

SIERRA CLUB Nebraska Chapter

Chapter & Groups Awards History

1984 Chapter Service- Ron & Joan Ellermeier
Master Conservationist - Ted Hoffman

1985- Chapter Service - Deb Konkel

1986-Master Conservationist: Bob Warrick
Chapter Service - Mike & Teresa Fritz
Conservation Achievement (Farm Bill Work)- Sen. Ed Zorinsky
Conservation Achievement (Wilderness Work) Sen. J.J. Exon

1987- Master Conserv. Award - Larry Wewel
Master Group Conserv. Award - Platter River Trust
Niobrara River Special Recognition (Memorial Award):Loring& Beryl Kuhre
Special Award (certificate) Neb. Coalition on Hazardous Waste
Chapter Service Award - No one

1988- Chapter Service Award - Beth Spaugh (plaque)
Master Group Award - V.F.W. Lincoln for enviro. service for years of cleaing up drainages in Lincoln.

Special Recognition- Jim Cole (certificate) for Niobrara Awareness education day.

1989- Master Conservationist- Bruce Lund -Nebraska Perigrine Falcon Project
Corporate Conservationist: Woodman of the World Insurance Society for participation in Ne. Peregrine Falcon Project
Citizen Conservationist: Craig Faanes for his development of Wings Over the Platte Educational Celebration

1990 -CLEAN - (Dorothy Lanphier, Chair) Environmental Organization - effective in stopping the ill conceived medical waste incinerator in Omaha, & continued action in environmental issues.
Dorothy Lanpier - Citizen Conservationist - effectiveness in action and speaking out on environmental issues.
John Andersen - courage in publicly being instrumental in affecting environmental issues.
Herman Hovendick - Master Conservationist - lifelong contributions to the protection of the earth through environmentally sound farming.

1991 - Sen. J.J. Exon- Preservation of Niobrara
Congressman Peter Hoagland - Leadership in Niobrara River
Congressman Doug Bereuter - leadership in Niobrara River
Sen. Spencer Morrissey- leadership in solid waste legislation in NE Unicameral
Jim Cole - Chapter Service Award - Niobrara River leadership.
Mary Anna Anderson - special Chapter Chairman=s Award (given by the chapter chair)- for environmental leadership.

1998 - Senator Don Preister - Environmental Leadership in Neb. Unicameral.

1999 - Steve Oltmans, General Manager of the Papio-Missouri River NRD, for his leadership in trail development and restoration of the Missouri River;

State Senator Chris Beutler for his consistent support and advocacy in the unicameral on environmental issues; and

Attorney David Rees of Colorado for his work in holding ASARCO liable and accountable to the Clean Water and Clean Air Acts.

Tom Brown & Bob Warrick - for 25th anniversary Longest continuous active members.

2000 - Linda Modlin & Sen Bob Kerrey (No one ever provided info so plaques could be made. Nothing was ever presented.)

2001 - Environmental Service Awards were presented to Sen. Ernie Chambers and Pat Knapp, both in absentia. Mary Green was presented with the Chapter ExCom Award for her outstanding service as Chapter Chair.

2002 - Master Conservationist Award - Tom Foster for his enduring dedication to the Omaha and Nebraska environment.

Environmental Leadership Award - Sen. Nancy Thompson for her outstanding effort supporting environmental legislation in the NE Legislature

Chapter Service Award - Bob Warrick for his dedicated service and leadership to the Chapter for 29 years.

2003 - CHAPTER LEGAL SERVICE AWARD - Steven M. Virgil
For His Outstanding Professional Services Assisting with Chapter Litigation to Protect Citizen Rights and the Environment

CHAPTER SERVICE AWARD - Clayton Brant
For His Many Years of Dedicated and Outstanding Service As Chapter Newsletter Editor

CHAPTER LEADERSHIP AWARD - Clyde Anderson
Four outstanding dedication, commitment, and leadership in protecting Nebraska's environment as Chapter Chair

2004 - Master Conservationist Award to: Parker Ranch (Howard and Jean Parker) for outstanding achievements in land stewardship.

Chapter Service Award to: George Bray for outstanding volunteer efforts to the Nebraska Chapter.

2005 - CHAPTER LEADERSHIP AWARD – Glen Murray
Four outstanding dedication, commitment, and leadership in protecting Nebraska's environment as Chapter Chair 2004-2005

Environmental Leadership Award to Kate Allen for her courage and determination as a tireless advocate and vigilant friend of the environment

Natural Heritage Award – Platte River

2006 - Environmental Leadership Award - The Sierra Club – Nebraska Chapter recognizes **Laura Krebsbach** For her enduring and passionate leadership organizing citizens in Nebraska to minimize the environmental impact from Confined Animal Feeding Operations

Sierra Club Conservation Leadership Award - Dakota, South Dakota, and Nebraska Chapters recognize **National Park Service** For its efforts preserving the remaining natural beauty of the Missouri River as part of the Missouri National Recreational River

Sierra Club Conservation Leadership Award - Dakota, South Dakota, and Nebraska Chapters recognize **Senator Ben Nelson** For his efforts to help establish The Missouri River Futures Project
A joint effort of government, conservationists, and landowners to preserve the natural beauty of the Missouri River as part of the Missouri National Recreational River

