



T. Elizabeth Pate Coreopsis Award Selection Process, Criteria and Recognition Policy

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SELECTION PROCESS:

By contacting the Chair, anyone may nominate anyone for the award. Annually, by July 1, in consultation with Executive Committee and Executive Director, the Chair may select one person to receive the award.

SELECTION CRITERIA:

The Chair has unabridged authority to select the award recipient. With this authority is responsibility for selecting an individual worthy of the Foundation's highest and most prestigious honor. The award recognizes one individual, anyone, who advances or has advanced the mission of the Foundation. This individual may be a Foundation member, volunteer, director, employee, contractor, or friend. Eligible recipients include, but are not limited to, farmers, ranchers, rangers, scientists, educators, students, journalists, authors, artists, advocates, and government officials. Recipients of the award have made exceptional impact on the Foundation, or grown understanding, awareness, protection, visibility, or enjoyment of Florida native wildflowers. These impacts endure over a long time, vast area, or affect many people. Though less common, the award may be presented to individuals who, by a single act, had significant impact.

AWARD RECOGNITION:

Immediately after the selection, the Chair will notify the Executive Director, and contact the recipient in person, by phone, or by other media to notify them they have won the award. After notifying the recipient, the Board may be notified. Before the end of July, the Chair will prepare and send a keepsake letter of recognition on Foundation letterhead. At the Annual Meeting or other appropriate event or venue, the Chair will have the honor of presenting the award. The award is an inscribed crystal vase or a memento with meaning and value to the recipient. The letter will include information about when the award will be presented, and that the Executive Director will follow up to arrange for notification and invitations of media, friends, family, and employer. Public recognition is an opportunity to celebrate the award recipient and grow awareness of native wildflowers and the Foundation.

REMEMBERING ELIZABETH PATE:

Annually, when presenting the award, and in public recognition and press releases, brief remarks about Elizabeth will be included. The Foundation maintains a file with Elizabeth's biographical information.

