2005 Award Recipients

The Benton H. Box Award - not awarded this year
The William C. Everhart Award - Ted T. Cable
The Dwight A. Holder Award - not awarded this year
The Walter T. Cox Award - Van Stickles
The Fran P. Mainella Award - Martha C. Bogle
The Robert G. Stanton Award - awarded in alternate years

The Benton H. Box Award

The Award is named in appreciation of Dr. Box's distinguished career as an educator/administrator, especially as Dean of the College of Forest and Recreation Resources at Clemson University, which he led to national and international recognition for academic excellence and for leadership in fostering private innovation in resource management. The Award recognizes the teacher who by precept and example inspires in students the quest for knowledge; or the administrator who fosters a learning environment and encourages curriculum innovation to inculcate an "environmental ethic" as the rule of conduct involving resource management, development and utilization; or the private practitioner whose management over a sustained period demonstrates leadership in preserving, enhancing, renewing and restoring a livable environment.

The Benton H. Box Award is awarded for recognition as a teacher who by precept and example inspires in students the quest for knowledge and encourages curriculum innovation to inculcate an "environmental ethic" as the rule of conduct.

The William C. Everhart Award

The Award is named in appreciation of the distinguished career of Bill Everhart as field interpreter, researcher, administrator, author, and creator of
the National Park Service's Harpers Ferry Center for creative design and communication, which has received national and international recognition for excellence. The Award recognizes sustained achievements during a career or in a specific episode that illuminate, provide creative insights to, and that foster an appreciation of our natural and cultural heritage.

The William C. Everhart Award was presented to Ted T. Cable for sustained achievements in interpretation that have illuminated, created insights to, and fostered an appreciation of our cultural and historic heritage.

Dr. Ted T. Cable is Assistant Department Head and Professor of Park Management and Conservation at Kansas State University. Ted Cable has conducted research in the fields of human dimensions of natural resource management and environmental interpretation. He has authored or co-authored six books and more than 150 articles on conservation-related topics. Ted served as the first Editor of the Journal of Interpretation Research and continues to serve as an Associate Editor.

Dr. Cable has designed several parks and nature preserves and has consulted on conservation projects in more than 20 states. He has conducted interpretation training workshops for several state and federal agencies as well as private organizations such as The Nature Conservancy’s Konza Prairie, The Morton Arboretum, and Chicago’s John G. Shedd Aquarium.

Dr. Cable has extensive international experience having traveled to 30 countries and having worked extensively in Latin America and West Africa. As a visiting professor, he has taught interpretation in the Tourism Department of Blaise Pascal University in France and lectured at other French universities. He will spend next spring in France again teaching and writing as a visiting professor at Blaise Pascal University.

His books include two books about interpretation, both of which are in their
second editions, Interpretation for the 21st Century: 15 Guiding Principles for Interpreting Nature and Culture (with Larry Beck) and Interpretation of Cultural and Natural Resources (with Doug Knudson and Larry Beck). Interpretation for the 21st Century, has been translated and published in Chinese and is used in universities in Taiwan. This book also is used in the tourism program at Blaise Pascal University in France. His other books are also interpretive in nature. Commitments of the Heart: Odysseys in West African Conservation, features a Foreword by famed conservationist Dr. Jane Goodall, and it interprets the challenges and inspiring successes of West African conservationists. Dr. Cable also wrote a book interpreting the cultural and natural landscape of Kansas titled, Driving Across Kansas. He has co-authored two books aimed at interpreting birds. His most recent book is Birds of the Great Plains, co-authored with National Association for Interpretation Fellow, the late Bob Jennings.

Dr. Cable has won several Kansas State University awards for teaching, advising, and service, and both the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Department of Agriculture have honored him for outstanding teaching in the field of environmental education and interpretation. He has received the National Association for Interpretation’s (NAI) two highest awards; the “Master of Interpretation” Award in 1996 and he was named a Fellow of NAI in 2000. Region 6 of NAI has presented him with awards for "Best Interpretive Site Publication" and "Best Newsletter Article". He has received several awards from the Association of Missouri Interpreters including, "Best Presentation Awards" at their 2002 and 2005 annual meetings and a "Lifetime Achievement Award" in 2004.

Dr. Cable earned a B.S. degree in biology from the University of Illinois-Chicago and both a M.S. degree in wildlife ecology and a Ph.D. in forestry from Purdue University. He was born in Coronado, California and raised in the Chicago area. He and his wife Diane have three sons.

The Dwight A. Holder Award
The Award is named in honor of Mr. Holder's illustrious career as an entrepreneur and public servant. As Chairman of the South Carolina Parks, Recreation and Tourism Commission he led South Carolina's parks into a new era of service to the people of South Carolina and the nation. The Award recognizes outstanding work by doctoral candidates in the Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism Management; a member of the Department faculty for original research, scholarly writing, and innovative and inspired teaching; the faculty adviser and graduate student as a team, for initiatives that foster understanding of and provide new insights into the promotion, management, wise use and enjoyment of South Carolina's natural and cultural heritage in perpetuity; and distinguished academic leadership by a member of the Department faculty. (Mr. Holder passed away in Spring 2006).

