

VIRGINIA M. KLINE AWARD  
COMMUNITY-BASED ECOLOGICAL RESTORATION



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*Fourteenth Annual*

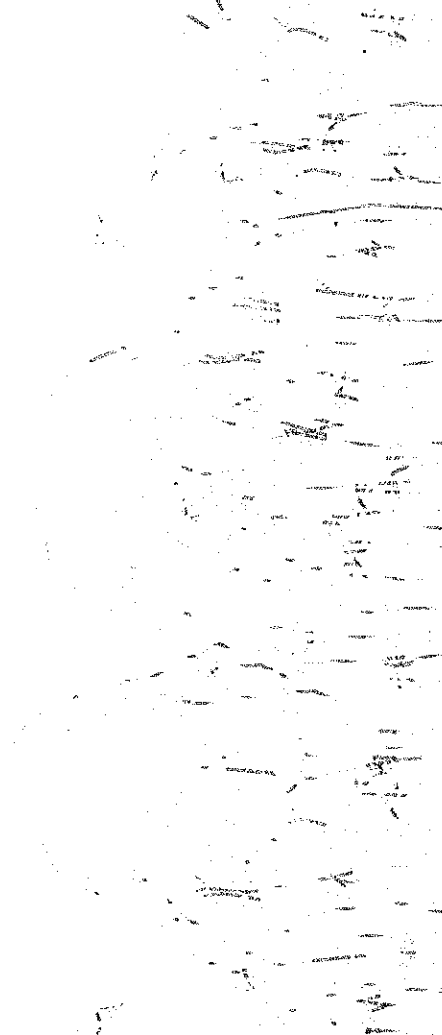
LEOPOLD RESTORATION AWARDS  
*Banquet & Recognition Ceremony*

**Natural Heritage Land Trust**

The Natural Heritage Land Trust (NHLT) is honored for the variety and effectiveness of partnerships it has created to manage the Westport Drumlin State Natural Area and Westport Drumlin Preserve. In 2009, the NHLT began to protect private land around the 14-acre Westport Drumlin State Natural Area. Its Westport Drumlin Preserve project is now 213 acres and includes several prairie remnants.

To acquire and manage such a large project, NHLT has built a broad range of partnerships, cultivating involvement by neighbors such as farmer Jim Koites, botanist Nancy Schlimgen, and Town of Westport Board Chair John Van Dinter. NHLT has also enlisted the assistance of like-minded organizations: The Prairie Enthusiasts (whose involvement at Westport Drumlin predates that of NHLT) has provided a restoration model and a strong volunteer base (including UW Badger Volunteers), while the Madison Audubon Society facilitated the Prairie Partners Interns, a group of hard-working undergraduates. Additionally, NHLT has provided meaningful work for participants in Operation Fresh Start, which provides disconnected youth a path to self-sufficiency. These community partnerships have enabled NHLT to manage a precious natural area.

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2016 LEOPOLD RESTORATION AWARDS JUDGES

Thomas Blewett

Ted Koehler

Steve Swenson

Evelyn Howell

Floral arrangements created by the West Side Garden Club and Susan Carpenter, Arboretum Native Plant Gardener



Join us in October 2017 for the Fifteenth Annual Leopold Restoration Awards

Consider nominating a worthy group or individual for the 2017 awards. Contact Karen Deaton, Director of the Friends of the Arboretum, Inc., at [director@friendsofhearborummadison.org](mailto:director@friendsofhearborummadison.org), for nominating information.

WELCOME!

We are delighted that you could join us tonight as we honor those who have made a difference in the field of ecological restoration and in the lives of the many people touched by their work.

The Leopold Restoration Awards program was founded by the Aldo Leopold Foundation, Inc., and the Friends of the Arboretum, Inc., in 2002 and is jointly sponsored by the two organizations. The program is administered by the Friends of the Arboretum. Proceeds support Friends of the Arboretum programs and projects, which enhance the University of Wisconsin-Madison Arboretum's capability to accomplish its research, education, and outreach.

Our vision for these awards is to highlight the work of our award winners, the UW-Madison Arboretum, and the Aldo Leopold Foundation to foster an ethical relationship between people and land, as envisioned by Aldo Leopold.



Aldo Leopold Foundation archives

*"The land ethic simply enlarges the boundaries of the community to include soils, waters, plants, and animals; or collectively the land. In short, a land ethic changes the role of Homo sapiens from conqueror of the land-community to plain member and citizen of it."*

—Aldo Leopold, A Sand County Almanac

