



**NEW ENGLAND SOCIETY
OF AMERICAN FORESTERS**

2013 AWARDS



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Joan Nichols

Distinguished Service Award

The Distinguished Service Award is the highest award given by the New England SAF, recognizing professional achievement in forestry, irrespective of age or tenure, by a New England SAF member.

One endorser praised Joan for reigniting a long dormant logging and forestry professional organization in Connecticut, the Connecticut Professional Timber Producers Association, Inc. (TIMPRO), and in doing so galvanizing the state's forest products industry. Serving as the current President, Joan has effectively advocated for the industry, proposed positive changes to forest practices regulations that benefit both the industry and government, and has sought public interaction to build a positive image of both the industry and forest management in general. Recognition also comes from the CT Farm Bureau, recently appointing Joan as their Government Relations Specialist.

Since 1983, Joan has served private land owners as a professional forester; and is currently both a CT Certified Forest Practitioner – Certified Forester and a SAF Certified Forester. She expanded her services in 1990 when she became co-owner of Nichols Forest & Logging, LLC. Initially appointed in 2004, Joan is now serving her second stint on the CT Forestry Practices Advisory Board reviewing CT Division of Forestry programs, advising the Commissioner of the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP), and recommending forest practices regulations. The CT Agricultural Experiment Station has the critical role of managing invasive pests, especially noteworthy is the Emerald Ash Borer, Joan is one of eight members of the Board of Control, providing guidance and oversight to the station's activities.

Joan's capabilities were recognized in 2011 by the Northeastern Loggers Association, honoring her with the Outstanding Leadership Award. The SAF Yankee Division also honored Joan in 2008 with the David M. Smith Outstanding Forester Award. Other professional service has included being Chair of the CT SAF Chapter, Chair of the CT Tree Farm program, and long-time Tree Warden for her hometown of Lebanon, CT. Her education consists of a 1981 B.S. degree in Forestry from the State University of New York.

One nomination noted, "I have known Joan for more than 30 years and think that the work she has accomplished to elevate the professionalism among Connecticut foresters and the Connecticut timber harvesting industry constitutes outstanding achievement."

Distinguished Service Award Recipients

1966 – Phillip Coolidge	1967 – George Garratt	1968 – Gerald S. Wheeler	1969 – David M. Smith
1970 – Austin Wilkin	1971 – John Noyes	1972 – Albert Nutting	1973 – Robert Dinneen
1974 – Arthur Heitman	1975 – Herschel Abbott	1976 – Morris Wing	1977 – Theodore Natti
1978 – James Wilkinson	1979 – Ernest Gould	1980 – Max McCormack, Jr.	1981 – Raymond Foulds
1982 – Howard Mason	1983 – Philip Rich	1984 – Michael Sikora	1985 – Gibb Dodge
1986 –	1987 – Clifford Swenson	1988 – Peter Hannah	1989 – Lester A. DeCoster
1990 – Robert B. Fiske	1991 – Fred B. Knight	1992 – Thomas F. Quink	
1993 – David M. Smith (1969)	1994 – Robert S. Bond	1995 – John E. Hibbard	1996 – Edgar P. Wyman
1997 – Lloyd C. Irland	1998 – William B. Leak	1999 – Richard F. Watt	2000 – George R. Stephens
2001 – Leo C. Laferriere	2002 –	2003 – Ernest B. Harvey, III	2004 – Jane Difley
2005 – Hans Bergey	2006 – David B. Field	2007 – Robert J. Berti	2008 –
2009 – Robert Lee Edmonds	2010 –	2011 – John A. O'Brien	2012 – George F. Frame

Ronald Klemarczyk

Austin Cary Practicing Professional Award

The Austin Cary Award recognizes New England SAF members who have shown exceptional achievement as practicing forest managers. Austin Cary (1865–1936) graduated from Bowdoin College and introduced northern landowners to forest sampling, growth estimation, and simple silvicultural techniques. Cary’s Woodsman’s Manual, written in 1909, continued to be used as a textbook until the 1960’s.

The nomination letter noted that Ron, a consulting forester since 1981, manages every acre as if it were his own; a testament to his long-term forest stewardship commitment. He has been employed since 1981, as a forester for FORECO (Forest Resource Consultants) in Rumney, NH. Prior to that, over the period of 1979 – 1981, Ron worked for the NH Department of Forest and Lands in several positions, including administration of the state nursery, a Forest Management Section administration assistant and as a fuelwood forester.

