

# 1996 Award Recipients

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## **The Benton H. Box Award**

The Award is named in appreciation of Dr. Box's distinguished career as an educator/administrator, especially as Dean of the College of Forest and Recreation Resources at Clemson University, which he led to national and international recognition for academic excellence and for leadership in fostering private innovation in resource management. The Award recognizes the teacher who by precept and example inspires in students the quest for knowledge; or the administrator who fosters a learning environment and encourages curriculum innovation to inculcate an "environmental ethic" as the rule of conduct involving resource management, development and utilization; or the private practitioner whose management over a sustained period demonstrates leadership in preserving, enhancing, renewing and restoring a livable environment.

**The Benton H. Box Award was awarded to Duke Power Company for management in the private sphere, over a sustained period, that has demonstrated leadership in preserving, enhancing, renewing and restoring a liveable environment.**

**Duke Power Company** is a major presence in the Blue Ridge Escarpment but the visitor to this area is much more likely to be aware of the presence of wildlife, of thriving habitat, and of a spectacular environment.

The development of the Bad Creek Hydroelectric Station is an example of Duke Power's conscientious stewardship. Great care was taken to minimize

environmental impact during construction, and to restore and enhance habitat after completion of the project.

Duke Power's stewardship has resulted in the creation of two state parks in the area and in the maintenance of a valuable portion of the popular Foothills Trail System. Protection of the Whitewater River has preserved a jewel at the heart of this country. The company's partnerships with other private and public entities in the region assures the integrity of a large portion of the Blue Ridge Escarpment.

At each of Duke Power's company facilities, employees have sponsored environmental projects that respond to the needs and opportunities of the local areas. Many of these programs incorporate environmental educational activities for area youth.

The other electric utilities of the United States are astounded by Duke Power's unprecedented achievement in winning the Edison Award, "as the nation's most outstanding electric utility" for the third time. We hope they will all come to the Carolinas to see the example that Duke Power has set as a steward of these hills and we hope that many will emulate that example.

## **The William C. Everhart Award**

The Award is named in appreciation of the distinguished career of Bill Everhart as field interpreter, researcher, administrator, author, and creator of the National Park Service's Harpers Ferry Center for creative design and communication, which has received national and international recognition for excellence. The Award recognizes sustained achievements during a career or in a specific episode that illuminate, provide creative insights to, and that foster an appreciation of our natural and cultural heritage.

**The William C. Everhart Award was awarded to Jesse Grove for sustained achievements during a career that illuminates, provides creative insights to, and that fosters an appreciation of our natural and**

## **cultural heritage.**

**Jesse Grove** sought an education that aligned with his love and enjoyment of the great out-of-doors. After completing degrees in Recreation and Park Administration and Landscape Architecture at Penn State, he began a career in recreation resource planning, first with the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation in Ohio, then with the TVA, and lastly, with the National Park Service (under a Director named George B. Hartzog). But it was in his next position as Chief of Interpretation for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service that Grove honed his ability to share his love and knowledge of the natural environment with others. For the next twenty-four years he would draw heavily upon these experiences as he guided Clemson students through a discovery of the natural and historic treasures around them.

This summer, a recent graduate wrote a note back to his mentor, as many former students have done before him, "Greetings from Kennesaw! . . . As you can see, I am happily employed by the National Park Service as an Interpreter. Your classes really sparked an interest with me . . ." And thus, the ripples widen.

As the many students, who on several occasions elected Professor Grove to receive the designation of "Outstanding Professor," would attest he is most deserving of the William C. Everhart award for "fostering an appreciation of our natural and cultural heritage."

## **The Dwight A. Holder Award**

The Award is named in honor of Mr. Holder's illustrious career as an entrepreneur and public servant. As Chairman of the South Carolina Parks, Recreation and Tourism Commission he led South Carolina's parks into a new era of service to the people of South Carolina and the nation. The Award recognizes outstanding work by doctoral candidates in the Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism Management; a member of the Department faculty for original research, scholarly writing, and innovative and inspired

teaching; the faculty adviser and graduate student as a team, for initiatives that foster understanding of and provide new insights into the promotion, management, wise use and enjoyment of South Carolina's natural and cultural heritage in perpetuity; and distinguished academic leadership by a member of the Department faculty. (Mr. Holder passed away in Spring 2006).

**The Dwight A. Holder Award was awarded to Dr. Bill Hammit and Dr. Ingrid Schneider for initiatives undertaken by a Graduate Student and Faculty Advisor team that foster understanding of and provide new insights into the management and enjoyment of our natural heritage.**

**Dr. Bill Hammitt** and **Dr. Ingrid Schneider** have worked together since Ingrid began her doctoral studies in 1992. Bill provided guidance and feedback to Ingrid in the development of the theoretical basis for her dissertation, Describing, Differentiating, and Predicting Visitor Response to On-site Outdoor Recreation Conflict. The study explored coping response behavior to on-site conflict in national parks. The primary parks under study for the project were the Cumberland Island National Seashore and the H. Moses Cone Memorial Park on the Blue Ridge Parkway.

