
NATURE SASKATCHEWAN NEWS

The following awards were presented at Nature Saskatchewan's Fall Meet in 2001: **Fellows Award** to Carman Dodge and Bill Sarjeant, **Conservation Award** to Peter Kingsmill, **Volunteer of the Year** to Nancy Allen, **Cliff Shaw Award** to James K. (Kerry) Finley and **Larry Morgotch Award** to Dale Hjertaas.

Conservation Director, Attila Chanady provided *Blue Jay* with the following comments from his presentation of the Conservation Award at the meet.

Peter Kingsmill is a dedicated conservationist, who, with his unflagging energy, creativeness and passion, has contributed perhaps more than anyone else to the development of the Redberry Pelican Project, begun in 1989, and later to the efforts made to achieve the designation of world biosphere reserve

for the Redberry Lake area. All those years he campaigned ceaselessly to stop commercial resort development near the lake, to raise the profile of the sanctuary, and to promote the idea of conservation in the community of Hafford. He was also one of the driving forces behind the creation of an interpretive centre at Redberry Lake.

Peter was one of the six original founders and the first president of the Saskatchewan Watchable Wildlife Association, which later evolved into the Ecotourism Society of Saskatchewan. During his involvement with these organizations, he played a significant role in the development of an ecotourism strategy, an ecotourism accreditation process, and a system of designating and monitoring ecotourism sites in Saskatchewan.



American White Pelicans

Wayne Lynch