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Northwood Resident Wins NH LAKES 2021 John F. Morten Memorial Award for Exemplary Lakes Stewardship
Ann Scholz receives the organization's most prestigious award

Concord, N.H., August 2, 2021 – Ann Scholz, watershed resident and steward of Pleasant Lake located in Deerfield and Northwood, New Hampshire, was recently awarded the 2021 John F. Morten Memorial Award for Exemplary Lake Stewardship. On July 31, NH LAKES Board Chair Bruce Freeman, NH LAKES President Andrea LaMoreaux, and Pleasant Lake Preservation Association President Will Huebner presented this prestigious award at the Pleasant Lake Preservation Association annual meeting.

This special award was created in 2002 in honor of the late John F. Morten (1914-1989). It was Mr. Morten's lifelong work to give generously of his time, talents, and financial resources to help protect New Hampshire's lakes and ponds that he loved so much. He was a person who made things happen—an out-of-the box thinker, leader, and activist who was organized, determined, and persistent in the achievement of any task. It is in tribute to his vision, dedication, and commitment that NH LAKES established the John F. Morten Memorial Award for Exemplary Lakes Stewardship.

“It is clear that Ann is truly dedicated to preserving the health of Pleasant Lake and that she leads by example and is highly respected in her community,” commented Freeman.

Nine individuals submitted nominations for Ann citing the countless hours she has volunteered over the past seven years preparing grant applications, meeting with town officials, and working with state agencies to implement projects to protect the lake from polluted runoff water

“Ann not only inspires environmental thinking, she takes her ideas to action,” explained Huebner. “She has spearheaded many projects to protect the water quality of Pleasant Lake and has fostered a holistic view of the entire watershed community, not just the shoreline property owners.”

“While a record-number of amazing individuals were nominated for the Morten Award this year, the selection committee was unanimous in bestowing this award upon Ann,” added LaMoreaux. “We're confident that her contributions to the Pleasant Lake community will continue to grow and live on for years to come.”

For a listing of previous Morten Award recipients, visit nhlakes.org/awards.

NH LAKES is the only statewide, publicly supported nonprofit organization working to ensure that our lakes remain clean and healthy, now and in the future. The organization works with partners, promotes clean water policies and responsible use, and inspires the public to care for our lakes. For more information, visit nhlakes.org, email info@nhlakes.org, or call 603.226.0299

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Photo 1: Ann Scholz second from right, was awarded the 2021 John F. Morten Award for Exemplary Lake Stewardship by Will Huebner, Pleasant Lake Preservation Association President far right, NH LAKES Board Chair Bruce Freeman left, and NH LAKES President Andrea LaMoreaux second from left, on July 31.



Steve Sholz, Ann's husband is also pictured, center.