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# NATURE SASKATCHEWAN NEWS

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## NATURE SASKATCHEWAN FELLOWS AWARD

Presented to Garth Nelson.

Garth Nelson is most certainly one of the hardest working members of the Society. From 1995 to 1999, he served on the Nature Saskatchewan board as our Conservation Director. He set the standard for our board members with his well-written reports and perspectives, and articulate presentations. Prior to his term on the Nature Saskatchewan board, he was on the board of the Saskatoon Nature Society, serving as president in 1994-1996. Garth has also led numerous tours to natural areas around the province conveying his knowledge and love of nature to others. Garth's many years of hard work in the name of conservation make him worthy of being designated a Fellow of the Society. (Excerpted from the award presentation made by Diana Bizeki Robson, NS President)

## NATURE SASKATCHEWAN CONSERVATION AWARD 2000

Presented to Muriel Carlson

Muriel's involvement with the Turtle Lake district goes back many years. She and her husband Garry purchased property and built a small cabin on Indian Point when their children were small. Over the years she has compiled detailed records of Turtle Lake's natural history, and has now expanded her horizons to include large tracts of the surrounding countryside.



*Muriel Carlson receiving the Conservation Award from Nature Saskatchewan's President, Diana Bizeki Robson.*

Muriel's determination to preserve a portion of the area's natural habitat was a logical consequence of her work there. Almost single-handedly, she began promoting the idea among Turtle Lake residents, while finding her way through the multi-leveled maze of government bureaucracy and at the same time tackling corporations, businesses, and other related organizations for funding. Nature Saskatchewan's Turtle Lake Sanctuary is now a reality.

Currently, Muriel is directing her energies towards the establishment of a Turtle Lake chapter of Nature Saskatchewan, and organizing boreal forest field trips for upcoming Nature Saskatchewan events. Her infectious enthusiasm for the cause of nature never wavers. I wonder if someone should warn Victoria about the dynamo who has selected that fair city for a wintering ground! (Excerpted from the award presentation made by Diana Bizeki Robson, NS President)

## NATURE SASKATCHEWAN VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD

Presented to Burt Gibson

Burt Gibson of Regina stepped in to keep the Blue Jay Bookshop functioning in the summer of 1999. Without him, the bookshop would have closed. He made sure the bookshop orders were made promptly, maintained the inventory and greatly assisted the office staff with bookshop financial matters and with the bookshop catalogue. In addition, he trained the current Bookshop Manager, Diane Secoy-Smith, who took over in April 2000. Burt and his wife Lois are former Blue Jay Bookshop Managers and he has been a very active member of the Regina Natural History Society. (Written by Robert Warnock, Director of Member Services).

## MORGOTCH AWARD

Jean Harris's spectacular slides of Great Horned Owls shown at the Nature Saskatchewan Fall Meet earned her this award.

## CLIFF SHAW AWARD

This award for the best, written submission to Blue Jay in the last year was given to Carolyn Curtis of Winnipeg for her article, "Birds, Bugs and Bears" which appeared in the December 1999 issue.



*This Chickadee was bathing so hard, it flipped over on its back.*

*Gwen Klebeck*