



# Canadian Environment Awards 2006



## EMBARGO UNTIL JUNE 5, 2006, 6 P.M. (PT) / 9 P.M. (EST) Canadian Environment Awards Announces Winners for 2006

VANCOUVER, JUNE 5, 2006 — The **Canadian Environment Awards** hosted a gala evening at Vancouver's spectacular Pan Pacific Hotel to recognize winners during its fifth anniversary celebration of environmental achievement. The **Canadian Environment Awards** is a major event during **Canadian Environment Week** and it celebrates the commitment of Canadians who are helping to protect, preserve and restore the country's environment. The evening was hosted by broadcasting personalities Vicki Gabereau and Robert Groulx. Representatives from three levels of government were on hand to congratulate the winners.

The **Community Awards**, the centrepiece of the **Canadian Environment Awards**, honours individuals and groups of Canadians chosen from more than 130 nominations submitted by the Canadian public. Gold and Silver winners in six categories of the **Community Awards** were announced tonight (see reverse). "These extraordinary Canadians are making a real difference in communities across Canada," says Clive Mather, president and CEO of Shell Canada, founding partner of the **Canadian Environment Awards**. "We hope their stories will inspire many others to become involved in activities to improve our environment."

Mr. Mather presented the Gold and Silver recipients with prizes of \$5,000 and \$2,500, respectively, which they will donate to the environmental cause of their choice. All winners also received framed plaques donated by Canada Post and expressly designed for the **Canadian Environment Awards**.

The **Citation of Lifetime Achievement** was presented to Sheila Watt-Cloutier, who also delivered the evening's keynote address. As chair of the Inuit Circumpolar Conference, Ms. Watt-Cloutier has worked tirelessly for environmental protection and sustainability for Inuit, and her leadership and influence have been pivotal in helping Canadians and the world at large understand the significance of such key issues as persistent contaminants and climate change.

Wildlife artist Robert Bateman was presented with the inaugural **Ideas for Life Award**, a distinction given in recognition of efforts to promote conservation and elevate environmental awareness through excellence in the arts, entertainment and design.

The Junior and Senior winners (see reverse) of **The Green Team Challenge** were also honoured for environmental projects at school and in their communities.

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Photographs of the Canadian Environment Awards 2006 gala and biographies of each of this year's finalists are available at [www.canadiangeographic.ca/cea2006](http://www.canadiangeographic.ca/cea2006)

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## WINNERS OF THE CANADIAN ENVIRONMENT AWARDS 2006

### GOLD AND SILVER COMMUNITY AWARDS WINNERS

#### CLIMATE CHANGE

- GOLD:** Scouts Canada, Climate Change Education and Action Program, Ottawa, Ontario
- SILVER:** Alysia Garmulewicz, Canadian Youth Climate Change Conference, New Denver, British Columbia
- SILVER:** Claude Villeneuve, activist and teacher, Laterrière, Quebec

#### CONSERVATION

- GOLD:** Bill Freedman, Nature Conservancy of Canada, Halifax, Nova Scotia
- SILVER:** Héritage Saint-Bernard, community-based conservation group, Châteauguay, Quebec
- SILVER:** Wayne Sawchuk, Muskwa-Kechika Management Area, Chetwynd, British Columbia

#### ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

- GOLD:** Canadian Association of Physicians for the Environment (CAPE), Operation Pesticide Bylaw, Toronto, Ontario
- SILVER:** Families Against Radiation Exposure (FARE), citizens group fighting radioactive pollution, Port Hope, Ontario
- SILVER:** Groupe Eco-Action, model for sustainable health-care practices, Montréal, Quebec

#### ENVIRONMENTAL LEARNING

- GOLD:** Ruth Foster, Centennial School Salmon Project, Belcarra, British Columbia
- SILVER:** Comité de valorisation de la rivière Beauport, Adopt a River, Beauport, Quebec
- SILVER:** Paul Hanley, writer and activist, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

#### RESTORATION & REHABILITATION

- GOLD:** Comité de restauration de la rivière Etchemin, salmon restoration project, Saint-Léon-de-Standon, Quebec
- SILVER:** Rivière Vivante, Saint-Charles river restoration, Québec, Quebec
- SILVER:** Ralph Simpson, Bur Oak Project, Fredericton, New Brunswick

#### SUSTAINABLE LIVING

- GOLD:** Nicole Rycroft, Markets Initiative, Vancouver, British Columbia
- SILVER:** Kitchener-Waterloo YMCA Outdoor Centre, eco-friendly outdoor centre and camp, St. Clements, Ontario
- SILVER:** Quest Outreach Society, food-recovery program, Vancouver, British Columbia

### THE GREEN TEAM CHALLENGE

#### JUNIOR

Sedley School, Sedley, Saskatchewan

The Grade 7 and 8 class at Sedley School is doing its part to help restore the vanishing native Saskatchewan prairie. The school-grounds project helps students learn about plant species, hands-on care, cultivation and seed collection and develop an awareness and appreciation for natural heritage and diversity. A potential outdoor classroom, the area is used to monitor bloom times of several indicator species that help plot signs of climate change.

#### SENIOR

Heart Lake Secondary School, Brampton, Ontario

The environmental club at Heart Lake Secondary School has raised the bar with its comprehensive program: an Earth Week celebration, community cleanups, the promotion and sale of fair trade food, environmental events and speakers, including mentoring of junior schools in their area. The club also helped coordinate the first-ever region-wide tree planting where over 100 students from various schools simultaneously planted thousands of trees, plants and shrubs.

### CITATION OF LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT

Sheila Watt-Cloutier, chair, Inuit Circumpolar Conference and climate-change activist, Iqaluit, Nunavut

### IDEAS FOR LIFE AWARD

Robert Bateman, wildlife artist and naturalist, Saltspring Island, British Columbia

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