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Wisconsin Conservation Hall of Fame News

### **Becker, Hunt Brothers, and Sander are 2012 Inductees**

Ceremonies Set for April 21, 2012, in Stevens Point

A researcher, an industrialist and a pair of citizen conservationists who left indelible marks on the environment will be inducted into the Wisconsin Conservation Hall of Fame this year.

The trio will join 73 other inductees to the Wisconsin Conservation Hall of Fame in ceremonies at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 21, at the Sentry Theater in Stevens Point. The public is invited

Nils Folke Becker directed his life toward improving the efficiency of paper making and the improvement and perpetuation of the forest resource. To this end he was instrumental in the establishment of Trees for Tomorrow (Trees). During his tenure on the Wisconsin Forestry Advisory Council, he helped shape the forestry program for the remainder of the 20th century

Brothers Richard and Robert Hunt spent their professional careers in wildlife and fisheries management. Together they performed 69 years of extraordinarily productive work with the Wisconsin Conservation Department and its successor the Department of Natural Resources.

Phil H. Sanders earned his living for 47 years as an industrialist, but throughout his working years, his interests ranged from archeology, history, community affairs, and service to youth. He was known as a "citizen conservationist," a leader who worked in other professions but whose passion for conservation motivated him to dedicate much of his life to the cause.

Tributes to the inductees will be given at 10 a.m., at Sentry Theater, located at the Sentry Insurance Headquarters, 1800 North Point Drive. A 9 a.m. coffee will precede the program. A luncheon at noon in The Restaurant of Sentry Insurance Headquarters concludes the day's activities. Luncheon reservations cost \$25, and can be made by calling 715-346-4992, the telephone number for the Schmeckle Reserve Visitors Center, where the Conservation Hall of Fame is located.

"We're happy that this year's inductees include two brothers who played important roles in protecting Wisconsin's natural resources," said Earl Spangenberg, Conservation Hall of Fame executive secretary. "Becker the researcher, and Sanders the industrial, are good examples of how Wisconsin professionals continue to work toward the same goal of preserving our natural resources for future generations."