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Wisconsin Conservation Hall of Fame News

Bradley, Curtis and Engleson are 2013 Inductees.

Ceremonies Set for April 20, 2013, in Stevens Point.

Two researchers and an environmental educator who left indelible marks on the environment will be inducted into the Wisconsin Conservation Hall of Fame this year.

The trio will join 77 other inductees to the Wisconsin Conservation Hall of Fame in ceremonies at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 20, at the Sentry Theater in Stevens Point. The public is invited.

Nina Leopold Bradley A lifelong naturalist and researcher, she promoted the conservation philosophy of her father Aldo Leopold, and spent the last three decades of her life writing and lecturing about his land ethic while actively continuing his phenological research. She was central in envisioning the Aldo Leopold Legacy Center that opened in 2007. The Center serves as the base of ongoing educational programs, a center for Leopold scholars, and the headquarters for the Aldo Leopold Foundation. Nina served on the Board until her death in 2011.

John Thomas Curtis Arguably best known for his seminal book, *The Vegetation of Wisconsin: An Ordination of Plant Communities* (1959). He became famous for this “continuum” concept of ecological gradients. His work also established the nature of the prairie-forest border and the recognition to the “tension zone” where climate, soil, and fire have created a dynamic transition. At UW-Madison Curtis was instrumental in the development of the Arboretum that was begun by Aldo Leopold.

David C. Engleson Based on his exemplary work as a science teacher/coordinator and his leadership in the Wisconsin Council for Conservation Education, Engleson was appointed as the first Science and Conservation/Environmental Education Consultant for the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (DPI) in 1967, a position he held until his retirement in 1991. Engleson is known by professionals in the field as “the father of environmental education in Wisconsin.” His influence on environmental conservation has extended internationally.

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.

"Although all three inductees have played important roles in protecting Wisconsin's natural resources, we're happy that this year we are able to include Nina Bradley, the daughter of Aldo Leopold, one of our first Hall of Fame inductees," said Earl Spangenberg, Conservation Hall of Fame executive secretary. "Curtis the developer of the concept of community ecology and Engleson the consultant to Wisconsin governors on environmental education are good examples of how Wisconsin professionals continue to work toward the same goal of preserving our natural resources for future generations."