years of work establishing & maintaining Bluebird boxes & trails)

### **2013 - Dennis & Gwen Lewington**

(for their years of conservation work with Eastern Bluebirds, fledging over 2000 young, and their recent donation of land to Ontario Nature which will become the 'Sauble Dunes Nature Preserve')

### **2014 – Bill & Lyn O'Keefe O'Keefe Grange**

(for their dedication to the collection, propagation and preservation of heritage apple and pear varieties, preserving our history and our future)

### **2015 – Friends of Oliphant Coastal Environments**

(for their dedication to the preservation and protection of the special habitats and ecosystems of the Oliphant shoreline and commitment to the education and building of community respect and understanding of a natural heritage that is unique in its rich biodiversity and beauty)

### **2015 – Don Kennedy**

(for his ongoing dedication to the protection of the endangered Piping Plovers (*Charadrius melodus*) since their return to the shores of Sauble Beach on Lake Huron in 2007, and his outstanding contributions to the Piping Plover Recovery Program. His early morning leadership and guidance has been instrumental in the successes realized since 2007)

### **2016 - Mike Pickup**

Presentation by Norah Toth

(for his ongoing dedication to the celebration, promotion and appreciation of the birds of Bruce County through his four area birding books, and his involvement in the Huron Fringe Birding Festival, the Friends of MacGregor Point Park, the Bruce Birding Club and the Saugeen and Owen Sound Field Naturalists)

### **2017 - Bill Moses**

Presentation by Krista McKee

(for his ongoing support of the Owen Sound Field Naturalists, the Bruce Trail Club, the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority Inglis Falls Arboretum and the Nature Conservancy of Canada through his long-time volunteering, stewarding and writing; his related promotion of the planting and preservation of native plants, and his dedication to guiding the completion and publication of The Vascular Plants of the Bruce Peninsula)