

Wisconsin Conservation Hall of Fame 2016 News

Noel Cutright and LeRoy Lintereur to be Recognized at WCHF Induction Ceremony on April 30th

Public is Invited

Saturday, April 30, 2016

Sentry Theater in Stevens Point

Program: 9:00 Coffee reception (free)
10:00 Induction Ceremony (free)
12:00 Luncheon – (\$25/person)
Call for Reservations 715-346-4992

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The Wisconsin Conservation Hall of Fame (WCHF) will honor two new leaders who have contributed much to Wisconsin's Conservation Legacy. This year's ceremony will begin at 10 a.m. on Saturday, April 30th, at the Sentry Theater in Stevens Point. The public is invited.

The Inductees this year reflect the many facets of Conservation in Wisconsin: the lifelong contributions of dedicated individuals, the work of conservation organizations and agencies, and the important role that can be played by business and industry:

(1) Noel Cutright (1943-2013)

Dr. Noel Cutright devoted his personal and professional life to bird conservation, citizen science, and ecological restoration. He promoted the research, science and conservation initiatives of the Wisconsin Society for Ornithology and edited the landmark *Wisconsin Breeding Bird Atlas*. As Senior Ecologist working for We Energies for 29 years, he advanced environmental projects and a conservation ethic within the energy industry.

LeRoy Lintereur (1920-1995)

Through his 30-year career as a Game Manager with the WDNR, Leroy Lintereur spent his professional and personal life protecting the resources, wildlife and wetlands of northeastern Wisconsin. As an expert witness in a precedent-setting Wisconsin Supreme Court case, he helped to defend and ultimately preserve many wetlands of Wisconsin. As a gifted naturalist, he shared his passion for nature and wild places through his teaching and writing.

(For more information on inductees, see biographies and photos at end of new release.)

Induction Ceremony Details

The Induction Ceremony will begin at 10 a.m. at the Sentry Theater in Stevens Point, located at the Sentry Insurance Headquarters, 1800 North Point Drive (9 a.m. coffee reception will precede the program). The ceremony includes tributes by invited speakers and the presentation of recognition plaques which will be displayed in the WCHF Gallery in Schmeckle Reserve. A 12:00 luncheon at the nearby Sentry World complex will conclude the day's activities. Luncheon reservations cost \$25, and can be made by calling 715-346-4992 (Schmeckle Reserve Visitor Center).

The Wisconsin Conservation Hall of Fame

The Wisconsin Conservation Hall of Fame and Visitor Center, located at Schmeckle Reserve in Stevens Point, was established in 1985 to advance the conservation legacy of Wisconsin and now recognizes 88 leaders who have contributed significantly to it. WCHF is a cooperative venture of 23 state-wide conservation organizations. Individuals may be nominated for induction by member organizations or by the public. Based on a set of criteria, nominees are selected for induction by the WCHF Board of Directors and an independent Board of Governors.

Quotes by WCHF President

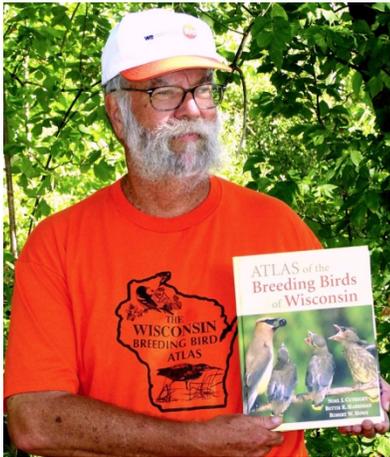
Reflecting on the new inductees, WCHF President, Joe Passineau, said: "The WCHF continues to grow by recognizing the outstanding contributions of Wisconsin's conservation leaders and the efforts of the many conservation-minded organizations, agencies, and businesses. Dr. Cutright shared his love of birds and wild nature by working as an ecologist for We Energies and advancing the research and educational initiatives of the Wisconsin Society for Ornithology (WSO). LeRoy Lintereur, in turn, shared his love of nature, wildlife, and wetlands through his work for the WDNR and his love of teaching and writing. Both show that all of us, whatever our interests or talents, can make a difference by finding our place in the world of conservation".

