

## 2005 Tudor Richards Award

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The Tudor Richards Award has been presented since 1983. The award is presented annually to the person who best exemplifies Tudor's love and knowledge of the outdoors and who has worked tirelessly and effectively on behalf of conservation in New Hampshire. It is presented this year to Larry Sunderland.

It was New Hampshire's good fortune when the recipient of this year's Tudor Richards Award moved to the state in 1984. When young Larry went to summer camp in New Hampshire, and took a few fishing trips there with his dad, but his most vivid impression was a hike along the Appalachian Trail when he was in college. At the Greenleaf Hut he came on a group of young people that impressed him greatly. He remembers thinking, "If these are the people of New Hampshire, this is where I have to end up."

At the center of that group of young people were Malcolm and Susan McLane. Our awardee's path would cross with Susan McLane's many times owing to his work in environmental policy soon after he arrived in New Hampshire.

Larry has a background in forestry and forest products – another good reason perhaps to end up in New Hampshire. His work included international trade, policy, and negotiations – a subject he taught at Keene State College for many years. And long before that, a fourth grade teacher inspired in him an interest in birds, very often a pathway to a future environmental ethic and action.

He and his wife settled in Deering, NH, where he served on numerous committees including chairing the zoning board for 10 years, the conservation commission, and Master Plan steering committee. His public policy interest led him to adapt the new Shoreland Protection Act into a town ordinance, as well as drafting a telecommunications facilities ordinance. He created the Deering Association Lake Committee that addressed water quality, milfoil and other issues, including the banning of jet skis from Deering Lake following New Hampshire's enabling legislation initiated by then Senator Susan McLane.

He has been active in land conservation initiatives locally and statewide for both the Society for the Protection of NH Forests (Forest Society) and NH Audubon. As a volunteer for the Forest Society he also worked on air quality and other environmental policy issues. As a board member of NH Audubon he chaired the Environmental Policy Committee as well as the Sanctuaries and Land Management Committee. On the board of NH Audubon, he again crossed paths many times with Susan McLane.

Larry served on the board of the NH Lakes Association, SPACE (the Statewide Program of Action to Conserve our Environment), and in 2004 was named a member of the Governor's Lakes Management Advisory Committee representing the conservation community.

NH Audubon and Tudor Richards are honored to present the 2005 Tudor Richards Award to Larry Sunderland.