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51st Annual

**Conservation Achievement
Awards Program**



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CONSERVATION ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS BANQUET

Saturday, February 19, 2011
The Hilton Jackson
Jackson, Mississippi

President's Reception - 5:30 p.m.

Welcome, Introductions and Presentation of
2010 Conservation Achievement Award Winners

6:30 p.m.

Kris Godwin, MWF President

Invocation

Dr. R. Hartford Bailey

Keynote Address

*The Honorable Billy Hewes, Mississippi Senator, District 49,
President Pro Tempore of the Senate*

Awards Ceremony

Kris Godwin, MWF President

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Closing Remarks

Kris Godwin, MWF President

Entertainment

Vanda Spencer

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Conservationist of the Year

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DENA DICKERSON, *Clinton*



Dena is a biologist with the Corps of Engineers (Corps) working with whales, manatees, tortoises, freshwater turtles, and snakes, but the majority of her work has been with sea turtles. Dena conducted pioneering studies on the impacts of beach nourishment and artificial lighting on the behavior of nesting and hatchling sea turtles and documented the benefits of turtle excluder devices and rescue trawling protocols.

In 2007 she was part of an International Union for the Conservation of Nature team to Dhamra, India, the site of the largest deep-water shipping port in the world. The team identified methods to protect the world's largest breeding population of Olive Ridley sea turtles. While there, she initiated a program in which she and local observers went into Indian schools to teach marine biology and general science.

In 2009 the Australian government asked Dena to provide guidance for turtle protection from a \$40 billion gas project on the northern continental shelf. Dena and a co-worker presented a course in turtle safety, inspected dredging sites and enabled the Australians to apply lessons learned to protect the turtles in the area.

This past year Dena assisted with recovery efforts associated with the Deepwater Horizon oil spill, relocating nearly 200 sea turtles in 15 days. She co-wrote and coordinated multi-agency proposals for long-term evaluations of sea turtle movements and assisted in the Natural Resources Damage Assessment process.

Her passion for conservation education led her to create content for the Corps' on-line Education Center providing classroom resources on a broad range of science topics. She has developed hands-on nature-based programs for a school and a local nature center, mentored students conducting research with sturgeon, wetland fishes, and woodstorks, and enabled them to receive recognition from local groups and national organizations. Dena's conservation legacy is assured in the conservation awareness imparted to so many youngsters.

Dena also recently purchased land that provides habitat for frogs and spotted salamanders and protects Jackson prairie fragments.

For her talent, energy, enthusiasm, work ethic, and conservation ethic, the Mississippi Wildlife Federation proudly honors Dena Dickerson as the 2010 MWF Conservationist of the Year.

Wildlife Conservationist of the Year

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CHAD M. DACUS, *Gluckstadt*



For the past eight years, Chad has served the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks (MDWFP) as a wildlife biologist. His leadership of the MDWFP Deer Program during the last four years has taken this program to even greater heights. In 2008 MDWFP was recognized by the Quality Deer Management Association (QDMA) as the Agency of the Year for making the most significant contribution toward quality deer management during that year.

Chad annually gives numerous presentations via radio and television, and speaks to sportsmen's groups, wildlife managers, wildlife students and other resource professionals. He works closely with Mississippi policy and lawmakers to promote hunting regulations that are biologically sound. He also serves as liaison with other land managers including US Fish and Wildlife Service, US Forest Service, Department of Defense, and Corps of Engineers. He assisted in crafting the successful Hunting Club Cooperative with Weyerhaeuser Company, the Greater Noxubee Cooperative and QDMA, and coordinates on youth deer hunts. He also helped in the development of the Extension Service's White-tailed Deer Workshops and cooperates with Mississippi State University in deer research projects.

In 2010 Chad worked with the City of Oxford to develop their deer management plan and urban archery hunting program making Oxford the first Mississippi city to have a written deer management plan.

For his enthusiasm and commitment to improving white-tailed deer management, the Mississippi Wildlife Federation recognizes Chad M. Dacus as the 2010 MWF Wildlife Conservationist of the Year.

Fisheries Conservationist of the Year

Sponsored by: Chevron

JASON OLIVE, *Tupelo*



A graduate of Mississippi State University, Jason began his career as a fisheries biologist with the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission. While there he organized the first Arkansas-Louisiana Fisheries Management Cooperative meeting and was one of the first biologists to organize and facilitate a Citizen Advisory Committee to develop a management plan for Commission-owned lakes.

Jason moved to the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks in 2008, where his primary responsibility is to manage fish populations in northeast Mississippi water bodies. In addition, Jason assisted with development of materials and presentations for Camp Fish, a new program to introduce kids to fishing.

In 2009 Jason partnered with the US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) Private John Allen Fish Hatchery to obtain a grant through the Southeastern Aquatic Resources Partnership to restore a section of Mackie's Creek, a headwater stream of the Tombigbee River. Stream habitat alterations and stream bank degradation to Mackies' Creek have negatively impacted Gulf Coast Strain walleye, a fish species of special concern for the USFWS. This project was one of the first joint ventures to restore and improve stream habitat to benefit this unique fish species. The project was nominated to the National Fish Habitat Action Plan Board of Directors as one of the Ten Waters to Watch for 2010.

For his work ethic and commitment to improving the fisheries resources of Mississippi, the Mississippi Wildlife Federation recognizes Jason Olive as the 2010 MWF Fisheries Conservationist of the Year.

Soil, Air and Water Conservationist of the Year

Sponsored by: Southern AgCredit

FRIENDS OF BOLEY



Hobolochitto Creek, known locally as Boley Creek, is the main drainage for one of Pearl River County's major watersheds. Over the years, neglect had taken its toll on this once beautiful natural resource with trash piles and all manner of household appliances filling the creek. It was

said, "An individual could walk across the creek on top of soda bottles, old ice chests and other forms of household garbage." Other sections were choked by logs and debris left by Hurricanes Camille and Katrina.

In 2010 the creek could not be navigated except in high water. Saddened by the terrible condition of Boley, three men decided to take action, forming a grassroots group to cleanup, restore and preserve Hobolochitto Creek. With support from the community, city and county governments and local businesses, two cleanup events were held, the first to clear log jams and ensure ease of access for the second and larger volunteer event to remove trash.

On October 16 over 100 volunteers removed over 2 tons of trash and numerous snags restoring a 5-mile section to a navigable state. Future plans include restoring the entire Hobolochitto Creek and some small sections of other creeks and rivers that are part of this watershed. Today, Friends of Boley has over 400 supporters.

For their energy, passion and devotion to protecting and conserving Boley Creek, the Mississippi Wildlife Federation is honored to name Friends of Boley the 2010 MWF Soil, Air and Water Conservationist of the Year. Accepting the award are Derek Turnage, Mark Stockstill and John Huck.