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If you are looking for inspiration or ways you too can contribute to conservation efforts in Wisconsin and globally, check out the life stories of the 88 WCHF Inductees by visiting the Conservation Hall of Fame in Stevens Point or by exploring our website: <http://www.wCHF.org/inductees>. You can also view segments of the 2014 and 2015 Induction Ceremonies by going to www.YouTube.WCHF Induction 2014 and 2015.

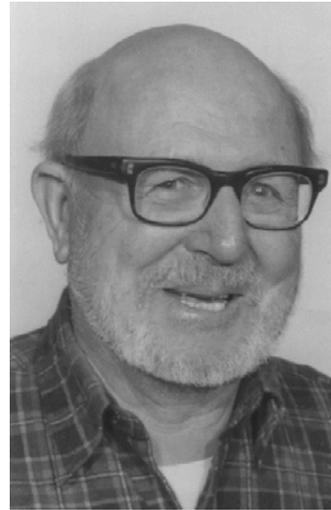
2016 WCHF Inductee Biographies



Noel Cutright (1943-2013)

A well-known and much-admired Wisconsin ornithologist, Dr. Noel Cutright devoted his personal and professional life to bird conservation, citizen science, and ecological restoration. After receiving his Master's and Ph.D. degrees from Cornell University, he worked for We Energies in Wisconsin for 29 years. As their Senior Terrestrial Ecologist, he promoted numerous environmental projects and initiatives throughout the energy industry. (To learn more about these projects and We-Energies' commitment to environmental protection, see www.we-energies.com/environmental). As president and project leader for the Wisconsin Society for Ornithology, Cutright galvanized and advanced the organization's research, science and conservation efforts. He was senior editor of the landmark *Wisconsin Breeding Bird Atlas*. As a long-term advisor to the WDNR and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, he promoted the Wisconsin Bird Conservation Initiative, the State Natural Areas Program, and neotropical migratory bird conservation efforts. He helped to create the Bird City Wisconsin Program (now recognizing 87 communities statewide); to develop management plans to restore populations of Osprey, Bald Eagles, Peregrine Falcons, Trumpeter Swans and Bluebirds; and to establish State

Natural Areas in Wisconsin and Neotropic Nature Reserves in Belize and Costa Rica. He received prestigious awards from the WDNR, Gathering Waters Conservancy, and Milwaukee Audubon Society. As an educator, he shared his knowledge and deep love of the natural world, inspiring countless "new conservationists" to work together to restore and protect ecosystems locally and globally.



LeRoy Lintereur (1920-1995)

Born in Two Rivers, LeRoy Lintereur spent much of his personal and professional life protecting the places and things he knew best -- the natural resources and wetlands of northeastern Wisconsin. After serving in the U.S. Army during World War II, he graduated from UW-Madison with a degree in Biology and Wildlife Ecology. In 1952 he began his 30-year career as a Game Manager/Warden with the Wisconsin Conservation Department, first in Burlington and finally in Marinette. As the Area Game Manager with the WDNR in Marinette, Oconto, Shawano, Florence and Menomonie counties, he used his many skills to enforce resource laws, acquire and protect critical wildlife and plant habitat, and educate sportsman, farmers, land owners, and the public. As a superb naturalist and gifted teacher/writer, he shared his love of nature by leading ecological walks and tours, teaching classes at schools, colleges and The Clearing, and writing more than 700 articles for local newspapers. He received state and national recognition for his efforts, as an expert witness, to defend and objectively classify wetlands in a legal case that went to the Wisconsin Supreme Court. The outcome of this court action established precedent-setting case law for Wisconsin, and ultimately preserved many wetland areas in Wisconsin.

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For Digital Photos of the two Inductees