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'Friends of the Tay' Announce Environmental Awards for 2015**

Three area leaders and organisations in the environment sector were recognised this week in the Environmental Awards announcement of the 'Friends of the Tay Watershed'. The awards, which are presented in three environmental categories, were announced at the association's annual general meeting on March 22 in Perth, by Awards Committee Member Judy Buehler.

The awards recognise environmental achievements and support activities in three categories including "Contribution to the Tay Watershed" – for activities specific to this watershed's water resources; for "Contribution to Water Resources at the Provincial, National or International Level" – to a person or organization whose activities have an impact on water resources on a wider geographic basis; and for "Contribution to the General Environment" – to a local person or organization whose activities focus generally on the environment and impact the health of our water resources.

This year the recipient in the first category, 'Contribution to the Tay Watershed', is Lake Links, a coalition of community organisations with a common interest in the preservation of area water bodies through an annual conference and information exchange. The award was accepted on behalf of the coalition by Barb King of Watersheds Canada and Mike Yee of Rideau Valley Conservation Authority.



In the second category, 'Contribution to Water Resources at the Provincial, National or International Level', the recipient was Watersheds Canada, accepted by Barb King, Executive Director. Watershed Canada has been developing and piloting programs to improve fish habitat, encourage shoreline naturalization and this year bringing programs and working closely with groups in Saskatchewan and Manitoba.

(Photos by David Zimmerly)

In the third category, Susan Brandum was recognised for her long dedication and 'Contribution to the General Environment'. Susan is currently Executive Director of REAL Deal and Manager of Environmental Projects. She has worn many hats with the Rideau Environmental Action League over the years as well as spearheading many conservation projects in the Tay Valley and Rideau Lakes areas.



The 'Friends of the Tay Watershed' Environmental Awards were inaugurated in 2002 to be presented annually to provide appropriate recognition of individuals and organizations that have made exceptional contributions to the Tay Watershed and/or to the environment. For additional information on the awards and past recipients, please contact friends@tayriver.org.

The Friends of the Tay Watershed is a non-profit charitable association founded in 2001 to deliver programs and activities, and cooperate with other organizations with complementary interests, to ensure the health of the water and related natural resources of the Tay Watershed for present and future generations.

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