In Bill Hammitt, Ingrid found an outstanding example of a concerned, talented educator and she worked with him in several research and resource management classes. Together, Ingrid and Bill published two journal articles and delivered four conference presentations. The extent to which their collaborative skills had developed was demonstrated last year at the National Trends Conference in Minneapolis. By the time of their scheduled presentation, Ingrid had totally lost her voice. Bill delivered the presentation and during the discussion period, Ingrid took questions from the audience, whispered her answers to Bill, and Bill announced them to the conference participants.

Dr. Schneider has since graduated and taken a position in the Department of Recreation Management and Tourism at Arizona State University. The

scholastic productivity of the team, from both individual and combined efforts, continues.

## **The Walter T. Cox Award**

The Award is so named in appreciation of Dr. Cox's distinguished career in education and public service, especially his tenure as President of Clemson University and as the Director of the Santee-Cooper Authority. The Award recognizes sustained achievement in public service on the firing line, where the public interest meets the private interest in public policy formulation and administration; distinguished leadership and support of innovation in conflict resolution of policy initiatives that enhance the quality of life; personal achievements during a career or in a specific episode that provides inspiration and leadership to others in serving the above purposes.

**The Walter T. Cox Award was awarded to Henry L. Diamond and Pat Noonan for sustained achievement in public service on the firing line, where the public interest meets the private interest in public policy formulation and administration, and for careers of service in the protection of our natural heritage that have provided inspiration and leadership to others.**

**Henry L. Diamond** was born in Chattanooga, Tennessee and graduated from Vanderbilt University where he was elected the Outstanding Undergraduate of 1954. While in law school at the Georgetown Law Center, he worked as a news-writer and reporter for CBS News and was a member of the Law Journal staff. He served in the U.S. Army and won a Freedoms Foundation award.

From 1963-69 Diamond worked with Laurance S. Rockefeller on behalf of his conservation efforts. He served on the Long Island State Park Commission, on the Commission on the Future of the Adirondacks, and edited the reports of the Outdoor Recreation Resources Review Commission, the Congressional-Presidential body from which the

Wilderness Act and the Land and Water Conservation Fund evolved.

In 1970 Nelson Rockefeller appointed Diamond New York State's Commissioner of Environmental Conservation for the nation's first environmental department. President Nixon appointed him to the President's Advisory Committee on Environmental Quality, and he became chairman of that group in 1973.

In 1974-75 he served as the Executive Director of the Commission on Critical Choices for Americans. That commission, chaired by Nelson Rockefeller, attempted to identify the critical policy choices available to the American people. He serves on the boards of a number of legal, corporate, and environmental organizations including the American Conservation Association, Enterprise for the Environment, Environmental Law Institute, National Parks and Conservation Association's Council of Advisors, and the Presidents Commission on Americans Outdoors.

He is a partner in the law firm of Beveridge & Diamond, which with some 80 lawyers in offices in Washington, New York, and San Francisco, is the largest environmental firm in the country. He currently serves as Co-Chair of the Sustainable Use of Land project and is co-author, with Pat Noonan, of the project's report, Land Use in America.

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**Pat Noonan** is founder and chairman of The Conservation Fund, a nonprofit dedicated to conserving America's land and water resources. The Fund undertakes projects and developments that demonstrate the integration of economic and environmental objectives. Working in partnership with conservation organizations, foundations, businesses and public agencies, the Fund has set aside over 1,200,000 acres of wildlife habitat, wetlands, historic sites and open space since its founding in 1985.

Mr. Noonan, who holds a Masters in Regional Planning and an MBA, began

his career in conservation in 1969 as a trainee with The Nature Conservancy where in 1973, the Board of Governors appointed him president--a position he held for eight years.

A founder of the American Farmland Trust in 1980, he currently serves as chairman of the board's executive committee. He also is a trustee of the National Geographic Society and a member of the Board of Visitors at Duke University's School of the Environment. In addition to his professional conservation activities, Mr. Noonan is a director of Ashland Inc. and International Paper, where he serves on Board Committees whose responsibility includes corporate environmental policies and programs.

President Reagan appointed Mr. Noonan to the President's Commission on Americans Outdoors and President Bush appointed Mr. Noonan to the President's Commission on Environmental Quality.

A recipient of numerous awards, he received a five-year fellowship from The John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation in 1985 for his pioneering work in fostering partnerships between business and the environmental community. He is a long-term member of the American Institute of Certified Planners.

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