One of the more unique accomplishments has been his success with managing forests for municipalities and other non-governmental agencies. To date under his management are a dozen municipalities, including the City of Concord forests and drinking water supply. The City’s Senior Planner complimented Ron on his work with the Concord Conservation Commission, developing and maintaining over 56 miles of hiking trails on 5,000 acres of city forestland, adding “Ron’s knowledge of natural resources, together with his ability to coordinate volunteer and outdoor education efforts, has truly helped the City of Concord develop its conservation lands for multiple uses.” Another endorsement said, “He understands that the best way to teach people in a community about the benefits of sustainable forestry is to practice what we preach.” He is highly successful with active management of these treasured municipal forests, navigating through both the rough and calm waters.

Back in the 1980s, Ron was one of the first foresters to begin utilizing biomass harvesting as a tool for enhanced silviculture, wildlife, and recreation, and then added his expertise to two biomass growth-analysis research projects that helped the state legislature develop a biomass policy. A former Eagle Scout, Ron has maintained his connection to the Boy Scouts of America, helping to manage the forest resources at the 3,000 acre Hidden Valley Scout Reservation in Gilmanton, NH and teaching the Forest merit badge. Ron also serves on the Hopkinton Conservation Commission, is a Special Deputy Forest Fire Warden, and is involved in the NH Tree Farm Program. In 1976, he matriculated with a B.S. degree in Forestry from the University of New Hampshire, and is a NH licensed forester

Austin Cary Award Recipients

1989 – Lynn Levine
1992 – Paul Memmer
1995 – John McNulty
1998 – Charles Moreno
2001 – Anne Marie Kittredge
2004 – Leland H. Sanders
2007 – George F. Ritz
2010 – John A. O’Brien

1990 – Stephen Orach
1993 – Charles Gadzik
1996 – Bruce Spencer
1999 – Fred A. Huntress
2002 – Joel B. Bronson
2005 – Anthony Filauro
2008 – Si Balch
2011 – Carol L. Redelsheimer

1991 – William H. Rivers
1994 – Don & Nina Huffer
1997 – D. Jensen Bissell
2000 – Michael Bartlett
2003 – Glenn Freden
2006 – Geoffrey T. Jones
2009 – Kevin Evans
2012 – Stephen C. Coleman

Jessica Leahy

Mollie H. Beattie Young Forester Leadership Award

*The Mollie H. Beattie Young Forester Leadership Award is presented to a member of NESAF less than 40 years old who has shown leadership in a program or project benefiting the practice of forestry. Beattie was Vermont Commissioner of Forests, Parks, and Recreation, Deputy Secretary of the Agency of Natural Resources, and ultimately became Director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Beattie was active in SAF. She co-authored **Working with Your Woodland**; she is remembered for her tireless devotion to conservation, integrity, and quiet courage.*

Dr. Jessica Leahy is an Associate Professor of Human Dimensions of Natural Resources in the School of Forest Resources (SFR) at the University of Maine (UME). She describes her research as applied social science that aims to identify innovative solutions to forest resource issues that involve human dimensions. Her nominator describes her work as unique, ground-breaking, and leading edge; helping both foresters and landowners.

As a young leader, Jessica's passion is best identified with her desire to work with SFR students. She coordinates an annual Project Learning Tree workshop as optional training, works with the Maine School Forest Network, and this past fall stepped up and became the faculty advisor to the UME SAF student chapter. One endorsement tracked her transitions over the last few years from knowing Jessica as a forestry student at SFR, to serving with Jessica for the last three years on the Maine Division Executive Committee, recognizing her many contributions as a member-at-large in planning both field and annual meetings. As a young forester, Jessica is an outstanding role model for what a young forester can do, and how much impact they can have. The MESAF Division Manager provides another perspective of her assistance to SAF and leadership, "Over the last three years, she has organized and facilitated five field tours around the state and helped coordinate speakers for three annual indoor meetings. Her ideas for speakers and field tour topics and locations get rave reviews in follow-up evaluations."

Her educational background includes an Honors B.S. in Forest Recreation Resources and a M.S. in Forest Resources from Oregon State University and a Ph.D. in Natural Resource Science and Management from the Univ. of Minnesota. In addition she currently serves as the 2nd Vice President of the Small Woodland Owners of Maine, active in the Northeast Master Logger Program Certification Board, and has served as a Forest Stewardship Council auditor on forestland totaling 1.6 million acres in Maine and 4 million acres in other northern states.

Jessica has a rare skill, opening several old forester eyes to new tools, methods, and approaches in the social and human aspects of forestry, helping us deal us better deal with people, and not just trees.



William Van Doren

Mollie H. Beattie Young Forester Leadership Award

The notable step-up by Bill was his service as the general chair for the NESAF Annual Winter Meeting held in Amherst, MA in April, 2012. The nomination letter notes that he performed his duties in an exemplary manner, setting a fine example for other young foresters to emulate. This was not his only leadership role last year; he also served as the Yankee Division Chair at the same time and took advantage of the timing to attend the 2012 NESAF Leadership Academy.

