

Lake Citizen Award 2007-2017

Given each year to an individual or organization that works to protect and preserve Otsego Lake.

2007

At the annual meeting Paul Lord introduced the four individuals who had been designated as outstanding Lake Citizens by OLA. They were **Bryant Kolner** for his work identifying the mud plume effect in the lake, **Vera Talevi** for her persistent advocacy for a lake sewer district, **Suzy Kingsley** for designing and securing approval for the buffer strip, and **Lynn Marsh** for providing technical advice and plantings for the buffer strip. Certificates of appreciation were presented and the recipients were acknowledged.



2008

At the annual meeting Wayne Bunn announced the awarding of the Lake Citizen Award to the **Lake and Valley Garden Club** for it's' work in establishing Lake Front Buffer Strip Garden. Wayne detailed the history of the project which was culminated by the granting to the Lake and Valley Garden Club of the \$25,000 Founders' Fund Award by the Garden Club of America. Lake and Valley President Jean Johnson and former Presidents, Suzy Kingsley and Elaine Bresee accepted the Lake Citizen Award for the Club

2009

At the annual meeting Wayne Bunn announced the **Biological Field Station Volunteer Dive Team** as this year's Otsego Lake Association's Lake Citizen Award recipient. For their ten years of personal time, hard work, & dedication in helping to protect & preserve Otsego lake plus their participation in the on-going research projects of the Biological Field Station.

2010

At the annual meeting Wayne Bunn proceeded to announce that our annual Lake Citizen Award was being awarded to **Robert Busse** for his efforts in installing and maintaining the buffer strip at Lake Front Part. Wayne asked Suzy Kingsley to elaborate on Mr. Busse's contributions. Mr. Busse was not able to be present to accept the award.

2011

At the annual meeting Wayne Bunn announced that **Burr and Carrie Southworth** were recipients of the Lake Citizen award this year. He thanked them both for their years of service. Wayne noted Burr's work as charter and longtime director and creator of our web site and Carrie's service as OLA Treasurer.

2012

At the annual meeting Wayne Bunn announced **Lynn Marsh** of Roseboom was the recipient of the Lake Citizen award this year. She was thanked for her time, talent and design in the creation of the Springfield Landing Buffer Strip.



2013

At the annual meeting Wayne Bunn presented the Lake Citizen Award to **Doug and Donna Greene** for the design and construction of wetlands for storm water run-off at their home in Pierstown.



Photo credit: Pati Grady

2014

At the annual meeting Mickie Richtsmeier presented the Lake Citizen Award to **The Village of Cooperstown** (Mayor Katz was present to accept the award) for the support & maintenance of the lakefront buffer strip, installation of the stormwater sediment traps on lower Pioneer St., stormwater runoff sidewalks on Main St., boat inspection station, boat wash facility and working with NYSDOT to encourage a safer herbicide along Route 80.



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2015

Wayne Bunn presented the Lake Citizen Award to the group known as “**Friends of Otsego Lake and Route 80**” for their work in saving and protecting the shoreline of Otsego Lake north of Five Mile Point by preventing NYSDOT’s original plan to replace an old wood retaining wall by demolishing two camps and one boat house and then dumping tons of heavy crushed stone rip-rap in the lake similar to what they have done near Three Mile Point; NYSDOT eventually constructed a concrete retaining wall and landscaping plants to blend in with the area plus the two camps and boat house were saved.



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2016

Wayne Bunn presented the Lake Citizen Award to **Lt. Col. Paul H. Lord** (USMC - Retired) FOR HIS WORK AS DIVE MASTER OF THE BFS VOLUNTEER DIVE TEAM, COORDINATING THE ANNUAL INSTALLATION AND REMOVAL OF THE 23 NO WAKE ZONE BUOYES, ANNUAL TRAINING OF THE BOAT INSPECTION ATTENDANTS, TEACHING THE ANNUAL INVASIVE SPECIES COURSE, ANNUAL MAINTENANCE OF THE LAKEFRONT BUFFER STRIP, SETTING OUT THE SIGNS FOR THE BOAT PARADE AND OLA MEETINGS, ARRANGING FOR AND DRIVING THE BARGE FOR THE BOAT PARADES, SERVING AS OLA’S REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE NEW BOAT WASHING STATION, AND SERVING AS PAST PRESIDENT OF OLA AND LONG TIME DIRECTOR – ALL FOR HIS GENUINE CONCERN TO ENSURE THE HEALTH, WELL BEING, WATER QUALITY, AND FUTURE OF OTSEGO LAKE - TRULY A LOCAL TREASURE WE ALL LOVE!

2017



Wayne Bunn presented the Lake Citizen Award to **Dr. Willard “Bill” Harman** FOR HIS 50 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS RESEARCH AND REPORTING ON THE CONDITION OF OTSEGO LAKE, BEING DIRECTOR OF THE SUNY ONEONTA BIOLOGICAL FIELD STATION SINCE 1968, EDUCATING HUNDREDS OF BIOLOGY STUDENTS AND INTERNS IN THE FIELD OF LIMNOLOGY, WORKING WITH AREA FARMERS TO IMPLEMENT LAKE FRIENDLY AGRICULTURAL PRACTICES, OVERSEEING CONSTRUCTION OF THE BOARDWALK AND MAINTAINING THE GOODYEAR SWAMP, DEVELOPING THE THAYER FARM AND BOATHOUSE FOR EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES, STARTING AND RUNNING THE MASTERS DEGREE PROGRAM IN LAKE MANAGEMENT, AND, MOST IMPORTANTLY, FOR HIS GENUINE INTEREST AND DEDICATION TO ENSURE THE HEALTH, WELL BEING, WATER QUALITY, AND FUTURE OF OTSEGO LAKE - TRULY A LOCAL TREASURE WE ALL LOVE!