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Lieutenant Governor Presents Wetland Conservation Award
Lieutenant Governor's Greenwing Conservation Award recognizes contributions to wetland conservation in Saskatchewan

Regina, Sask. - Today, the Wings Over Wascana Nature Festival flew higher, when His Honour the Honourable Dr. Gordon L. Barnhart, Lieutenant Governor of Saskatchewan, presented the Lieutenant Governor's Greenwing Conservation Award to the Friends of Wascana Marsh for their efforts in developing and for their dedication to conservation and wetlands education in the City of Regina and surrounding area.

Sponsored by Ducks Unlimited Canada (DUC), the Lieutenant Governor's Greenwing Conservation Award recognizes individuals or groups who have demonstrated leadership in a project or activity that has contributed significantly to the public awareness of the values of wetland ecosystems and their benefits to waterfowl, wildlife and people.

The Friends of Wascana Marsh were recognized along with two other nominees from the province, including the Saskatchewan Forestry Association and the South East Upper Souris River Agri-Environmental Group Plan.

"Saskatchewan is home to vital wetlands habitat; it is crucial that we conserve this foundational aspect of our ecosystem," said Lieutenant Governor Barnhart. "DUC has created a remarkable legacy over the past seven decades thanks to the outstanding contributions of visionary organizations like the Friends of Wascana Marsh."

"We are humbled and honoured to be selected for this award," said Jan Kindred, who accepted the award on behalf of the Friends of Wascana Marsh. "The Wascana Centre is such a great place and we are grateful to be able to use its many wonders to help residents learn about waterfowl, nature and the value of wetlands," Kindred said. "Helping youth learn about the natural world is so important to environmental health for future generations."

"We all need to take responsibility for the care and protection of Saskatchewan, and Canada's, wetlands," said DUC chairman Peter Carton. "Organizations, together with the efforts and dedication of those like the Friends of Wascana Marsh, can be very effective. That's why this award was established: to recognize the contributions of local stewards and conservationists across Canada."

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