



**NEW ENGLAND SOCIETY
OF AMERICAN FORESTERS**

2012 AWARDS



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Janice Mulherin

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Joseph "J.P." Barsky

Bob Frank

Sidney (Si) E. Balch

GEORGE F. FRAME

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.

“The old adage if you want something done, go to the busiest person and he will find time in his busy schedule to take on one more assignment,” noted one endorsement. George’s service to NESAF comprised a 10-year span starting as the Granite State Division representative for 4 years, then 2-year stints as NESAF vice chair, chair, and immediate past chair, ending in 2010. He did not languish long, he was appointed in mid-2011 to serve out the remainder of the SAF District VI Council term, representing both NESAF and NYSAF. His other prior SAF service includes 4 HSD meetings, for which he was a regional convener for 2 of those years.

George is not just SAF; he has provided additional service to the Tree Farm program, serving as state chair in 2000, and since then as the NH Inspector Trainer. In 2005 he served on a national committee for strategic planning and has for the last 5 years been the NH representative to the Tree Farm Leadership Conference.

His efforts have been recognized with several awards, including SAF Fellow in 2010, the NESAF Toumey award in 2009, Granite State Division Outstanding Forester in 2007, and National Tree Farm Leadership Award in 2007.

George’s career in forestry includes being a National Forest Asst. District Ranger on 4 separate forests, working in real estate and digital mapping, and a private consulting forester in both NH and VT. In 2005, became the Conservation Easement Steward for SPNHF. He is the author of the 2006 publication “A Forester’s Guide to Conservation Easements.” George recently accepted a new position in SPNHF as the Senior Director of Forestry, directing the management of 170 parcels and 50,000 acres.

For all of his leadership, an endorsement also noted, “Most importantly for me, George has taken on the role of mentor, he always took time to lend advice, share information, or set me in the right direction. He’s genuinely supportive and cares about my professional career.”

George has a 1970 BS in Forest Management from UNH, a SAF member since 1982, is a licensed forester in NH and MA, and a SAF Certified Forester (CF) since 2001. He is also a craft brewer of some very fine beers, lagers, and ales; which he shares upon occasion.

Distinguished Service Award Recipients

1966 – Phillip Coolidge
1969 – David M. Smith
1972 – Albert Nutting
1975 – Herschel Abbott
1978 – James Wilkinson
1981 – Raymond Foulds
1984 – Michael Sikora
1987 – Clifford Swenson
1990 – Robert B. Fiske
1993 – David M. Smith (1969)
1996 – Edgar P. Wyman
1999 – Richard F. Watt
2002 –
2005 – Hans Bergey
2008 –
2011 – John A. O’Brien

1967 – George Garratt
1970 – Austin Wilkins
1973 – Robert Dinneen
1976 – Morris Wing
1979 – Ernest Gould
1982 – Howard Mason
1985 – Gibb Dodge
1988 – Peter Hannah
1991 – Fred B. Knight
1994 – Robert S. Bond
1997 – Lloyd C. Irland
2000 – George R. Stephens
2003 – Ernest B. Harvey, III
2006 – David B. Field
2009 – Robert Lee Edmonds

1968 – Gerald S. Wheeler
1971 – John Noyes
1974 – Arthur Heitman
1977 – Theodore Natti
1980 – Max McCormack, Jr.
1983 – Philip Rich
1986 –
1989 – Lester A. DeCoster
1992 – Thomas F. Quink
1995 – John E. Hibbard
1998 – William B. Leak
2001 – Leo C. Laferriere
2004 – Jane Difley
2007 – Robert J. Berti
2010 –

JANICE MULHERIN

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.**”*

One endorsement commented as follows. “Her career and service has been an outstanding example for other young women, that there is a place in the woods for female foresters and that they can play a leading role in the profession.”