Forest Conservationist of the Year

Sponsored by: Resource Management Service, LLC

DR. JOHN HODGES, *Ashland*



For the past 35 years Dr. John Hodges has focused his research on the hardwood forests of the South. Beginning in the 1970s John directed research producing the foundation for management and harvest practices for desirable oak species on bottomland areas across the region. John also was a pioneer in recognizing variation in site quality across bottomland areas and the importance of matching hardwood species to appropriate sites. This information has become particularly useful in efforts to restore agricultural fields to hardwoods. John's directives and guidance have saved

landowners and agencies millions of dollars in potential planting failures.

As an instructor, John left another legacy. Through university classroom instruction, students were given a solid foundation in hardwood silviculture, unlike most programs that focus on pine production. In addition, John started a series of hardwood short courses to train foresters with little background in hardwood management. John designed a three-year program specifically for the Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks staff.

John continues to travel throughout Mississippi and the South as an unpaid consultant helping landowners with their questions and concerns about hardwood forest management.

For his significant contributions to bottomland hardwood management, the Mississippi Wildlife Federation names Dr. John Hodges the 2010 MWF Forest Conservationist of the Year.

Youth Conservationist of the Year

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JUSTIN BURGER, *Starkville*



Justin long ago set his goal to enter the wildlife management field and has taken every opportunity to learn and participate in activities that will help him reach that goal. Active in 4-H programs, Justin's team won the title of State Champion in Land Judging and Wildlife Habitat Evaluation. At the national level the team earned a first place in the Habitat Management Plan development category and Justin won a first place in Oral Defense. As a senior, his team participated in the Cannon Envirothon competition, where they won the North Mississippi regional competition and placed 3rd in

the state competition.

As an Eagle Scout, Justin's Leadership Project involved designing and building a handicapped hunting blind at Noxubee National Wildlife Refuge. While in high school Justin assisted at the Natural Resources Conservation Camps hosted by the MSU College of Forest Resources and instructed campers in archery, canoeing, herpetology, wood duck box building, and other activities. He now serves Troop 27 as an Assistant Scout Master and merit badge counselor at Camp Seminole, where he teaches the Fishing and Wildlife Management merit badges.

Justin is now a freshman in the Wildlife and Fisheries Sciences program at Mississippi State University and is well on his way to becoming a leader in wildlife science and conservation.

For his efforts to share his knowledge and passion for conservation, the Mississippi Wildlife Federation is pleased to recognize Justin Burger as the 2010 MWF Youth Conservationist of the Year.

Conservation Educator of the Year

Sponsored by: South Mississippi Electric Power Association

LESLIE BARGER, *Hattiesburg*



Leslie is a first grade teacher who is always looking for new ways to engage her students. In 2007 Leslie received a grant to provide students hands-on learning activities regarding the life cycle of plants. This garden project expanded and they developed a pollinator garden for butterflies, bees, and moths and explored the lives of frogs, bugs, worms, butterflies, rabbits and birds. Other teachers seized the opportunity to use these gardens in their classes.

In 2008 Leslie developed the idea of the Shape Garden, a series of container gardens constructed in varying geometric shapes to reinforce math skills. As recipient of the first "Go Garden" Leslie created a blog where she posted pictures of the students in the garden tracking progress in its development. In her "Hamburger Project" children learn where food comes from by dissecting the parts of a hamburger. Leslie is currently working on the development of a series of flash cards, photos, whiteboard applications and sound to teach students about the birds found in Lamar County.

Leslie's methods reach into every subject: Reading, language, math, science, social studies, art, music/drama, health, and technology. Her projects sparked efforts to rejuvenate the schools nature trails and other campus beautification projects. Enthusiastic administrators sponsored a volunteer planting day where parents and faculty came together to improve the campus landscape.

For her creative skill in bringing conservation education to our youth, the Mississippi Wildlife Federation is pleased to name Leslie Barger the 2010 MWF Conservation Educator of the Year.

Conservation Communicator of the Year

ROBBIE D. FISHER, *Jackson*



In 2009 Robbie was hired by Mississippi Public Broadcasting as Executive Producer, Screenwriter and Co-Editor for “The Gulf Islands: Mississippi’s Wilderness Shore.” Referred to as a “love letter” to Mississippi’s barrier islands, the film tells the story of the Gulf Islands, their history, ecological significance, and their function as protectors of our Coast.

“The Gulf Islands” has been shown on over 20 Public Broadcasting stations and has been recognized with a Southeast Regional Emmy for Outstanding Achievement in Photography, a Silver Telly Award in the Documentary category, a Cine Golden Eagle Award and 2011 National Educational Television Award for program production. In addition, the film has been shown at juried film festivals in California, Hawaii, Georgia, West Virginia, England, Thailand, Ireland, and Australia.

Most recently Robbie was hired by Mississippi Public Broadcasting as Field Producer for “The Science of the Spill.” This series examines the questions: Is our seafood safe? Where is the oil? What will happen to it? How will oil and dispersants affect the ecosystem?

For helping awaken a consciousness about our fragile and unique natural heritage the Mississippi Wildlife Federation recognizes Robbie D. Fisher as the 2010 MWF Conservation Communicator of the Year.

Conservation Officer of the Year

Sponsored by: Wildlife Technical Services, Inc.

CORPORAL CRAIG WALKER, *Crystal Springs*



Corporal Walker has been a Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks (MDWFP) Conservation Officer for over five years and was recognized as MDWFP Officer of the Year in 2010. He is dedicated to protecting our natural resources, and has an extremely high conviction rate, and leads in citations issued within his region. In 2010 he made 123 cases in the last half of the year. In addition to enforcement duties, he is a vital member of the Search and Rescue Team and is a member of the MS Task Force, a branch of the MS

Office of Homeland Security.

Beyond his enforcement duties, Corporal Walker assists the agency’s Wildlife Bureau with controlled burning and planting of summer and fall crops and works with the Fisheries Bureau on lake maintenance. He frequently works public waterways to prevent the destruction of stream-beds

due to ATV traffic and trespassing.

Corporal Walker reaches out to the community by visiting elementary schools to spark an interest in the outdoors among these students. He also is a presenter at local high schools, community colleges, and universities and participates in field days and other community activities. His dedication has earned him recommendations from Copiah Soil and Water Conservation District, National Resource Conservation Service and Crystal Springs Elementary School.

For his positive attitude and ability to work with concerned and interested sportsmen, his commitment to wildlife conservation and serving as a role model within his community, the Mississippi Wildlife Federation proudly names Corporal Craig Walker the 2010 MWF Conservation Officer of the Year.

Hunter Education Volunteer Instructor of the Year

Sponsored by: Anderson Tully Company

WILLIAM HOLCOMB, *Randolph*



William Holcomb has been a Hunter Education Volunteer Instructor for the past eight years specializing in firearms handling and safety. William, an interesting and motivating speaker, engages students both young and old to think and practice firearms safety at all times. He has a passion for teaching and assists county conservation officers with every Hunter Education class held in Pontotoc County, helping certify 103 hunter education students in 2010.

