

# Renewable Natural Resources Foundation

## 2013 Awards Program Call for Nominations



In 1992, the Renewable Natural Resources Foundation established the nation's first awards to honor interdisciplinary achievements in the renewable natural resources fields. The two awards recognized individuals and projects. In 2001, RNRF established a third award to recognize excellence in journalism. The crystal tower awards from RNRF and its professional, scientific and educational member organizations, are presented at RNRF's annual meeting in the Washington, D.C. area.

The **Sustained Achievement Award** recognizes a long-term contribution and commitment by an individual to the protection and conservation of natural resources.

The **Outstanding Achievement Award** recognizes a project, publication, piece of legislation, or similar concrete accomplishment.

The **Excellence in Journalism Award** honors and encourages excellence in print journalism about natural resources.

# Previous Recipients

## Sustained Achievement Award

- 2012 - *Frederick R. Steiner, Austin, Texas*  
2011 - *Richard B. Alley, University Park, Pennsylvania*  
2010 - *William H. Schlesinger, Millbrook, New York*  
2009 - *Frank H. Wadsworth, Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico*  
2008 - *William Matuszeki, Washington, D.C.*  
2007 - *Cecil Lue-Hing, Burr Ridge, Illinois*  
2006 - *Heidi McAllister, Silver Spring, Maryland*  
2005 - *V. Philip Rasmussen, Jr., Logan, Utah*  
2004 - *L. Pete Heard, Madison, Mississippi*  
2003 - *Michael P. Dombeck, Stevens Point, Wisconsin*  
2002 - *Edward O. Wilson, Cambridge, Massachusetts*
- 2001 - *John Cairns, Jr., Blacksburg, Virginia*  
2000 - *William J. Carroll, Pasadena, California*  
1999 - *Jack Ward Thomas, Missoula, Montana*  
1998 - *Jane Lubchenco, Corvallis, Oregon*  
1997 - *William B. Stapp, Ann Arbor, Michigan*  
1996 - *William M. Lewis, Jr., Boulder, Colorado*  
1995 - *William E. Larson, St. Paul, Minnesota*  
1994 - *E. William Anderson, Lake Oswego, Oregon*  
1993 - *Marion Clawson, Washington, D.C.*  
1992 - *Gilbert F. White, Boulder, Colorado*

## Outstanding Achievement Award

- 2012 - *Changing Planet*  
2011 - *LEED for Neighborhood Development*  
2010 - *Michigan's Water Withdrawal Assessment Process*  
2009 - *Dig It! The Secrets of Soil, the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of Natural History*  
2008 - *Integrated Ecosystem Restoration and Hurricane Protection:  
Louisiana's Comprehensive Master Plan for a Sustainable Coast*  
2007 - *National Coastal Assessment*  
2006 - *Putting Communities in Charge, NEMO*  
2005 - *Life at the Water's Edge*  
2004 - *The Heinz Center's State of the Nation's Ecosystems*  
2003 - *The Seafood Lovers Almanac*  
2002 - *Natural Resources Leadership Course for Extension Agents, Texas A&M*  
2001 - *Stream Corridor Restoration: Principles, Processes and Practices*  
2000 - *Snow Goose/Arctic Ecosystem Education Initiative*  
1999 - *Guest River Restoration Project*  
1998 - *New Jersey Shore Cleanup Project*  
1997 - *Bruneau River Elk Management National Demonstration Area*  
1996 - *Florida Marine Spill Analysis System*  
1995 - *Manatee Messages Educational Video*  
1994 - *Continental Conservation Plan*  
1993 - *Illinois Rivers Project*  
1992 - *Water Resources Education Initiative*