Also in 2012, William completed a M.S. degree in forestry from the UMass-Amherst, where he also received a B.S. degree in 2004. He is currently both a CT Certified Forest Practitioner – Certified Forester and a MA Licensed Forester. For the period of 2004 – 2009, he worked as a forester for Berkshire Hardwoods, Massachusetts’ largest hardwood sawmill. Since 2009, he has been a consulting forester, with a focus on GIS/cartographic services, to a series of clients including landowners, industrial, municipal, and non-profits, across southern New England. He recently became the new forester for the South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority. As a capstone, the Yankee Division awarded Bill the 2012 David M. Smith Outstanding Forest Award.

Bill has also lent his presence and capability to forest policy, first serving on the Advisory Group of Stakeholders during the MA Forest Future Visioning Process. Then one endorsement noted the role that Bill adopted as advocate for and communicator to the forestry profession during the recent and news-making policy events in MA revolving around biomass and carbon accounting; and said “Communicating the various situations to members around the region, gathering opinions, and creating consensus during these events was an impressive display of initiative and leadership qualities.”

The final endorsement ably noted Bill’s capability to juggle and handle a variety of tasks and to do them all well; he made major contributions to the Assessment of Forest Resources of MA, completed a forest conservation and climate change effects study for the Portland Water District, and a biomass availability study.

Mollie H. Beattie Young Forester Leadership Award Recipients

1989 – Charles Levesque	1990 – David Kittredge, Jr.	1991 – Charles Niebling
1992 – Anne Marie Loud	1993 – Alan Calfee	1994 – Carrie Tripp
1995 – Carol Redelsheimer	1996 – Robert Ricard	1997 – Patrick D. Hackley
1998 –	1999 – Kevin Evans	2000 – Sara Packer
2001 – Cynthia S. Wood	2002 – Tom O’Shea	2003 – David Irvin
2004 –	2005 – Amanda Farrar	2006 – Laura Kenefic
2007 – Ben Machin	2008 –	2009 – Margaret Machinist
2010 – Jacob W. Metzler & Spencer R. Meyer		2011 – Brad W. Simpkins
2012 – Joseph (J.P.) Barsky		



Integrity in Conservation Award

The Integrity in Conservation Award recognizes an individual or organization working with natural resources who demonstrates adherence to principles and high standards in the face of adversity.

Integrity in Conservation Award Recipients

1998 – Max McCormack, Jr. 1999 – Roger Milliken, Jr. 2000 –
2001 – 2002 – George Darey 2003 – Leo C. Laferriere
2004 – David Houghton 2005 – Edward Griffith 2006 – *Northern Woodlands*
2007 – Richard Carbonetti, Peter Condaxis, William Samal, and Jonathan Wood
2008 – Maine Department of Conservation, Baxter State Park Authority, and Trust for Public Land, Maine Office
2009 – John M. Hagan, III 2010 – Employees of the White Mountain National Forrest
2011 – Karen P. Bennett 2012 -

James W. Toumey Outstanding Service Award

*The James W. Toumey Award is given for outstanding achievement in service to the New England Society of American Foresters. Toumey was one of the founding fathers of the New England Section in 1920, author of **Seeding and Planting** and **Foundations of Silviculture**, one of the first two regular staff members at the Yale School of Forestry. Henry S. Graves noted in a memoriam “**Almost at once he took a prominent place in the forestry movement and throughout his career was in the foremost ranks of the leaders of the profession.**”*

James W. Toumey Award Recipients

1989 – James Wilkinson, Jr. 1990 – Fred B. Knight 1991 – A. Bradford Wyman
1992 – 1993 – David B. Kittredge 1994 – Max McCormack, Jr.
1995 – Russell S. Reay 1996 – Gary F. Salmon 1997 – James B. Cullen
1998 – Joseph C. Mawson 1999 – Philip Bryce 2000 –
2001 – 2002 – Fred Borman III 2003 – Robert M. Ricard
2004 – Ingeborg V. Seaboyer 2005 – Kenneth M. Laustsen 2006 –
2007 – Raymond J. Toolan 2008 – Ronald C. Lemin, Jr. 2009 – George F. Frame
2010 – Lawrence Rousseau 2011 – Pete Howland 2012 – Janice Mulherin

\Ernest M. Gould Jr. Technology Transfer Award

The Ernest M. Gould Jr. Technology Transfer Award is given for outstanding contributions to natural resource science and management through education, extension, or youth service. Gould achieved wide acclaim for his expertise in analyzing and resolving forest resource policy issues while on the faculty of Harvard University. He was a graduate of the University of New Hampshire.