In addition to his Hunter Education efforts, William volunteers for other community activities. He is the 4-H Shooting Coach in Pontotoc County, where he was recognized as the Outstanding 4-H Volunteer, and in 2008 he was given the Itawamba County Spirit of Giving award. He also is the assistant Shooting Coach for the Scholastic Shooting Team, a team involved in skeet shooting competitions.

William is a member of the National Wild Turkey Federation volunteering for the Wild Turkey Federation Food Plot Program and helps coordinate the yearly banquet. He also serves as the President of a parents' group organized to assist the baseball team at South Pontotoc High School.

For his advocacy for firearm safety in the field and in his community, the Mississippi Wildlife Federation names William Holcomb the 2010 MWF Hunter Education Volunteer Instructor of the Year.

Corporate Conservationist of the Year

TARA WILDLIFE



Nearly 200 years ago the ancestors of Herbert Bryant purchased 3,600 acres of bottomland hardwoods along the Mississippi River north of Vicksburg. This was the beginning of Tara Wildlife. In 1983 Maggie Bryant inherited this property from her husband and began the transformation from private hunting club to natural resource enterprise.

In 1992 the property opened for fee hunting and in 1993 greater focus was placed on nature-based tourism, youth educational programs and related outdoor recreational opportunities. Since the late 1990s, Tara has hosted “Cork and Stork” weekend for birders and continues to host nine week-long youth educational camps during the summer. In addition, Tara hosts a Catch-A-Dream hunt each January for a child with a life threatening illness.

Tara also participates in black bear restoration efforts, management of neo-tropical bird habitat, and protection of nesting bald eagles. Tara staff is active in Mississippi River ecosystem issues, wildlife and wetlands habitat management and the preservation and restoration of bottomland hardwood ecosystems.

In 2001, Mrs. Bryant deeded Tara to Purvis Grange Foundation ensuring that Tara’s mission of natural resources conservation, perpetual management, education, and sustainable recreational use would continue.

For their wise stewardship of natural resources, wild things and wild places, the Mississippi Wildlife Federation is proud to name Tara Wildlife the 2010 MWF Corporate Conservationist of the Year. Accepting the award is Gilbert Rose, President of Tara Wildlife.

MWF Affiliate of the Year

Sponsored by: Mississippi Power Company

MISSISSIPPI CHARTER BOAT CAPTAINS ASSOCIATION



Over the past five years the Mississippi Gulf Coast and its residents have faced tremendous challenges both natural and man-made. The Mississippi Charter Boat Captains have been at the forefront each time making the state and nation aware of the importance of maintaining a healthy and viable recreational fishery on the Coast. Through this group people throughout the country have learned about our Mississippi Gulf Coast and the importance of its fisheries resources.

The Deepwater Horizon oil spill increased the group's concerns and they worked to educate people around the country of just how fragile and important the coastal ecosystem is. They were a constant presence at meetings, served on panels and provided important testimony at numerous hearings. Continued wise use, conservation and protection of coastal fisheries can no longer be overlooked and this group has played a key role in bringing coastal fisheries resources to the forefront of the country.

In addition to their educational efforts, they also provide saltwater fishing trips to a child with a life threatening illness through the Catch-A-Dream program.

For their continued persistence in educating, conserving and passing on the legacy of wise coastal fisheries conservation, the Mississippi Wildlife Federation names the Mississippi Charter Boat Captains Association 2010 MWF Affiliate of the Year. Accepting the award is Captain Tom Becker.

MWF Volunteer of the Year

WUSJ 96.3 FM



For many years the Mississippi Wildlife Federation has partnered with WUSJ in raising the profile of the Federation and its programs. Through paid advertising WUSJ has helped assure that the Mississippi Wildlife Extravaganza is a huge success.

But this relationship has gone well beyond our short contract period, and WUSJ has helped us promote our programs throughout the year. Katfish'n Kids in June and Outdoorama in September are the most prominent examples. WUSJ helps us recruit both volunteers and

participants to these events so kids can get outdoors and learn about Mississippi's natural resources. Participation in other programs such as our photo workshops and contests also are highlighted and encouraged.

We appreciate the on-air support shown by Scott Steele and Dan Robinson as well as behind the scenes support from program management, Russ Williams, and staff. These people help us continue to reach an important audience with our conservation message.

The Mississippi Wildlife Federation is pleased to recognize WUSJ 96.3 as the 2010 MWF Volunteer of the Year. Accepting the award is Russ Williams, Program Director.

Catch-A-Dream Volunteer of the Year

For the most significant demonstration of commitment to "the Vision" of the Catch-A-Dream Program through contribution of time, energy and talents toward fulfilling and perpetuating the mission of the program.

ALICIA O'NEILL, Flint, MI



Alicia O'Neill, of Flint, MI is a 14 year old who first learned of Catch-A-Dream in 2009 by watching television at her grandparent's house late one night. The next morning, she told her family that she wanted to do something to help Catch-A-Dream help "sick kids." She immediately began to lay in place a plan that would result in her spending most of each week-day during the summer at the local Gander Mountain sporting goods store with a Catch-A-Dream display, taking donations and selling raffle tickets to raise money for the Foundation. She also organized a benefit archery shoot, and over the course of the next 2 summers planned and conducted multiple archery events, raffles and spent countless hours at the store display telling the Catch-A-Dream story and collecting funds. She has raised over \$7,000, enough to fully fund two child trips, and has joined the elite group of donors that we call "DreamMakers." Equally important, though, is that she has inspired hundreds of people in the Flint area to become involved in her grassroots efforts, and a new organization has emerged; the "Friends of Catch-A-Dream - Flint, MI" grew from the spark that Alicia ignited in that community will grow into broader scale efforts to support the Foundation. She has gained national attention, and has also made appearances at other Catch-A-Dream fundraisers to lend her support to their efforts on our behalf, including her provision of substantial support to the Dream Season 8 television show to air this summer on the Outdoor Channel. With untiring support from her family, Alicia is constantly promoting our principles and "The Vision" in every conversation or venue possible. Like many other volunteers, she stands ready to defend and support the premise upon which Catch-A-Dream was founded and the principles on which it operates daily. We proudly present the sixth

annual Catch-A-Dream Foundation Volunteer of the Year Award to Alicia O'Neill.

MWF Scholarship Recipient

ANDREW WRIGHT, *Booneville*



This year's recipient of the MWF Scholarship is Andrew Wright, a senior at Mississippi State University (MSU). Andrew is from Booneville and is pursuing a degree in Wildlife and Fisheries Science with a concentration in wildlife management. He plans to complete his degree and pursue a master's degree in wildlife resources. Andrew is active in the MSU Chapter of the Wildlife Society and is a member of Phi Theta Kappa.

The Mississippi Wildlife Federation is pleased to recognize Andrew Wright as the 2010 MWF Scholarship Recipient.

