



MARTHA HATCH AWARD NOMINATIONS DUE BY SEPTEMBER 30

Nominations for the 2010 Martha Hatch Award are being accepted. This year's winner will be selected by an anonymous Selection Committee under the leadership of John Bertrand, who was asked to undertake this responsibility by Paul White, President of the Friends. The winner will be announced at the Friends Annual Dinner on Thursday, November 18, during the Festival of the Cranes and preceding the Keynote Speaker program.

Please, submit nominations to Paul White (pcwhite@ix.netcom.com) or to Leigh Ann Vradenburg (Friends@sdc.org). Nominations should include a brief statement summarizing the nominee's contributions to the Friends and/or the Refuge. Nominations must be received by Sept. 30 to be considered.

Qualifications:

The original language establishing the Martha Hatch Award states:

“This Award is given to the person who best exhibits the characteristics of an ideal volunteer and who has made outstanding volunteer contributions to the Friends and the Refuge. The Award is named after Martha Hatch, who was the Friends first newsletter editor, and who gave 6 years of dedicated service in that capacity.”

Among the guidelines that the Selection Committee will follow in evaluating nominees for the 2010 Award are the following:

1. A Nominee must be a current member of the Friends.
2. Paid staff of the Friends or the Refuge are not eligible.
3. A Nominee may not have previously received the Martha Hatch Award (see list below).
4. Volunteer contributions in prior years will be considered; more recent activities may be given additional weight.
5. Service to the Friends in an official capacity (Board Member, committee member, or other appointed or otherwise designated capacity) will be considered.
6. Volunteer service on the Refuge in a capacity not administered by the Friends, or with the Festival of the Cranes may be considered.
7. Financial contributions and “Sustaining Friends Membership” will be considered.
8. Participation in service clubs, civic activities, etc., unless participating as a representative of the Friends, will not be considered.

Past Martha Hatch Award Winners

Martha Hatch
Roy Poole
Phil Norton
John Bertrand
Robert Kruidenier
Jerry Goff

Betty Davis
Steve Green
Park Borgeson
Percy Deal
Jon Morrison
Barbara DuBois