

JERRY STRICKLAND AWARD 2002

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FOCA President Darrell Selsky presented the Jerry Strickland Award at our Fall Seminar on November 2, 2002. This award is a memorial to Jerry Strickland's 18 years as FOCA's Executive Director, and a remembrance of his own contribution to cottaging. It is presented to a member association each year which has carried out projects that have significantly benefitted the cottaging community.

This award recognizes work in fields such as environmental protection, land use planning, recreational boating or taxation. It awards those who have learned about an issue, and then done something constructive about it.

This year, FOCA is delighted to announce that there are two Jerry Strickland Award winners. It seems to have been an especially productive year!

Norway Lake Association

Our first award winner is the Norway Lake Association. Norway Lake is unusual in that it is spring fed, with no inflow or outflow. Perhaps it is this characteristic that makes the Norway Lake community so aware of the importance of maintaining their excellent water quality.

Bob Berry, considered to be Norway Lake's "Lake Scientist", has been heavily involved in monitoring a nearby landfill site, including advising on location for testing wells. Another member, George Collins, has been testing and reporting on water quality, presence of invasive species, and water levels for many years. Many members have diligently worked on private roads, which have been successfully maintained and improved. Ann Phillips has worked with the Township to introduce the Alternate Vote for the 2003 elections.

The heart and soul of the Norway Lake Association is Ruth Berry. Ruth is, officially, the treasurer. However, she is also the newsletter and bulletin board, for she visits every one of the 115 members every year to make sure they are informed.

In recognition of all their work, preserving the natural beauty of their lake and making their community work smoothly, FOCA presented Norway Lake Association with the Jerry Strickland Award.