2007 - Environmental Educator Achievement Award – The Sierra Club – Nebraska Chapter recognizes **Charles Harper** For his outstanding leadership in pioneering the study of environmental sociology and in stimulating minds young and old

Community Conservation Leadership Award - The Sierra Club – Missouri Valley Group recognizes **Dorothy Lanphier** For her enduring and passionate leadership to Sierra Club and the community as Missouri Valley Group Chair and elected member of the Papio-Missouri River Natural Resources District Board

2008 - Environmental Leadership Award - The Sierra Club – Nebraska Chapter recognizes **John Hansen** For his tireless and courageous efforts on behalf of Nebraska’s family farmers, his support for protection of the environment, his vision in wind development, and his leadership in creating the Community Based Energy Development Act for the people of the State of Nebraska

2009 - Environmental Leadership Award – The Sierra Club – Nebraska Chapter recognizes **Camellia Watkins** for her outstanding and passionate leadership as part of the Club’s Building Environmental Communities and Cool Cities programs in Nebraska.

2010 - Environmental Educator Achievement Award--The Sierra Club – Nebraska Chapter recognizes **John F. Schalles** For his outstanding leadership in pioneering the study of Environmental Science at Creighton University and in stimulating minds young and old.

Chapter Leadership Award--The Sierra Club – Nebraska Chapter recognizes **Dick Boyd** For outstanding dedication, commitment, and leadership in protecting Nebraska's environment as Chapter Chair 2006-2010

Environmental Volunteer Service Award--The Sierra Club – Missouri Valley Group recognizes **Jane Wilson** For her enduring and passionate leadership in organizing the Keystone Pipeline public information campaign, work on the annual silent auction and other activities.

2011 - Chapter Service Award to **Ken Winston** for outstanding dedication, commitment, and leadership with the Chapter’s campaign opposing construction of The Keystone XL Pipeline through Nebraska’s Sandhills

Chapter Community Service Award to **Sen. Ken Haar** for outstanding dedication, commitment, and leadership with the Chapter’s campaign opposing construction of The Keystone XL Pipeline through Nebraska’s Sandhills

Chapter Environmental Leadership Award to **Richard D. Holland** for his support of the Chapter’s campaign opposing construction of The Keystone XL Pipeline through Nebraska’s Sandhills

Chapter Environmental Leadership Award to **John A. Woollam** for his support of the Chapter’s campaign opposing construction of The Keystone XL Pipeline through Nebraska’s Sandhills

Chapter Service Award to **Clyde Anderson** for Most Valuable Player for keeping the team in the game and providing all the answers

2012 - Chapter Environmental Leadership Award to **Bill McKibben** in appreciation of his tireless leadership and advocacy on the global issue of climate change and related environmental concerns, and with sincere thanks for his inspirational presentation at the Annual Chapter Banquet on Dec.1, 2012

Chapter Environmental Leadership Award to **Michael McClellan** for outstanding dedication, commitment, and leadership Organizing the Chapter's Climate Change Forums in October 2012 and helping get Climate Change in the political discussions for Nebraska's November 2012 Election.

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Chapter Environmental Leadership Award to **Albert Lierz** for his outstanding service and dedication to the Chapter and Missouri Valley Group for his leadership as Communications Chair, Webmaster, Volunteer Coordinator, Membership Chair, and always being there when leadership is needed!

Chapter Most Valuable Player Award to **Tim Rinne** for his outstanding service and dedication helping make the Nebraska Chapter the State's leading grass-roots environmental activist organization by chairing the Legislative, Political, Fundraising and Energy Committees.

2013 - Chapter Environmental Leadership Award to **Helen Winston** For demonstrating leadership and youth empowerment in the campaign against the Keystone XL Pipeline.

Community Environmental Leadership Award **Jane Kleeb** and Bold Nebraska For outstanding vision, courage, and leadership in empowering people to protect Nebraska's resources exemplified by the campaign opposing the Keystone XL Pipeline

Chapter Environmental Leadership Award recognizes **David Corbin** For his outstanding service and dedication to the Chapter and Missouri Valley Group for his leadership as Energy Chair in promoting renewable energy and energy conservation

Community Environmental Leadership Award recognizes **Mark Reynolds** In appreciation of his tireless leadership and advocacy on the global issue of climate change and related environmental concerns, and with sincere thanks for his inspirational presentation at the Annual Chapter Banquet on November 9, 2013.

2014 - Chapter Distinguished Service Award recognizes **Albert Lierz** Political and Communications Chair Whose dedication, professionalism and service exemplify the power of grassroots organizing the Sierra Club strives to provide. December 2014

2015 - Chapter Distinguished Service Award recognizes **Ken Winston**, Chapter Issues Advocate and Lobbyist, For fourteen years of professionalism, leadership and service and key role in stopping the Keystone XL pipeline in Nebraska. November 2015

Community Environmental Leadership Award recognizes **John Farrell** In appreciation of his tireless leadership and advocacy promoting America's transition to a clean energy economy Omaha, Nebraska -- November 21, 2015

Environmental Service Award recognizes **Brittany Cooper** In appreciation for her many years of service as Chapter Lobbyist Assistant and Secretary -- November 2015