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GOVERNOR'S AWARD CONSERVATIONIST OF THE YEAR

2009	Dr. Curtis R. Hopkins, <i>Jackson</i>
2008	John Monroe, <i>Purvis</i>
2007	Paul Hartfield, <i>Bolton</i>
2006	James E. "Jim" Miller, <i>Starkville</i>
2005	James L. "Jim" Franks, <i>Ocean Springs</i>
2004	Louie P. "Pete" Heard, <i>Brandon</i>
2003	Charles Chisolm, <i>Brandon</i>
2002	Art Waymire, <i>Byhalia</i>
2001	Libby Hartfield, <i>Bolton</i>
2000	Bill Quisenberry, <i>Clinton</i>
1999	Robert E. "Bob" Fairbank, <i>Pass Christian</i>
1998	Dr. Donald Jackson, <i>Starkville</i>
1997	Hollis Ishee, <i>Grenada</i>
1996	Harry A. Jacobson, PhD, <i>Starkville</i>
1995	Dr. Dale Arner, <i>Starkville</i>
1994	Sonny Jarrell, <i>Hattiesburg</i>
1993	Joe Gill, <i>Gulfport</i>
1992	Penny Kochitzky, <i>Hattiesburg</i>
1991	Terre Male, <i>Jackson</i>
1990	Hilton H. "Ike" Shoemake, <i>Laurel</i>
1989	Magelan O. Bryant, <i>Middleburg, VA</i>
1988	W. E. "Bill" Walker, <i>Jackson</i>
1987	Harvey G. Huffstatler, <i>Jackson</i>
1986	John M. Tully, <i>Memphis, TN</i>
1984	Mansfield Downes, <i>Picayune</i>
1983	R. B. Layton, <i>Jackson</i>
1982	Richard C. "Dick" Allen, <i>Philadelphia</i>
1981	Dr. Dale H. Arner, <i>Starkville</i>
1980	Rives Neblett, <i>Clarksdale</i>
1979	Billy Joe Cross, <i>Clinton</i>
1978	Robroy Fisher, <i>Greenville</i>
1977	Patrick W. Hallinan, <i>Pascagoula</i>
1976	Dr. James C. Griffin, <i>Jackson</i>
1975	William Y. Quisenberry III, <i>Clinton</i>
1974	Leon Cambre, <i>Jackson</i>
1973	Chris Beggerly
1966	Mr. B. Mosely, <i>West Point</i>
1965	Mrs. Roy Newsom, <i>Columbia</i>
1960	Rex McRaney, <i>Jackson</i>

WILDLIFE CONSERVATIONIST OF THE YEAR

2009	Dr. Kenneth J. Reinecke, <i>Vicksburg</i>
2008	Ricky Flynt, <i>Clinton</i>
2007	Edward J. (Ed) Hackett, <i>Brandon</i>
2006	Jerry Hazlewood, <i>Tishomingo</i>
2005	Dr. Jeanne C. Jones, <i>Louisville</i>
2004	Dr. Wes Burger, <i>Starkville</i>
2003	Douglas A. Herring, <i>Starkville</i>
2002	Ron Seiss, <i>Brandon</i>
2001	Dave Godwin, <i>Starkville</i>
2000	Randy Spencer, <i>Brandon</i>
1999	Robert N. "Bob" Griffin, <i>Starkville</i>
1998	Bruce Lewis, <i>Natchez</i>
1997	The Nature Conservancy, <i>MS Chapter</i>
1996	Larry Castle, <i>Kilmichael</i>
1995	Harvey Huffstatler, <i>Byram</i>
1994	Dr. Rick Kaminski, <i>Starkville</i>
1993	Patt Lowrance, <i>Jackson</i>
1992	Ronnie Thomas, <i>Hattiesburg</i>
1991	Roy Oliver, <i>Grenada</i>
1990	Wayland Dean Hill, Sr., <i>Water Valley</i>
1989	Dr. Harry Jacobson, <i>MSU, Starkville</i>
1988	Dr. George A. Hurst, <i>Starkville</i>
1987	Robert H. Dunlap, <i>Batesville</i>
1986	Charles B. Sheppard, <i>Brandon</i>
1985	Delta National Forest Conservation League; W. H. Clinkscales, President; <i>Rolling Fork</i>
1984	Jerry Singley, <i>Columbia</i>
1983	Hugh H. Brown, <i>Carthage</i>
1982	Dovard Mitchall, <i>Greenville</i>
1981	Hayward Jacks, <i>Phillip</i>
1980	T. S. Turner, <i>Tutwiler</i>
1979	Rufus P. Stainwick, <i>Minter City</i>
1978	Robert L. Rodgers, <i>Sardis Waterfowl Refuge</i>
1976	Arlan Robinson, <i>Biloxi</i>
1974	Gale Carr, <i>Verona</i>
1973	Albert Moore, <i>Valley Park</i>
1966	Clovis W. Crane, <i>Iuka</i>

**FOREST CONSERVATIONIST
OF THE YEAR**

2009 Russ Walsh, *Purvis*
2008 Thomas Rhoden, *Jackson*
2006 Dr. Deborah Gaddis, *Starkville*
2005 Drs. Jeff and Jeanie Gail Bowman,
Hattiesburg
2004 James H. Bryant, Jr., *Bay Springs*
2003 Robert and Kay Roseberry, *Purvis*
2002 Raymond "Otis" Bullock, *Columbia*
2001 Dr. John E. Green, *Hattiesburg*
2000 Orby and Brenda Wright, *Purvis*
1999 Cecil Chambliss, Jr., *Hattiesburg*
1998 Gerald Moore, *Petal*
1997 Ed Brown, *Louin*
1996 Dr. Gene and Giulia Saucier,
Hattiesburg
1995 Chester and Rosett Thigpen,
Montrose
1994 Tim Traugott, *Grenada*
1993 Dr. Reed and Evelyn Carroll,
Greenwood
1991 Everard Baker, *Jackson*
1990 Dr. and Mrs. Terry Ozier, *Brandon*
1989 Thomas M. Norton, *Grenada*
1988 E. G. "Ridge" Thomason, *Jackson*
1987 Maurice Ferguson, *Winona*
1986 Kerry Stone Briggs, *Jackson*
1985 Duthiel W. Fortenberry, *Oak Vale*
1984 Mrs. Douglas H. MacNeil, *Natchez*
1983 Ben Waldrip, *Saltillo*
1982 James M. Martin, *Brandon*
1981 James Craig Hays, *Starkville*
1980 Clyde Hatchell, *Columbia*
1979 Robert Ayers, *Summit*
1978 J. R. "Mickey" Ward, *Natchez*
1977 Billy T. Gaddis, *Jackson*
1976 L. L. Mullins, Sr., *Starkville*
1974 Travis McDaniel, *Brooksville*
1966 M. R. Carpenter, *Brookhaven*
1960 James R. Clark, *Crosby*
Regional: Grady Smith, *Tupelo*
Henry Bridgeforth, *Vaughn*
Melvin R. Carpenter, *Brookhaven*
Mrs. W. E. Buntin, *Starkville*
A. T. Stewart, *Picayune*

