



Home Sweet Home, by Denis Mayer Jr.

BCWF Chooses 2011 Artist of the Year

BC Wildlife Federation has chosen Denis Mayer Jr. as its 2011 artist of the year for his painting of a black bear entitled "Home Sweet Home". Mayer's painting was chosen from 33 entries submitted to the annual competition intended to raise the profile of resident BC artists whose work exemplifies the beauty of the fish, wildlife and habitat of British Columbia.

A dedicated conservationist and member of the international organization Artists for Conservation, Mayer is widely acclaimed for his unique style of wildlife painting that offers not only remarkable realistic representations but also images infused with energy, vitality and warmth. Limited edition signed prints

of his winning entry will be offered for sale later this year by BCWF with the proceeds used to fund conservation projects throughout the province.

BCWF's "Artist of the Year" program was developed in 1992 with the goal to select an artist whose work exhibits the beauty of BC's fish, wildlife and habitats. The sale of these limited edition art prints continues to fund BCWF conservation projects throughout the province while also recognizing the talent of BC artists.

Limited edition prints of our past Artist of the Year winners can be purchased on our website www.bcwf.bc.ca



BCWF President, Rod Wiebe

BCWF Elects New President

Rod Wiebe was elected President of BC Wildlife Federation at its 54th Annual General Meeting in Prince George. Rod has held various leadership roles within BCWF, including four years as a vice president. "Our association must change if it is to survive and grow," he told the 200 delegates who attended the event. He said his priorities are to recruit skilled and knowledgeable people to our support base and upgrade the capacity level of our Board of Directors. If these two objectives are pursued, it should improve the quality of the federation's programs and make us a strong voice for conservation at the many public policy tables dealing with issues of vital interest to our membership.

An avid angler and hunter, Rod spent many years as the skipper of a salmon troller on the Pacific Ocean. "I earned my living in a high risk industry and one of the many lessons I learned in commercial fishing is that the sea would just as soon eat you as sustain you."

He said our association must change or it will perish, adding that the biggest impediment to change is the fear of failure. "As your President, I plan to be a dedicated team captain and utilize the depth of experience

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of our committees and Board with a focus on our future," he said. "I will endeavour to do my part in helping to bring renewed strength and respect for our Federation and to provide the environment needed wherein all can succeed."



Bill Otway (right) presents Barsby Award to Otto Langer

Otto Langer Conservationist of the Year

BC Wildlife Federation presented its Ted Barsby Conservationist of the Year Award to noted habitat biologist Otto Langer at its 54th Annual Dinner and Awards Celebration in Prince George on May 1.

Mr. Langer worked for 32 years in the Habitat Protections Branch of the Federal Department of Fisheries and Oceans and made a major contribution to salmon and habitat conservation in British Columbia.

In presenting the award to Mr. Langer, life-time BCWF member Bill Otway described him as a "true hero who has fought for every piece of habitat he could, and he fought hard." Among his many accomplishments, Mr. Langer headed a planning process to develop a system for the Fraser River that would protect critical salmon habitat and provide some direction for industry where it could function with no

impact on fish habitat or in a manner where mitigation would and could compensate for loss, Mr. Otway said.

The Ted Barsby Award is named after the first president of the BCWF and is the greatest honour the Federation can bestow on any individual for an outstanding contribution to conservation.

The Federation also presented 19 other awards to individuals and member clubs.

The recipients were:

- **T.J. Clark** - Bert Palmer Big Game Trophy
- **Kevin Church, Best BC Sheep** - Wild Sheep Foundation Silver Buckle Awards
- **T.J. Clark, BC Big Game other than Sheep (Black Bear)** - Wild Sheep Foundation Silver Buckle Awards
- **George Roberts** - Non-BC Big Game other than Sheep (Kalahari Springbok), Wild Sheep Foundation Silver Buckle Awards
- **T.J. Clark** - BCWF Jr. Big Game Award (Black Beer)
- **Ryan Aussem** - BCWF Jr. Fishing Award (Chinook Salmon, 57 lbs.)
- **Ryan Aussem** - Lee Straight Fishing Award (Chinook Salmon, 57 lbs.)
- **Nelson and District Rod and Gun Club (Cottonwood Creek Restoration)** - Dr. Louis Lemieux Award
- **Kamloops and District Fish and Game Association (Bleeker Lake Campsite Project)** - Roderick Haig Brown Memorial Conservation Award
- **(Over 300) Nelson and District Rod and Gun Club** - Jack McCracken Club Bulletin Award
- **(Under 300) Osprey Fly Fishers of BC** - Jack McCracken Club Bulletin Award
- **North Thompson Fish and Game (375% gain)** - Quota Buster Award
- **Ed Mankelow** - Presidents Service Award
- **Martha Wicket of the Salmon Arm Observer** - Art Downs Memorial Award
- **Ed George, Region 2** - Bill Otway

Award (Best Regional Chair)

- **White Sturgeon submitted by Vanderhoof Fish and Game Club** - Best Resolution Award
- **Braden Judson and Jonathan Judson (Salmon Enhancement Project on Stocking Creek)** - Frank Shannon Jr. Conservation Award
- **Joyce Trygg (Eyes of the Forest)** - Artist of the Year
- **Mel Arnold** - Presidents Award

Rewards Program pays out \$2,250

BCWF Enforcement and Rewards Committee paid out \$2,250 to individuals who reported the illegal killing of deer, elk and bald eagles in the first few months of 2010. The Rewards Program will pay rewards of up to \$2000 for information leading to the conviction of persons doing wanton damage to fish and wildlife or fish and wildlife habitat. Normally submissions for rewards are received from enforcement agencies, however they will be accepted from anyone. Submissions for rewards can be submitted to Provincial Coordinator Paul McLean (pmclean1@telus.net).

