

# NORTHWOODS STEWARDSHIP CENTER

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## **George Buzzell Forest Stewardship Award – Selection Criteria**

During his 44 years as Orleans County Forester, George Buzzell exemplified the best practice of his trade, including research that helped to re-define sugarbush management in Vermont. George also cast a welcoming net--encouraging lifelong learning and inviting the widest community into the conversation and practice of forestry. George was widely known and loved for his sense of humor, respect for the people that he served, and overall dedication to his work and to the forest.

Beginning in 2013, the Northwoods Stewardship Center has awarded one individual annually with this award, to be coordinated by the Center's Forest Stewardship Institute. With this award, we honor the outstanding contributions of George, and recognize others who are carrying the torch of forest stewardship in the Northeast Kingdom.

Eligible candidates are those who have demonstrated extraordinary commitment to sustainable management of forestland in the Northeast Kingdom, and who have also worked to advance and/or share knowledge to ensure the long term resiliency and productivity of our forests.

***Selection committee-*** the Forest Stewardship Institute committee (made up of NorthWoods board and staff with experience and interest in forest management) and at least one member of George's family.

### ***Selection criteria-***

- Have demonstrated significant commitment to the practice of sustainable forestry in Vermont's Northeast Kingdom region (Caledonia, Orleans, and Essex counties).
- Have shown through action a commitment to research, education, and/or community service in relation to land stewardship.
- The individual's direct impact can include hands-on work, policy improvement, education and training, or a combination.

This award will be given each year at or around the time of the NorthWoods annual meeting in October/November. Each recipient's name will be added to a plaque on display at the NorthWoods facility, in addition to a plaque given to the recipient.



George Buzzell  
1940-2009