**YOUTH CONSERVATIONIST
OF THE YEAR**

2009 Whit Batton, *Mendenhall*
2008 Eric Bramlett, *Jackson*
2007 Thomas Kazery, *Jackson*
2006 Amber Breland, *Maben*
2005 Jessica Bounds, *Purvis*
2004 Jackson Academy High School
Earth Team, *Jackson*
2003 Heather Smith, *Vicksburg*
2003 Tyler Strange, *Jackson*
2002 Rebecca Baxter, *Steens*
2001 Elisha Rhodes, *Centreville*
2000 David Willers, *Maben*
Josh Sansing, *Columbus*
1999 Matthew Smith, *Jackson*
1998 Justin Kemp, *Corinth*
1997 Leslie Reid, *Centreville*
1996 Joshua Brock
1995 Girl Scout Brownie Unit #13,
Greenwood
1994 Regan Sappington, *Oak Grove*
1993 William Hall II, *Lena*
1992 Girl Scout Troup 23, *Madison-
Ridgeland*
1991 Eric Randle, *Blue Springs*
1990 Cricket Stephens, *Hernando*
1989 Mac Alford, *Liberty*
1988 Leah Turner, *Saltillo*
1987 Robert D. Petty, Jr., *Hattiesburg*
1985 Rick Welch, *Toomsuba*
1983 Alan Doherty, *Pascagoula*
1982 Thomas C. Landan, *Utica*
1981 Demistra L. Winding, *Natchez*
1980 James B. Egger, Jr., *Caledonia*
1979 Bradley Johnson, *Tylertown*
1977 Jane Jeffcoat, *Lena*
1976 David Breland, *Wiggins*
1975 Dan Ainsworth, *Magee*
David A. Doherty, Jr., *Pascagoula*
1973 Floyd Atchison, *Tylertown*
1970 Allen Byrd
1966 Richard A. Outlaw, *Silver City*

**CONSERVATION EDUCATOR
OF THE YEAR**

2009 Friends of Noxubee Refuge
2008 The Blues Rangers, *Wiggins*
2007 Ken Hackman, *Madison*
2006 Terry Vandeventer, *Terry*
2005 Linda Jack, *Starkville*
2004 J. Wesley Graham, *Purvis*
2003 Kris Casscles Godwin, *Starkville*
2002 Dr. Prentiss Cox, *Clinton*
2001 Jason Price, *Mendenhall*

2000	Dr. Mark W. LaSalle, <i>Biloxi</i>	1993	<i>Mississippi Outdoors</i> Television Show, MDWFP and ETV
1999	Buddy Kerr, <i>Columbus</i>	1992	Felder Rushing, <i>Jackson</i>
1998	Raymond Radcliff, <i>Oakland</i>	1991	Jeffrey Rupp, WCBI-TV, <i>Columbus</i>
1997	Debby Martin, Steen and Inez Saum, <i>Columbus</i>	1990	Farmweek, <i>Starkville</i>
1996	Donna V. Yowell, <i>Madison</i>	1989	Alan Huffman, <i>Bolton</i>
1995	Libby Hartfield, <i>Bolton</i>	1987	John E. Lambeth, <i>Biloxi</i>
1994	Jeannine May, <i>Jackson</i>	1986	<i>Mississippi Outdoors</i> , Mississippi Department of Wildlife Conservation
1993	Dawn Davis, <i>Clara</i>	1985	WLOX-TV, <i>Biloxi</i>
1992	Doris Broadus, <i>Mendenhall</i>		Jim Martin, Outdoor Reporter
1991	Tishomingo County Soil & Water Conservation District	1984	<i>The Daily Herald</i> , <i>Biloxi</i>
1990	John T. DeFazio, Jr., <i>New Albany</i>	1983	<i>Conservation Notes</i> , Hinds County Soil & Water Conservation District, <i>Jackson</i>
1989	Martha B. Cooper, <i>Brandon</i>	1982	Judith Toups, <i>Gulfport</i>
1988	Penny Kochtizky, <i>Hattiesburg</i>	1981	<i>The Hattiesburg American</i> , Leonard Lowery, Editor
1987	Hugh C. Davis, Jr., <i>Meridian</i>	1980	Mississippi Chapter, Sierra Club, Joseph W. Jacob, Jr., Chairman
1986	Elizabeth S. Hartfield, <i>Bolton</i>	1978	Bruce H. Brady, <i>Brookhaven</i>
1985	Teachers Conservation Workshop, <i>Mississippi Forestry Association</i>	1977	James Young, <i>Jackson</i>
1984	Ann DeLoach, <i>Holcomb</i>	1976	James Martin, <i>Gulfport</i>
1983	Ann S. Mashburn, <i>Raymond</i>	1975	Dr. Donald Bradbum, <i>Ocean Springs</i>
1982	Jimmy Richardson, <i>Gulfport</i>	1974	Melvin Ray Tingle, <i>Decatur</i>
1981	Carolyn Oglesby, <i>Chatham</i>	1973	Terry Edward Beckman, Jr.
1980	Jack H. Winstead, <i>Jackson</i>	1969	Paul Ott, <i>Listen to the Eagle Outdoor Show</i>
1979	J. J. Williams, <i>Carthage</i>	1966	<i>Reservoir News and Views</i> , <i>Jackson</i>
1978	Mrs. Thomas C. Lacey, <i>Holly Springs</i>		
1977	Gerald C. Corcoran, <i>Biloxi</i>		
1976	Delta M. McCaughan, <i>Biloxi</i>		
1975	Carroll J. Perkins, <i>Mississippi State</i>		
1973	Mrs. Ruby Reese, <i>Meridian</i>		
1970	Audrey Kinzer		

CONSERVATION COMMUNICATOR OF THE YEAR

2009	Melvin Tingle, <i>Decatur</i>
2008	Mike Giles, <i>Meridian</i>
2007	Ernest Herndon, <i>Gloster</i>
2006	Otha Barham, <i>Meridian</i>
2005	Dr. John J. Woods, <i>Clinton</i>
2004	Phil DiFatta, <i>Purvis</i>
2003	Paul Brown, <i>Brandon</i>
2002	David Hawkins, <i>Forest</i>
2001	Cliff Covington, <i>Port Gibson</i>
2000	<i>Mississippi Woods & Waters Magazine</i> , <i>Flowood</i>
1999	Paul Ott, <i>Listen to the Eagle Outdoor Show</i>
1998	Jim Ewing, <i>Canton</i>
1997	Bruce Reid, <i>Vicksburg</i>
1996	Mississippi Forestry Association
1995	John Lambeth, <i>Gulfport</i>
1994	<i>Mississippi Outdoors Magazine</i> , MDWFP, <i>Jackson</i>