Janice is recently retired after a 30-year career as a USDA Forest Service Forester in the Pemmigewasset Ranger District of the White Mountain Nation Forest. She was responsible for stand inventory, timber sale layout and preparation, and EIS analysis. She was instrumental in establishing a program for university students to work in the White Mountain NF.

“There is no one in the past 14 years who has donated more time to assuring successful NESAF annual meetings in NH than Janice,” noted another endorsement. Her service to NESAF includes being GSD secretary for 2001 to 2010, and her recent election becoming the GSD State representative to the NESAF Executive Committee in 2011.

“She is a great example of what individuals can return to SAF, not only through her tireless direct activity within the Society, but also through the way she lived her life outside SAF.” In support of that quote, she has been very active in her community of Rumney, NH. She has served two stints on the Planning Board (1986 – 1996 and 2005 – 2011), since 2005 has been a Select Board member, and starting in 2011 is on the Board of Director’s for the Quincy Bog Ecological Systems.

The closing thoughtful remark, “I hope SAF never loses her expertise, her genuine concerns, and her smile over her tea cup.”

James W. Toumey Award Recipients

1989 – James Wilkinson, Jr.
1992 –
1995 – Russell S. Reay
1998 – Joseph C. Mawson
2001 –
2004 – Ingeborg V. Seaboyer
2007 – Raymond J. Toolan
2010 – Lawrence Rousseau

1990 – Fred B. Knight
1993 – David B. Kittredge
1996 – Gary F. Salmon
1999 – Philip Bryce
2002 – Fred Borman III
2005 – Kenneth M. Laustsen
2008 – Ronald C. Lemin, Jr.
2011 – Pete Howland

1991 – A. Bradford Wyman
1994 – Max McCormack, Jr.
1997 – James B. Cullen
2000 –
2003 – Robert M. Ricard
2006 –
2009 – George F. Frame



STEPHEN C. COLEMAN (posthumous)

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.

Quoting from the nomination letter, “Steve was more than a forester in the technical sense of the word. He was a true woodsman, whose skills in the woods, on the water, steering a snowmobile, or in the cabin of his 185 Cessna floatplane allowed him to bring a unique, practical, and always efficient effort to implementing the most appropriate forestry on the ground.” Another endorsement embodied this thought on Steve’s qualifications, “Steve is who I think of when I hear the term “Dirt Forester.” With his scale rule, a pencil in his pocket, and a Leatherman on his hip, he was a woodsman, a problem solver, and a dedicated forester.”

In 1977, Steve began his professional career with Scot Paper and served 10 years as the District Forester of the approx. 300,000 acre Jackman Unit. In 1987, he transitioned to LandVest, serving as a regional forester for 13 years, with 100,000 acres of management responsibility. In 2000, he was appointed LandVest’s Chief Forester and his scope and responsibilities increased. Now his oversight of the Timberland Management and Consulting Division encompassed 1.5 million acres, and a combined staff of 31 foresters and 14 administrative positions.

In addition to practicing his forest management, Steve generously committed time to other professional and community activities. Some of these include serving on the MESAF Executive Committee, Director for Maine Forest Products Council, appointment to the Maine Board of Licensure for Professional Foresters, CFRU Advisory Board member, most recently on a Task Force for the promotion and expansion of Maine’s Maple Sugar Industry and Dennistown Plt. assessor for 30 years.

“Steve was much more than a highly competent forester working independently (although he was certainly independent). He was a source of definitive answers and provided insight (and often debate) about silviculture and its systems, road building, regulations, politics, and human nature. He inspired and role-modeled honesty, integrity, innovation, hard work, and perhaps more than anything else, professional and personal ethics to what is now a staff of 30+ foresters at LandVest, as well to countless others in forest industry and beyond.”

Steve graduated from the NY State Rangers School with an Associates degree in 1971 and then added a BS in Forest Management from UME in 1977, becoming a SAF member in the same year. In Maine, he held licenses as a forester, wood scaler, real estate salesperson, Master Guide, and commercial pilot.