Ernest M. Gould Jr. Award Recipients

1989 – Stephen Broderick
1992 – William B. Leak
1995 – Ancyl Thurston
1998 – Phil Auger
2001 – Marc J. Tremblay
2004 – Jeffrey S. Ward
2007 – Mariko Yamasaki
2010 – Susan M. Aygarn

1990 – Stanley Knowles
1993 – Christopher Murdock
1996 – Virginia Barlow
1999 – David Kittredge, Jr.
2002 – Richard Weyrick
2005 – Phil Auger (1998)
2008 –
2011 – Christopher F. Modisette

1991 – Christina Petersen
1994 – Thomas J. McEvoy
1997 – Donald W. Quigley
2000 – Elizabeth Postlewaite
2003 – Karen P. Bennett
2006 – Michael C. Snyder
2009 – Northam (Nory) Parr
2012 – William H. Livingston

David M. Smith Award

*The David M. Smith award recognizes a New England SAF member engaged in research, teaching, or the field application of silviculture, whose work reflects Dave’s advice that “**we should observe and analyze the patterns of stand development first, and devise silvicultural treatments to fit or modify them afterwards.**”*

2011 – William B. Leak

2012 – Bob Frank

Karen P. Bennett

SAF Fellow, 2012

Current Fellow criteria require both of the following: 1) A strong commitment through direct SAF volunteer activities, and 2) exemplary action, sustained leadership, and advancement of the forestry profession in at least one of the following areas: a) application of forestry, b) education, c) public policy, d) research, or e) technology transfer. Both criteria need to be typically demonstrated and performed at two or more levels (local, state, regional, national, or international).

Listing of NESAF Fellows (Year Elected, Name)*

1918 – Henry S. Graves			
1921 – James W. Toumey			
1922 – Herman H. Chapman			
1924 – Austin Cary			
1926 – Richard T. Fisher			
1932 – Ralph S. Hosmer			
1935 – Samuel T. Dana			
1939 – Phillip W. Ayres	Austin F. Hawes	Herbert A. Smith	
1940 – Clifton D. Howe			
1942 – Edward E. Carter	Ralph C. Hawley	William G. Howard	
1946 – William N. Sparhawk			
1948 – Hugh P. Baker			
1949 – Ellwood Wilson			
1953 – George A. Garratt			
1955 – John S. Boyce, Jr.	Dwight B. Demeritt		
1957 – Harold J. Lutz	Perry H. Merrill		
1959 – Paul M. Dunn (NY)	Walter H. Meyer	Harold G. Wilm (NY)	
1961 – Henry I. Baldwin	Kenneth P. Davis	Arthur B. Recknagel (NY)	
1963 – William A. Duerr (NY)			
1967 – Ernst J. Schreiner			
1969 – C. Eugene Farnsworth (NY)	Edwin C. Jahn (NY)	Albert D. Nutting	Earl L. Stone (NY)
1971 – Kenneth E. Barraclough	Willard S. Bromley (NY)	Richard J. Costley	Paul F. Graves (NY)
	Julius Kahn (NY)	David M. Smith	
1975 – John H. Noyes			
1979 – Robert I. Ashman (posthumous)	Stanley M. Filip	John H. Lambert	John G. Sinclair
Oliver P. Wallace	Austin H. Wilkins		
1982 – William P. House	James E. Wilkinson, Jr.		
1983 – George D. Carlisle	Edwin L. Giddings	Fred B. Knight	Theodore Natti
1986 – Clifton E. Foster			
1987 – Robert S. Bond			
1988 – Peter R. Hannah	Abbott B. Ladd		
1989 – Maxwell L. McCormack, Jr.			
1990 – Arthur G. Dodge, Jr.			
1991 – Walter R. Gooley, Jr.			
1993 – Jane A. Difley			
1995 – Stanley W. Knowles	Roger S. Leighton		
1996 – John E. Hibbard	William B. Leak		
1997 – Lloyd C. Irland			
1998 – Robert M. Frank, Jr.	James W. Hornbeck		
1999 – David B. Field	Donald W. Floyd		
2000 – Hans T. Bergey, CF			
2001 – Leo C. Laferriere, CF	Charles A. Levesque, CF/FCA	Carl M. Van Husen	
2002 – Robert M. Ricard, CF	Everett L. Towle		
2003 – Anthony Filauo	Fred A. Huntress, Jr.	John W. McNulty	
2004 – Barbara S. Burns			
2005 – James B. Cullen	Mervin E. Stevens		
2006 – Bradford A. Wyman			
2007 – William R. Bentley	David B. Kittredge, Jr., CF		
2008 – Kenneth M. Laustsen, CF	Chadwick Dearing Oliver	Carol L. Redelsheimer, CF	Robert S. Seymour
2010 – George F. Frame			
2011 – Sidney (Si) E. Balch			

**Since April, 2012; Author has reviewed an incomplete set of 1962 – 1984 NESAF News Quarterlies to append above listing, which is still incomplete, and would welcome other documented knowledge of NESAF Fellows.*