SOIL, AIR AND WATER CONSERVATIONIST OF THE YEAR

2009	Judy Steckler, <i>Biloxi</i>
2008	Jeannine May, <i>Brandon</i>
2007	Ronnie Yarborough, <i>Arcola</i>
2006	Jack Branning, <i>Vicksburg</i>
2005	Sister Suzanne Pescay, <i>Chatawa</i>
2004	Robbie Fisher, <i>Jackson</i>
2003	Teresah Caire, <i>Tylertown</i>
2002	Kristi Sather-Smith, <i>Clinton</i>
2001	Dr. Charles M. "Charlie" Cooper, <i>Oxford</i>
2000	Laura Cook Beiser, <i>Clinton</i>
1997	Mississippi Soil and Water Conservation Commission Gale Martin, Executive Director
1996	Lynn Porter, <i>Clinton</i>
1995	Luther Knight, <i>Oxford</i>
1994	Paul Rodgrigue, <i>Black Hawk</i>
1992	Robert "Sonny" Jarrell, <i>Hattiesburg</i>
1991	John Monroe
1989	Luther F. "Sonny" Kesler, Jr.,

Crawford
 1988 Bernard King, *Pelahatchie*
 1987 John Dale IV, *Natchez*
 1986 Thomas E. Johnson, *Yazoo City*
 1985 A. E. "Gene" Sullivan, *Brandon*
 1984 Dalton G. Garner, *Booneville*

Mississippi Power & Light Co.,
Bolivar County
 Meridian Water Department,
Meridian
 International Paper Co., *Moss*
Point
 R. C. Rutledge, *Copiah County*

AIR AND WATER CONSERVATIONIST OF THE YEAR

1983 Dr. Julia Sever Lytle and Dr. Thomas F. Lytle, *Ocean Springs*
 1982 John Harper, *Jackson*
 1980 Hercules Incorporated,
Hattiesburg
 R. H. Heller, Manager
 1979 Bryan Foods, Inc., *West Point*
 George Bryan, President
 Roy Green, Vice President
 1978 Mississippi Chemical Corporation,
 Tom Parry, President, *Pascagoula*
and Yazoo City
 1977 Glen Wood, Jr., *Clinton*
 1976 Sylvia Minor, *Long Beach*

SOIL CONSERVATIONIST OF THE YEAR

1983 Bryan D. Stringer, Jr., *Natchez*
 1982 A. T. "Gus" Evans, *Shuqualak*
 1981 Bennie F. Hutchins, *Hazelhurst*
 1980 Dale Bullock, *Greenwood*
 1979 Michael H. Leach, *Monticello*
 1978 Tony L. Thompson, *Booneville*
 1976 Dr. Hiram D. Palmertree,
Mississippi State
 1974 James R. Stevenson, *Amory*
 1970 Dr. Harvey B. Vanderford
 1966 Will Neill, *Carrollton*
 1960 O. W. Scott, *Duck Hill*
 Regional: Woodrow W. Gray, *Etta*
 H. S. Wayse, *Benton*
 Jack W. Lilley, *Jackson*
 W. Luther Blackledge, *Saucier*
 Steve Smith, *Brookhaven*

WATER CONSERVATIONIST OF THE YEAR

1975 Larry E. Goldman, *Long Beach*
 1974 Dr. James B. Rucker, *Long Beach*
 1970 Swep T. Davis
 1966 A. R. Buford, *Jackson*
 1960 16th Section Development,
Jackson
 Regional: Lamar Ratliffe, *Prentiss*
County

CONSERVATION ORGANIZATION OF THE YEAR

1996 Wildlife Rehabilitation & Nature Preservation Society
 1994 Ducks Unlimited Private Lands Program
 1993 Marion County Forestry Association
 1992 Black Bear Conservation Committee, MS, LA, TX
 1991 Yalobusha Chapter of Ducks Unlimited
 1990 Save the Pascagoula
 1989 The Delta Caucus
 1988 Wildlife Rehabilitation and Nature Preservation Society, Inc.
 1987 Area IV Soil Conservation Technicians Association; Paul Waddie, President
 1986 North Lee Co. Sportsman's Club, *Saltito*
 1985 82 Conservation Association; Bob Mahaffey, President
 1983 East Mississippi Sportsmen's Association, *Meridian*
 1982 Friends of Deer Island; Ed Cake, President
 1981 Ole Blue Hunting Club, *New Albany*
 Mike Moore, President
 1980 South Mississippi Birdhunters Assn., *Gulfport*; Dr. Paul Rouse, President
 1979 The Lafayette County Soil and Water Conservation District, *Oxford*
 1978 East Mississippi Sportsmen's Assn., *Meridian*
 1977 Lowndes County Wildlife Federation, *Columbus*
 1976 The Garden Clubs of Mississippi
 1975 The Wildlife Heritage Committee
 1974 James Creek Hunting Club, *Tremont*
 Lawrence Bennett, Secretary
 1973 Lowndes County Wildlife

Federation, *Columbus*; Herb Morris, President

- 1966 Bolivar County Conservation League, *Cleveland*
1960 Bolivar County Conservation League, *Cleveland*

FARMER-SPORTSMAN RELATIONSHIP AWARD

- 1975 Ollie Richardson Horton, *Hollandale*
1973 G. H. Yarbrough, *Holly Springs*
1970 Marshall D. Treppendahl, *Woodville*

CONSERVATION OFFICER OF THE YEAR

- 2009 Bobby Gentry, *Brooksville*
2008 William A. "Billy" Smith, *Richton*
2007 Billy F. Murphy, *Quitman*
2006 Corporal Will Bowlin, *New Albany*
2005 Corporal Jason Blaylock, *Kosciusko*
2004 MDWFP Special Operations Unit, *Jackson*
2003 Sgt. Megan Ellis, *Cleveland*
2002 Bo Harris, *Columbus*
2001 John R. Taylor, *Ackerman*
2000 Sgt. Dwight Morrow, *Purvis*
1999 Jim Willcutt, *Starkville*
1998 Mike Ouzts, *Vicksburg*
1995 Danny Tompkins, *Vaiden*
1994 Kenny Neeley, *Jackson*
1993 Jackie Fleeman, *Cary*
1991 Garry Welford, *George County*
1989 Oris Cumbest, *Pascagoula*
1988 Special Investigative Unit of the Law Enforcement Division, MDWC
T. J. Jennings, Chief Investigator
1987 Terry Thomas, *Winona*
1986 Johnie M. Dawkins, *Starkville*
1985 Danny S. "Hank" Stringer, *Columbia*
1984 Kenneth Ross, *Sunflower*
1983 William Earl Smith, *Bay Springs*
1982 Shelby Davis, *Columbia*
1981 Robert Neely, *Itta Bena*
1980 Jarvis Parker, *Newton*
1979 George Wright, *Gulfport*
1978 Phillip Lee Reynolds, *Mississippi State*
1977 George W. McKay, *Pelahatchie*
1975 Buck Wright, Jr., *Aberdeen*