The award will be accepted by his family.

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 Filairo
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

WILLIAM H. LIVINGSTON

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.

Bill is the current Associate Director of Undergraduate Programs, coordinating curriculum activities including revisions and course proposals, a contact person for other program leaders, and providing support for student recruitment and retention; and an Associate Professor of Forest Ecosystem Science for the School of Forest Resources (SFR) at UME, teaching courses in forest biology, tree pests and disease, and a week-long field class for new students. His research has investigated white pine decline, beech dieback, balsam woolly adelgid, and now developing a risk model for hemlock decline.

Four major areas are noted for technology transfer: Maine Project Learning Tree (PLT), MESAF Forestry Awareness Committee (FAC), Maine Envirothon; and a Maine Department of Education, “Forests as a Theme” in High School Math and Science Curriculum.

Pat Maloney, ME PLT State Coordinator comments, “Bill has been available to advise our program on ways to build a School Forest Network and provided his expertise to attendees on the summer PLT Teacher Tours. He explores new ways to attract teachers to UME so that they can gain a professional understanding of the richness of forestry as a discipline.”

Sue Aygarn, also a recent Gould awardee, shares this about Bill’s involvement in FAC, “Bill had the idea for FAC to hold a summit for grass root organizations interested in forestry education. This dialogue about the importance of outdoor learning and forestry was held in 2005. Over the last 6 years, it has led to an increased exposure of MESAF members providing a balanced approach and their expertise to outdoor learning opportunities.”

“The Envirothon partnership with UME and specifically Bill has grown steadily over the past few years. This partnership has made a significant impact on program development and student participation. Bill was instrumental in developing a “Fall Field Day”, a mock Envirothon to help students prepare for the next spring’s competition. Introduced in southern Maine in 2009, it had 6 schools and 20 students in attendance; last year there were 4 field days, 19 schools, and 120 students,” notes tish Carr.

Bills’ education background includes a 1976 BS in Forest Ecology and Forest Management from Michigan Technological Univ., a 1978 MS in Forest Sciences from the Univ. of Idaho, and a 1980–1985 PhD in Plant Pathology at the Univ. of Minnesota. Bill was a Fulbright Scholar in 1984, a 3-time awardee of the SFR Outstanding Forestry Teacher Award, and the 1998 SFR Distinguished Professor Award. Bill has served as MESAF treasurer since 2001 and been an advisor to the SFR Student Chapter.

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

JOSEPH “J.P.” BARSKY

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.*

J.P. graduated from UME in 1995 with a BS in Biological Resource Engineering Technology and then went to work for a year on the White River National Forest in Colorado as the Lead Forestry Technician. He returned to New England in 1997 as a Forester for the Northern Research Station, Forest Inventory & Analysis Unit working on the fifth forest resource inventory in MA. For the last 14 years he has been a Technician at the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station in New Haven. His duties include training and supervising seasonal staff, maintaining inventory databases for an array forest ecology research studies, and is a technical source to other internal agencies and external collaborators.

In the nomination letter, his immediate supervisor notes, “He is not only a super efficient field technician and colleague, but has been responsible for training and supervision of seasonal staff for the past five years. He continues to increase his knowledge of natural resources and will shortly begin the process for obtaining an arborist license in order to better understand tree function.”

In addition to becoming a SAF member in 1996, J.P. also is now a CT Certified Forester and a CT Certified Pesticide Applicator, and he served two year terms as Secretary/Treasurer and then Chair for the CT SAF Chapter, before becoming the CT State Representative to NESAF in 2008 – 2010.

An endorsement noted, “J.P. had distinguished himself as a leader in the forestry profession through his applied research work and through his volunteer efforts, including his participation in the CT Envirothon program. J.P. is very dedicated to his projects, has excellent technical skills, and a much disciplined work ethic.” Another endorsement notes, “As someone who was hired by Mollie Beattie (back in 1987) and got to know her as a friend, I feel that J.P. certainly possesses the characteristics that Mollie would expect in a recipient of the award named in her honor.”