The Dwight A. Holder Award is awarded for outstanding work as a doctoral student in PRTM and sustained achievement after graduation, management, wise use, and conservation of natural and cultural resources.

This was not awarded this year.

The Walter T. Cox Award

The Award is so named in appreciation of Dr. Cox's distinguished career in education and public service, especially his tenure as President of Clemson University and as the Director of the Santee-Cooper Authority. The Award recognizes sustained achievement in public service on the firing line, where the public interest meets the private interest in public policy formulation and administration; distinguished leadership and support of innovation in conflict resolution of policy initiatives that enhance the quality of life; personal achievements during a career or in a specific episode that provides inspiration and leadership to others in serving the above purposes.

The Walter T. Cox Award was presented to Van Stickles for sustained
Van Stickles is the Director of the South Carolina State Park Service, an agency he has served for the past 32 years. Mr. Stickles will retire this year after a distinguished career dedicated to the people of South Carolina and the parks that he loves.

He began his career at Myrtle Beach and Huntington Beach State Parks the day after graduating from Clemson’s Department of Recreation and Park Administration. He later served as a District Superintendent and in 1990, was appointed as the Assistant Director of State Parks in Columbia. In 1999, he became Director.

Under Van’s leadership, the SC State Park Service forged a partnership with the National Park Service to develop a seamless system of parks resulting in an unprecedented level of cooperation and programs between the State Park Service and the National Park Service.

Mr. Stickles also lead the Park Service in the development of General Management Plans for all 46 state parks. The General Management Plan provides the mechanism for Park Managers to effectively direct all activities related to the operation and resource management of each state park. He has been an active member of the National Association of State Park Directors and he also served as the President of the Association of Southeastern State Park Directors.

As a 1973 graduate of Clemson University, he has always generously supported the PRTM department in various ways, from class lectures, to developing internships, to working with students in the graduate program.

Mr. Stickles resides in Elloree, SC with his wife Linda. They have three adult children and are the proud grandparents of twin boys with another
grandchild expected later this year.

The Fran P. Mainella Award

The Award is named in appreciation of the dynamic career of Fran Mainella as the first woman Director of the National Park Service. As Director, she focused some of her many efforts on creating systems of connected parks and developing innovative partnerships to expand services. Director Mainella was previously the Director of the Florida State Park Service and the Executive Director of the Florida Recreation and Park Association. The Award recognized sustained and innovative achievement by a woman in the management of North America's natural, historic or cultural heritage.

The Fran P. Mainella Award is awarded to Martha C. Bogle for sustained and innovative achievement by a woman in the management of North America's natural, historical, or cultural heritage.

Martha Bogle currently serves as Superintendent of Congaree National Park, a 22,000-acre old-growth bottomland hardwood forest and wilderness area near Columbia, S.C. During her ten years at Congaree National Park, she has been instrumental in developing the community support and partnerships the park relies on to carry out its mission. The partnership projects range in scope from volunteers manning the visitor center’s information desk 99% of the time to National Guard Civil Engineers Squadrons constructing the park’s first entrance road and visitors center. The National Guard partnership allowed the National Park Service to save over $5.6 million, acquire the park’s first publicly owned entrance road, three parking lots, visitor center, and administrative building while providing a service and training project for the National Guard units. Other groups such as the Friends of Congaree Swamp, Boy Scout troops, and the Americorps National Civilian Community Corps help construct trails, boardwalks, trail kiosks, and bridges. State agencies and local universities partner with the park to conduct research valuable to the park and the participating
institution. Her work and leadership enabled Congaree National Park to become what she describes as a “partnership park” to accomplish many goals that would otherwise be impossible with the park’s limited resources.

Ms. Bogle's government experience spans 26 years at nine National Park Service sites and one National Wildlife Refuge. She began her career as a seasonal Park Ranger at Great Smoky Mountains National Park in 1978. Other seasonal assignments took her to Everglades National Park and Great Sand Dunes National Monument. Her first permanent job came in 1982 as a dispatcher at Great Smoky Mountains National Park. In 1984, she moved back into the field as a Park Ranger at Obed Wild and Scenic River, followed by a position as an Assistant Outdoor Recreation Planner at Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge. In 1987, she returned to the National Park Service as an Interpretive Specialist at the Blue Ridge Parkway. Beginning in 1992, she served as the Chief of Visitor Services at Carl Sandburg National Historic Site before accepting her current assignment in 1995. She also has performed details as Acting Assistant Superintendent at Cape Hatteras National Seashore, Mammoth Cave National Park, and Independence National Historical Park.

Originally from a small town in middle Tennessee, Ms. Bogle received her B.A. in Botany from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. She is looking forward to her new position this September as deputy Superintendent at the Blue Ridge Parkway.

**The Robert G. Stanton Award**

The Award is named in appreciation of the remarkable career of Robert Stanton as the first African-American Director of the National Park Service. Among the many accomplishments of Director Stanton was expansion of the interpretation of diverse cultural meanings inherent in National Parks and increased participation by racial and ethnic minorities as both visitors and employees. The Award recognized sustained and innovative achievement by a member of a racial or ethnic minority in the management of North...
America's natural, historic and cultural heritage.

The Bob Stanton Award is awarded for sustained and innovative achievement in management of North America's natural, historic and cultural heritage.

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