

STEWARDSHIP AWARDS

Penlake Historical Committee

In 2001, the Stewardship Award Team developed an awarding process that recognized and rewarded good stewards of the Lake. It offered an award to be presented at our annual meeting to those who best preserved and protected the values of the Lake Plan Vision.

From the 2002 Spring issue of Pen Notes, when the award was being given for the first time, the following examples of good stewardship were noted as: minimal or no lawn, few and small docks, few accessory buildings near the shore, well-treed, natural shoreline and groundcover, septic system well-maintained, and minimal lighting directed down. The awards are based on the following criteria:

- Leadership – the impact of the example set for others
- Education - utility of the knowledge acquired and communicated to the membership
- Energy - persistence and consistency of activities
- Generosity – the sacrifice of self-interest in the pursuit of the Vision

AWARDS 2002 - 2016

2002 - Margaret E. Moffat (Mrs. Norman D. Moffat)

Given in appreciation of Margaret's dedication to preserving the natural beauty of Wolf Bay.



2003 ?? Does anyone know who won this year?

2004 Pat and Joe Doyle and Cathy Purvis

For care of the environment, the original forming of the Lake Plan and most importantly, the work done on preventing the continuation of the quarry. Pat, Cathy and Joe spent long hours rallying the forces to stop the quarry. Their "No Quarry @ Penlake" campaign was well-organized and effective.



2005 Dick and Sheila Morse

Sheila and Dick Morse had the vision to create a new home which was built in such a way as to minimize the impact on the lake. Managing stormwater run-off, planting native plants and trees, and keeping the Riparian Buffer zone natural. They considered the impact on the environment at each stage of construction.

2006 Susan and John Brenciaglia

For their commitment to their work on the Environment and making the lake eco-aware and their commitment to keeping their property natural.

2007 Lamon and McCann Families

The two families donated land to the Muskoka Heritage Foundation and Nature Reserve plus an additional 2 acres to the PLA, which is called "The Meadow" and will be used for PLA events.



2008 Joan and Gord Pratt

For their "Plant a Tree" program. They obtained small white pine saplings and distributed them around the lake to be planted by our lake shore. They initiated and carried out this program for many years.

2009 Jim Marshall and Tony Moffat

The contribution of 2 recipients was recognized. Jim Marshall for monitoring our impact with quiet dedication and Tony for passionately pushing us towards a smaller human footprint. Jim initiated the Benzoic Monitoring and Tony has been an environments advocate on many issues and raised our awareness of eco issues.



2010 Ann and John Eastmure

For keeping and growing natural plants to create a great large buffer on their Springsyde waterfront.

2011 The Penlake Community

To the members of the Peninsula Lake Association, past and present, who have so generously contributed their stewardship efforts for the preservation of the natural integrity of the Peninsula Lake Community. A commemorative stone sculpture made by Brenda Wainman-Goulet was placed on the Lamon McCaan Meadow.



2012 Mike and Monika Thorley

For the preservation of their natural shoreline on Peninsula Lake. Their award consisted of a plaque and pictures of their 800 feet of natural shoreline on Grassmere Shore.

2013 Lang Moffat

Lang Moffat IV received the award for his Milkweed Meadow which preserves and enhances habitat for the monarch butterflies. Lang has nurtured the meadow to allow the females, who travel thousands of miles, to lay their larvae.



2014 No Award Presented

2015 Alex and Barb Armstrong

For preserving the natural and historical character of their “Silvertrees” property. The natural shoreline and back property forest have not changed over the years, and have provided homes to a wide variety of wildlife. The walking path along the shoreline has been reinforced with naturally occurring grasses to prevent soil erosion. The antique boathouse has been faithfully maintained.

2016 Ken Harper

For caring for the ecosystem of the lake. When lake levels were low, he cleaned out garbage from the lake, he has spread the ashes from his fireplace in the woods in order to counteract an apparent depletion of calcium in our lake water and he has built bat houses and floating loon nests around the lake.