Mollie H. Beattie Young Forester Leadership Award Recipients

1989 – Charles Levesque
1992 – Anne Marie Loud
1995 – Carol Redelsheimer
1998 –
2001 – Cynthia S. Wood
2004 –
2007 – Ben Machin
2010 – Jacob W. Metzler & Spencer R. Meyer

1990 – David Kittredge, Jr.
1993 – Alan Calfee
1996 – Robert Ricard
1999 – Kevin Evans
2002 – Tom O’Shea
2005 – Amanda Farrar
2008 –

1991 – Charles Niebling
1994 – Carrie Tripp
1997 – Patrick D. Hackley
2000 – Sara Packer
2003 – David Irvin
2006 – Laura Kenefic
2009 – Margaret Machinist
2011 – Brad W. Simpkins



BOB FRANK

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."

It was noted in the nomination, "Although born in New Jersey, Robert M. Frank, Jr. is the quintessential New England forester. Bob has a keen understanding of mixed-species; multi-cohort stands that are common across the New England landscape, an appreciation (perhaps obsession!) for wood and its many uses, a strong work ethic, and above all, a practical approach to forest management."

Principal Silviculturalist for the Northeastern Forest Experiment Station for over 30 years, Bob is indelibly linked to the long-term, mixed conifer silvicultural experiment known as the Penobscot Experimental Forest (PEF) in Maine. Though already underway when Bob arrived in 1963, he added his personal expertise to this array of operational scaled even-aged and uneven-aged treatments, and then fought successfully for the continued existence of the PEF in more than one budgetary proposed axing.

In Bob's own words, this is how he described his research assignment, "*My primary responsibility is the conduct of research toward the development of silvicultural systems and forest management techniques consistent with multiple use of the total diversified resource for the spruces, balsam fir, and associated species in our northeastern forests. Recent focus has involved tree and wildlife diversity responses to various silvicultural systems, methods to improve natural regeneration, and early stand culture. With current and past involvement in long-term silvicultural studies, a shift towards more effort in ecosystems research and global climatic change research is imminent.*"

After his retirement in 1995, Bob hung out a shingle, and opened a consulting forestry business, just in time for the 1998 Ice Storm. Bob is a long-time volunteer at the Maine Forest and Logging Museum and their living history site at Leonard's Mills, located within the PEF. He is not a snowbird, still residing full-time in Hampden, ME.

Bob received a BS in 1954, and then a MS in 1956 from Penn State and in the same year began his forestry career working for the Blanchard Lumber Company in Boston. A year later, he became a Research Forester with the Forest Inventory & Analysis Unit (FIA) and worked on the first Maine periodic inventory, and he has some good stories to tell about those plot measurements.

Another endorsement noted, "That much of Bob's work on the PEF involved even-aged silviculture, and some of his most forward-thinking work was related to shelterwood and intermediate treatments. The first draft of the study plan for the PEF, written some years before Bob arrived, did not include even-aged silviculture. These treatments were added at the urging of David M. Smith, then a young faculty member at Yale, who had been asked to review the study plan. So it seems very appropriate for Bob to now receive the David M. Smith award for his work on a study that David M. Smith helped design."

Sidney (Si) E. Balch

SAF Fellow, 2011

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 – Ralph C. Hawley	William G. Howard		Edward E. Carter
1946 – William N. Sparhawk			
1948 – Hugh P. Baker			
1949 – Ellwood Wilson			
1953 – George A. Garratt			
1955 – Dwight B. Demeritt	John S. Boyce, Jr.		
1957 – Harold J. Lutz	Perry H. Merrill		
1959 – Walter H. Meyer			
1961 – Henry I. Baldwin	Arthur B. Recknagel		
1962 – 1982 Listing is being compiled from historical records			
1983 – George D. Carlisle	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 Filauro	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			