FISHERIES CONSERVATIONIST OF THE YEAR

- 2009 J. Read Hendon, *Ocean Springs*
2008 Ron Herring, *Ocean Springs*
2007 Walter (Bubba) Hubbard, *Holly Springs*
2006 Louis S. Thompson, *Tchula*
2005 Richard "Ricky" Campbell, *Tupelo*
2004 Phill Bass, *Bassfield*
2002 David Ronald "Ronnie" Thomas, *Hattiesburg*
2001 C. A. Schultz, *Columbus*
2000 MS Sport Fishing Foundation
1997 Enid Lake Habitat Volunteer Association
1996 David Ruple, *Ocean Springs*
1994 Larry Clay, *Eupora*
1993 Dr. Marty Brunson, *Starkville*
1992 Dr. Don Jackson, *Mississippi State University*
1991 James H. Barkley, *Jackson*

MISSISSIPPI WILDLIFE FEDERATION MERIT AWARD

- 2007 Linwood Grierson, *Moss Point*
2006 Pearl River Basin Coalition
Jerry Brown, *Forest*
Lt. Robert Enloe Neely, *Itta Bena*
2004 Jackie Henne-Kerr, *Rolling Fork*
Andrew Whitehurst, *Madison*
2003 Jim Tisdale, *Brooksville*
Town of Liberty
Mississippi Public Broadcasting
2002 MSG Mike Andrews (deceased), *Tylertown*
Mississippi Soil & Water Conservation Commission,
Jackson; Don Underwood, Executive Director
Anne Marie Moorman, *Madison*
2001 Tishomingo South Project
Purvis High School, Future Farmers of America
2000 Philip J. Strong, *Hazelhurst*
Doug Swords, *New Albany*
Thomas H. Jones, *Decatur*
Ken Hackman, *Madison*
1997 Daniel Willers, *Maben*
International Paper Co.
John Nugent, *Natchez*
Charlie Morgan, *Jackson*
Stephen Dicke, *Raymond*
1996 Tenneco Entergy/Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company
1995
1994 Chevron Companies, *Pascagoula*

Benny Smith, *Foxworth*
 Ernest Herndon, *Gloster*
 1993 Mari Harris, *Biloxi*
 Sharon Ebner, *Biloxi*
 Terry and Dee Dee Miles, *Port Gibson*
 Hollis Batson, *Wiggins*
 Crosby Arboretum, *Picayune*
 1992 Ocean Springs Junior High
 Hunter Ed Instructors
 Martha Murphy, *Pass Christian*
 Bob Wilson, *Jackson*
 Jimmy Bullock, *Vicksburg*
 1990 L. J. Smith, *Clinton*
 1989 Mississippi Project Learning Tree
 Bill Colvin, State Coordinator
 1987 Don Jones, *Iuka*
 1984 James D. Green, *Itta Bena*
 Will Sullivan, *Jackson*
 1983 Carey Pennington, *Columbus*
 Dr. Harold C. Hein, *Oxford*
 1982 Dr. James C. "Buddy" Griffin, Jr.,
Jackson
 1981 W. V. Robertson, *Pass Christian*
 Dr. Ross "Skip" Shelton, *Starkville*
 1980 Mississippi Power & Light
 Company
 Donald C. Lutkin, President
 Kingsport Island Hunting
 Association
 James R. Keenan, President
 1979 Whitetail Sportsmen's Club
 Columbus AFB
 1977 Johnnie Mack Dawkins, *Starkville*
 1973 Billy Joe Cross, *Jackson*
 1970 Ed Sullivan

**HUNTER SAFETY VOLUNTEER
INSTRUCTOR OF THE YEAR**

2009 Edward McGinnis, *Hernando*
 2008 Laura Giaccaglia, *Merigold*
 2007 Sterling T. (Bubba) Brown, Jr.,
Byhalia
 2006 Linda M. Brown, *Port Gibson*
 2005 Raymond and Sherry Radcliff,
Oakland
 2004 Ann Fulcher Ruscoe, *Clarksdale*
 2003 Edward H. Luse, *Brandon*
 2002 John D. "Jack" Withers, Jr.,
Woodville
 2001 Joseph R. Jones, *Canton*
 Carole Ray, *Arcola*
 2000 Dr. Thomas L. Smith, *Crystal Springs*

James Camp, *West Point*
 James Cash, *Greenwood*
 1999 Bennie E. Smith, *Foxworth*
 1998 Thomas Lee Williams, *Bay St. Louis*
 1997 Connie Patterson, *Fulton*
 1995 Buddy Kerr, *Columbus*
 1994 Billie Ellison, *Jackson*
 1993 Dr. W. L. Stabler, *Houston*
 1992 Robert E. Branning, *Brandon*
 1991 Petal Chapter Hunter Education
 Team
 1990 The District Six Hunter Education
 Association
 1989 Lon D. McLaurin, *Brandon*
 1987 James S. Cole, *Starkville*
 1986 Ernest M. Herrington, *Jackson*
 1985 Elizabeth S. Wolfe, *Lawrenceville, GA*
 1984 Tony C. Dollar, *Goodman*
 1983 Charles R. Everett, *Columbus*
 1982 Joe W. Goforth, *Calhoun City*
 1981 Robert "Bob" Watson, *Jackson*
 1980 Lee Taylor, *Waynesboro*
 1979 Henry D. Morgan, *Decatur*
 1978 John Hollingshead, Sr., *Memphis, TN*
 1977 Captain James H. Sellers, *Laurel*
 1976 Rene C. Berry, *Vicksburg*
 Vivian Armond, *Vicksburg*

**CONSERVATION LEGISLATOR
OF THE YEAR**

2003 Rep. William J. "Billy" McCoy,
Rienzi
 2002 Senator William G. Hewes III,
Gulfport
 2001 Secretary of State Eric Clark,
Brandon
 2000 Senator Thad Cochran, *Jackson*
 1999 Congressman Chip Pickering,
Laurel
 1998 Rep. Dick Livingston, *Pulaski*
 1993 Senator Lynn Posey, *Union Church*
 Senator Billy Hewes III, *Gulfport*
 1990 Senator Dick Hall, *Jackson*
 Rep. Bruce Hanson, *Columbus*
 1985 Congressman Webb Franklin,
Greenwood
 1984 Rep. Emmett H. Owens, *Jackson*
 1981 Rep. James C. Sumner, *Winona*
 1966 Walter Sillers, *Rosedale*

**CORPORATE CONSERVATIONIST
OF THE YEAR**

- 2009 Walmart
2008 Mississippi Power Company
2007 Weyerhaeuser Company
2005 Nissan North America, Inc.,
Canton
2003 L-3 Vertex Aerospace, *Madison*
2002 Packaging Corporation of
America, *Counce, TN*
2001 Cynthia Ramseur, The Nature
Conservancy, *Ocean Springs*
2000 International Paper, *Ridgeland*
1999 Haas Outdoors, Inc., *West Point*
1998 H. C. Clearman, Sandston, LLC
1997 Outback Steakhouse
1995 Chevron Pascagoula Refinery,
Pascagoula
1994 Mississippi Power Company,
Gulfport