Conservation Project Grants

If your Club needs funding for a conservation project, you are invited to apply for a grant from the proceeds of the BCWF 2010 Dream Adventure Lottery. All applications submitted by member clubs in good standing at January 1, 2010 will be processed by the grants committee under the direction of the Fundraising chair. Funding for these projects is audited by the BC Gaming Commission. The deadline for submission is September 30, 2010. A grant application form can be downloaded from BCWF's website (www.bcdf.bc.ca).



Lieutenant-Governor Steven L. Point presents Peace Officer medal to Richard Daloise (right).

BCWF Member Awarded Exemplary Service Medal

Richard Daloise, a long-time BCWF member and retired BC Conservation Officer was recently awarded the Governor General's Peace Officers Exemplary Service medal.

BC's Lieutenant-Governor Steven L. Point presented the medal to Mr. Daloise and 50 other serving and retired BC Conservation Officers at a special ceremony in Kamloops. The Lieutenant-Governor said the environment is among Canada's most important resources, and those who

put their lives on the line to protect it deserve to be honoured. He said the Conservation Service stands alongside the RCMP and Canadian Armed Forces as an integral service to the country.

Mr. Daloise, who retired in 2003 after 30 years with the Conservation Service, said he was deeply touched by the Lieutenant-Governor's remarks and appreciated being recognized for his contribution to protecting the environment.

Leave Your Legacy to Conservation



Planned giving allows you to be a part of a sustainable future. Help us conserve and rehabilitate wildlife habitat and wetland areas to ensure a healthy future for fish, birds, wildlife and outdoor enthusiasts. A donation of cash, real estate, vehicles, stocks, bonds, insurance and other bequests can make a substantial difference in the protection of our natural heritage for now and future generations.

Our office can assist you or your estate planner with Planned Giving details. For further information, contact Gary Cleave, Marketing and Development Coordinator (development@bcwf.bc.ca).



Become a Fishing Buddy and Win!

The Freshwater Fisheries Society of BC's new mentorship program invites BC anglers to introduce at least one friend, relative, neighbour or colleague to fishing each year. Win fishing trips, gear and other exciting prizes!

Do you remember how you felt the first time you saw a bobber dip under the surface when a trout or bullhead hit the bait? Most of us who were taught the joys of fishing by a relative or a friend still fish today and recognize that those early experiences taught us important lessons about fishing, the environment and life.

The world has changed since many of us first learned to fish and many of today's young people do not have someone to introduce them to our sport.

That is where you come in. The Freshwater Fisheries Society of BC (FFSBC) has launched the Fishing Buddies Program, a mentorship program aimed at increasing the number of people involved in sport fishing. There is no cost to join, and you could win a Vancouver Island fly fishing trip with Dennis Reid, a four-day RVing adventure courtesy of the Camping and RVing BC Coalition, a Kamloops fly fishing getaway with Brian Chan, and other exciting prizes!

Under the Fishing Buddies Program, experienced anglers like you are invited to make a personal

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(Bottom row from left to right) Doug Flintoft, Doug Peck, Paul Mclean, Patti MacAhonic, Rod Wiebe, Alison Stacey, Ted Brookman (Middle row from left to right) Ken Franzen, Darlene Clark, Rick Mayor, Mel Arnold, Chris Stagg, Wayne Salewski, Carl Gitcheff (Top row from left to right) Mike Fowler, Peter Aussem, Joan McKay, George Wilson, John Shepherd, Bill Bosch, Cyril George. Missing from photo: Jacques Drisdelle, Ed George, Liz Thorburn

New Board Elected

BC Wildlife Federation elected its 2010-2011 Board of Directors May 1 at the 54th Annual General Meeting.

EXECUTIVE

President - Rodney Wiebe, Nanoose Bay

Vice President - Mike Fowler, Quesnel

Vice President - Bill Bosch, Kelowna

Treasurer - Darlene Clark, Port Alberni

Immediate Past President - Mel Arnold, Salmon Arm

Executive Director - Patti MacAhonic, Chilliwack

DIRECTORS

2010-2011

Rick Mayor, Dawson Creek
Joan McKay, Okanagan Falls
Alison Stacey, Vernon
George Wilson, Fernie

2011-2012

Paul McLean, Keremeos
John Shepherd, Courtenay
Doug Flintoft, Kelowna
Doug Peck, Sparwood

REGIONAL PRESIDENTS

Region 1 - Vancouver Island, Ted Brookman

Region 2 - Lower Mainland, Ed George

Region 3 - Shuswap, Cyril George

Region 4 - East Kootenay, Chris Stagg

Region 4 - West Kootenay, Liz Thorburn

Region 5 - Cariboo/Chilcotin, Jacques Drisdelle

Region 6 - Skeena, Ken Franzen

Region 7 - Omineca, Wayne Salewski

Region 7B - Peace Liard, Carl Gitcheff

Region 8 - Okanagan, Peter Aussem

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commitment to introduce at least one new person – it could be a relative, friend, neighbour or colleague – to sport fishing each year. The FFSBC will support those making the commitment by providing regular information on stocking activities, fishing suggestions, tips and tricks on www.gofishbc.com.

Participants will be able to enter a draw for prizes including fishing DVDs,

fishing gear and grand prize fishing adventures with renowned anglers Brian Chan and Dennis Reid.

Make your commitment today. Visit the FFSBC website at www.gofishbc.com/fishingbuddies and make the Fishing Buddies promise. The next generation of anglers is counting on you.

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