

# 1998 Award Recipients

The Benton H. Box Award - David Lime

The William C. Everhart Award - William "Bill" Everhart

The Dwight A. Holder Award - not awarded this year

The Walter T. Cox Award - Gary Everhardt

## **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 David Lime for sustained achievement in research and recreation resource management that provides leadership in the management of visitor enjoyment and resource quality in natural areas.**

**David Lime** has a Ph. D. in Geography from the University of Pittsburg, 1969. He has nearly 30 years of research experience in recreation resource management, primarily with the National Park Service and the US Forest Service. Dr. Lime has authored more than 250 technical reports, articles, book chapters, edited proceedings, and referred journal articles. He frequently presents results of his research at national and international

conferences and meetings. He has had a major role in the initiation and conduct of numerous conferences, workshops, and training sessions.

Dr. Lime has received numerous grants and contracts from numerous organizations, including the US Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, National Park Service, USGS Biological Resources Division, US Fish and Wildlife Service, Wilderness Research Foundation, Legislative Commission for Minnesota Resources, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, and Minnesota Extension Service.

Currently, Dave serves as Unit Leader, University of Minnesota, Cooperative Park Studies Unit (CPSU), of the National Park Service. He also coordinates social service activities for an expanded CPSU program that serves the National Park Service's Denver Service Center, the primary planning unit for the agency. Additionally, Dr. Lime is a Senior Research Associate in the Department of Forest Resources at the University of Minnesota, a staff member for the Tourism Center in the Minnesota Extension Service, and is an Adjunct Professor in the Department of Landscape Architecture, the Department of Geography, and the Recreation, Park, and Leisure Studies Program at the University of Minnesota.

Before working with the National Park Service, Dr. Lime served for 20 years as Project Leader and Research Social Scientist of the NSDA–Forest Service's North Central Station Research Work Unit, River Recreation Management Research, on the campus of the University of Minnesota.

## **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 presented to William "Bill" Everhart for sustained achievements that illuminated, created insights to, and fostered an appreciation of our natural and cultural heritage.**

**William "Bill" Everhart's** career in the National Park Service started at one of the Service's best-known historic battlefields — Gettysburg. His 26-year distinguished National Park Service career has traveled a path from: park historian, assistant director for interpretation, director of the Harpers Ferry Center, to assistant to the director for policy. However, the public best knows Mr. Everhart for his authoritative books on National Park history — *The National Park Service*, published in 1972 and revised in 1983, and his most recent memoir and account of Yellowstone National Park, titled *Take Down Flag and Feed Horses*, published in 1998.

After beginning his career at Gettysburg National Military Park in 1951, Mr. Everhart served as Park Historian at Vicksburg National Military Park, supervisor of historians and curators at Independence Hall, and as chief of museum planning and research for the Gateway Arch Project at St. Louis. In 1964, he became Assistant Director for Interpretation for the National Park Service. He became Director of the world renowned interpretation center of the National Park Service, the Harpers Ferry Center. Mr. Everhart retired from NPS in 1977, as Assistant to the Director for Policy.

Mr. Everhart has anything but "retired" during his retirement years. The department of Parks, Recreation, and Tourism Management was honored to have Bill as a Clemson University Visiting Professor in 1978–79. He has been a consultant to the Desert Museum, Tucson, Arizona, and a long time member of the Board of Directors of the Eastern National Park and Monument Association, during retirement. He has also been an active writer, revising *The National Park Service* book, and penning his new book, *Take Down Flag and Feed Horses*, University of Illinois Press, which was reviewed in the May 18, 1998 issue of Newsweek.

## **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 is awarded for outstanding work as a doctoral student in PRTM and sustained achievement after graduation, management, wise use, and conservation of natural and cultural resources.**

This was not awarded this year

## **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 Gary Everhardt for sustained achievement in public service providing inspirational leadership for wise management of our natural and cultural resources.**

**Gary Everhardt** became the fifth Superintendent of the Blue Ridge Parkway on October 23, 1977. He brought with him to the Parkway some 20 years of professional experience with the National Park Service, including more than two years as Director of the Service. Mr. Everhardt began his National Park Service career as a civil engineer on the Blue Ridge Parkway. He later served in engineering positions at the Park Service's Southeast Regional Office, and at the Southwest Regional Office in Santa Fe, New Mexico, where he was Regional Chief of Maintenance. In May 1969, Mr. Everhardt was appointed Assistant Superintendent for Operations at Yellowstone National Park in Wyoming. He was named Superintendent of Grand Teton National Park, Wyoming, in January 1972. During his superintendency there, Mr. Everhardt helped to plan and conduct the Second World Conference on National Parks, held during the National Parks Centennial in 1972. For these efforts, he received the Department of the Interior's Meritorious Service Award.

Mr. Everhardt was sworn in as the ninth Director of the National Park Service on January 13, 1975. During his tenure in Washington, the Service took great strides forward in the areas of visitor services and safety. With President Gerald Ford's support, it was proposed that the National Park System be doubled in size with the addition of nearly 32-million acres of new park lands in Alaska.

Since his return to the Blue Ridge Parkway in 1977, Superintendent Everhardt has been particularly effective in establishing or enhancing favorable relationship with Parkway neighbors and other agency officials. Through his leadership, a near dormant construction program was revived and the final section of the Parkway motor road around Grandfather Mountain was completed and opened for use in 1987. Under Mr. Everhardt, management efficiency has improved markedly, while increased emphasis on visitor

services has resulted in more than 25–million public visits per year.

Because of his accomplishments with the National Park Service, Mr. Everhardt received the Department of the Interior’s highest honor, the Distinguished Service Award on April 24, 1985. In 1990, the National Park Foundation honored him with the Cornelius Amory Pugsley Medal award for his noteworthy contributions to the advancement of parks and recreation. In 1996, Mr. Everhardt was the recipient of the NC Travel Council’s Bill Sharpe Travel Award, which recognized Mr. Everhardt for his public service to the travel industry of North Carolina. Mr. Everhardt has been a strong supporter of the Hartzog Environmental Awards Program and serves on its Board of Directors.

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