## Excellence in Journalism Award

- 2012 - "Reversing 300 Years of Damage" Tim Wheeler, *The Baltimore Sun*  
2011 - *Growing Up WILD: Exploring Nature with Children Ages 3-7, Council for Environmental Education*  
2010 - *The Chesapeake Watershed: A Sense of Place and a Call to Action, Ned Tillman*  
2009 - "Invasive Species of Oregon," *Statesman Journal (Salem, OR)*  
2008 - "Fueling Iowa's Future: Biofuels" by a team of reporters, *The Des Moines Register*  
2007 - "Platte River Odyssey" University of Nebraska-Lincoln  
2006 - "Crude Awakening" *The Plain Dealer (Cleveland, OH)*  
2005 - "Invaded Waters" Tom Meersman, *Minneapolis Star Tribune*  
2004 - "Toxic Air: Lingering Health Menace" James Bruggers, *The Courier-Journal (KY)*  
2003 - "Our Troubled Sound" Robert McClure & Lisa Stiffler, *Seattle Post-Intelligencer*  
2002 - "Georgia's Disappearing Songbirds" Charles Seabrook, *Atlanta Journal-Constitution*  
2001 - *Bay Journal, Karl Blankenship, Editor, Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay*

# Nomination Guidelines

## Selection Criteria:

**Achievement Awards** Winners of the **Sustained Achievement Award** and **Outstanding Achievement Award** will be selected based on how well they have:

- 1) Advanced the renewable natural resources sciences and public education;
- 2) Promoted the application of sound scientific practices in managing and conserving renewable natural resources; and
- 3) Fostered coordination and cooperation among professional, scientific, and educational organizations having leadership responsibilities for renewable natural resources.

Works nominated for the Outstanding Achievement Award must have occurred during the three years prior to nomination.

**Journalism Award**

The **Excellence in Journalism Award** will be judged on the extent to which the work advances public education through dissemination of accurate and scientifically-based information that promotes public understanding of important natural resources issues.

The award recognizes print media including, for example, a book, on-line report, or an article/feature in a newspaper, magazine, journal, or newsletter. Visual media such as films or videos and highly technical publications or proceedings should be nominated for RNRF's Outstanding Achievement Award.

The work must have been published during the 2012 calendar year.

**Required information:**

Nominations for these awards may be submitted by any individual or organization. Nominations must include the following information:

- a) The nomination category and title of the work to be recognized: Sustained Achievement (individual's name), Outstanding Achievement (project title), or Excellence in Journalism (print media title).
- b) Your name, title, mailing address, telephone and fax number, and e-mail.
- c) Full name of person who would accept the award, present position, organizational affiliation, mailing address, telephone and fax number, and email.
- d) A clear, concise, and complete description (500-words or less) of the achievement to be recognized and statement of how the work or individual meets the award criteria.
- e) Eight copies of the work to be recognized or any supporting materials, which may include curriculum vitae (Sustained Achievement Award) or any relevant reports, publications, or similar products.

**Restrictions:** Not eligible for nomination are RNRF member organizations, present and former RNRF directors, and awards jury members. However, individual members of RNRF member organizations are eligible. Only nominees alive at the time of jury deliberations will be considered for the Sustained Achievement Award.

**Deadline:** Nominations and supporting materials must be **received at RNRF's offices by close-of-business on May 31, 2013.**

**Submit to:** Program Director, Renewable Natural Resources Foundation,  
5430 Grosvenor Lane, Suite 220, Bethesda, MD 20814

**Additional information:** For additional information about RNRF or the awards program visit <http://www.rnrf.org>, e-mail [info@rnrf.org](mailto:info@rnrf.org) or call (301) 493-9101.

## About RNRF

Renewable Natural Resources Foundation (RNRF) is a consortium of professional, scientific and educational organizations interested in sustaining the world's renewable natural resources. The foundation represents a unique, united endeavor by outdoor scientists to cooperate in assessing our renewable resources requirements and formulating public policy alternatives.

RNRF was established in 1972 to advance science, particularly interdisciplinary science, and public education in renewable natural resources, and promote the application of sound scientific

practices in managing and conserving renewable natural resources.

RNRF conducts national meetings, public-policy round tables, policy briefings and leadership summits. These activities are supplemented by international outreach activities and internships. *Renewable Resources Journal*, first published in 1982, promotes communication among RNRF's represented disciplines. Information about RNRF's programs is available at <http://www.rnrf.org>.

## RNRF Member Organizations

American Geophysical Union ♦ American Meteorological Society  
American Society of Civil Engineers ♦ American Society of Landscape Architects  
American Water Resources Association ♦ Geological Society of America  
Society of Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry  
Society of Wood Science and Technology ♦ Universities Council on Water Resources

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