**CONSERVATION BEAUTIFICATION AWARD
OF THE YEAR**

- 1974 Arnold Pancratz
1973 Andrew Jackson Council, Boy
Scouts of America; Woodrow
Benton, Council Conservation
Chairman, *Jackson*
1970 Mrs. Harold G. Hillebert

OUTDOOR WRITER OF THE YEAR

- 1960 Herbert Sandusky, *Jackson Daily
News*
Regional: Harry Marsh, *Leland*
Dudley B. Heilleger, *Gulfport*
Claude Gentry, *Baldwyn*

**MINERAL CONSERVATIONIST
OF THE YEAR**

- 1960 R. D. Morrow, *Brandon*
Regional: Arthur Elkin, *Aberdeen*
Robert H. Murphy, *Clarksdale*
P. B. Alford, *Morton*
Harold Hale, *Hattiesburg*
Lawrence Adams, *Natchez*

**GAME AND FISH CONSERVATIONIST
OF THE YEAR**

- 1960 Rev. J. W. Howell, *Juka*
Regional: Edward Harris,
Gunnison
C. F. Cooley, *Shubuta*
Mayor Fred Anderson, *Gloster*
Lamar Switzer, *Hansboro*

Director John Camp, *Natchez*

COUNTY AGENT IN 4-H WORK

- 1960 Walter L. Deen, *Corinth*
Regional: G. W. Gilliam, *Pontotoc*
David Tramell, Jr., *Senatobia*
J. L. Pigg, *Philadelphia*
Jerrold W. Walley, *Forest*

**4-H CLUB CONSERVATIONIST
OF THE YEAR**

- 1960 Cleat Tutor, *Randolph*
Regional: Hilton Richey, *New
Alabama*
O. C. Burns, *Senatobia*
Harlan Davis, *Meridian*
Charles Davis Hawkins, *Forest*

VOC-AG TEACHER OF THE YEAR

- 1960 I. L. Deen, *Ripley*
Regional: M. D. Graham, *Kossuth*
C. F. Fugitt, *Utica*
Ira Q. Weaver, *Scooba*
W. H. Owen, *Sumrall*
O. A. Cleveland, Sr., *Lexington*

FFA CONSERVATIONIST OF THE YEAR

- 1960 Troy Majure, Jr., *Utica*
Regional: James Melvin, *Kossuth*
O. A. Cleveland, Jr., *Lexington*
Marvin Monroe Bryan, *Scooba*
Kinard Burge, *Sumrall*

**BOY SCOUT CONSERVATIONIST
OF THE YEAR**

- 1960 Tommy Weaver, *Laurel*

MWF AFFILIATE OF THE YEAR

- 2009 Wolf River Conservation Society
2008 Magnolia Fly Fishers
2007 Southern Traditional Archery
2006 American Fisheries Society, MS
Chapter
2005 Magnolia Crappie Club
2004 Mississippi Chapter of the
National Wild Turkey Federation
2003 Wildlife Rehabilitation and Nature
Preservation Society, *Pass
Christian*
2002 Coastal Conservation Association
of Mississippi, *Hattiesburg*
2001 Rankin County Wildlife Federation
2000 MS Chapter of the National Wild
Turkey Federation

1999 MS Bowhunters Association
1998 MS Quality Deer Management
Assoc.
1997 Lowndes County Wildlife
Federation
Halon Robison, President

**MWF PRESIDENT'S AWARD
(LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT)**

2006 Mississippi Department of
Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks
2004 Dr. Marty Brunson, *Starkville*
2003 Billy Deviney, *Jackson*
1999 Bruce Brady, *Brookhaven*
1995 Penny Kochtitzky

MWF LIFETIME SERVICE AWARD

2000 Arnold J. "Jack" Herring, *Brandon*
1999 Bill Turcotte, *Richland*

MWF VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

2009 Frank W. Smith, *Madison*
2008 Tim Barber, *Ridgeland*

2007 George R. Wilson, *Bogue Chitto*
2006 Jayne Buttross, *Jackson*
2005 Sherry Hazelwood, *Philadelphia*
2004 Pam Lee, *Brandon*
2003 Rick Dillard, *Flowood*
2002 Jan Allinder, *Jackson*

**CATCH-A-DREAM VOLUNTEER
OF THE YEAR**

2009 Walt Taylor, *Alberquerque, NM*
2008 Jim Willcutt, *Starkville*
2007 Stephen and Cathy Dorris,
Lexington, TN
2006 Dr. Hart Bailey, *Starkville*
2005 Galo and Linda Grosinske,
Starkville
2004 Bob Griffin, *Starkville*

ELECTED OFFICIAL OF THE YEAR

2009 Representative Steven M. Palazzo,
Gulfport
2005 Congressman Gene Taylor, *Bay St.
Louis*

HALL OF FAME

2009	Gerald R. Barber, <i>Ridgeland</i>
2009	Johnny McArthur, <i>Hattiesburg</i>
2009	Elizabeth Rooks-Barber, <i>Ridgeland</i>
2009	Ramon Callahan, <i>Terry</i>
2009	Paul Ott Carruth, <i>Summit</i>
1993	W. V. Robertson
1993	Edward G. Sullivan

Corporate Members

Chevron
Weyerhaeuser
Mississippi Power Company
Entergy Mississippi, Inc.
Resource Management Service, LLC
South Mississippi Power Association
Balch & Bingham, LLP
Plum Creek Timber Company
Camo Candles

Volunteers

Dene Smith
Billie Ellison
Dick Withers
Vanda Spencer

Do you enjoy...fishing, hunting, walks in the woods, bird watching, swimming, boating, camping, archery, clean water, clean air, outdoor photography?

Do you want future generations to have the same opportunities to enjoy our natural resources as you've been afforded?

Then consider this...

It can't be done without you!

How can you make a difference? Get involved! Take a kid fishing or on a long walk in the woods, show them how to track a deer or turkey, go canoeing down a river or go on a camping trip. If you aren't sure how to get started, let the Mississippi Wildlife Federation help. Join us for Katfishin' Kids and learn all about fishing. Come to Outdoorama on the Rez and learn all about hunting. Perhaps you're interested in photography. Why not join us at the Outdoor Photography Workshop? The Mississippi Wildlife Federation offers many opportunities to get involved and welcomes your participation.

Another way you can help is to become a member of the Federation. We need you! The Federation cannot do this alone. As a member you help support the programs mentioned above and many more. Memberships are \$25 annually and can be purchased online at www.mswildlife.org.

“We should strive to be the image of a roaring lion
to the abusers, exploiters, cheaters and liars;
a paschal lamb to the concerned, sincere and dedicated;
educator to the unconcerned and misinformed;
advisor to the legislative bodies;
and mediator throughout the whole.”

– Ed Sullivan, MWF Past President



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