



BC Wildlife Federation Convention 2020

ART DOWNS MEMORIAL AWARD

This award was established in 1997 in memory of Arthur (Art) Downs, who passed away in 1996. Art was a member of the Quesnel Rod & Gun Club for many years, serving in many capacities, including as President. He was a founding member of the Chilco Dredgers Club and a long-time member of the Surrey Fish & Game Club.

Art served on the Board of Directors of the BC Wildlife Federation from 1969 through the 1970s. He was elected to the position of President of BCWF in 1975 and served with distinction until the end of his term.

Art was a publisher, writer, and editor with a strong interest in the environment, wildlife, and the outdoors. He was the founder of the BC Outdoors magazine and served as editor until the late 1970s. As the first real environmental editor, he used the pages of his magazine to inform the public about conservation issues of the day and encouraged writers to address those issues. Art used his own “Travellers” column to focus attention on important conservation issues; such focus which is badly needed today.

Art made a page in the magazine available to BCWF every month, allowing them to publicize their issues and projects. In the 1960s and early 1970s, many of his writers were strong BCWF members, including several directors. Art knew that he could encourage people to become involved in conservation issues through writing and publishing, but there had to be an action group who could set the ideas and issues in the magazine into action. In Art’s view, the BC Wildlife Federation was that organization.

The BC Outdoors, Art Downs memorial award is designed to carry on Art's life work of recognizing excellence in writing and a commitment to conservation and the environment. It is awarded annually to the writer who has produced the best information over the past three years, exemplifying the Art Downs philosophy as evidenced in his “Travellers” column.

This award is for writing that is factual, accurate, well-researched and focused on the real issues where governments, private or public companies need to be taken to task on environmental infractions. Priority consideration for winning this award will be given to the author who has managed to bring about change with his/her writing in a significant and positive way.

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NOMINATION FORM ART DOWNS MEMORIAL AWARD

Nomination:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Postal Code: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Nominated by:

Individual or Group Nominating: _____

Contact Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Postal Code: _____

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Rationale for Nomination:

Provide a rationale for why you are making this nomination. Supplemental materials may be sent in with the application for consideration of this award. Additional sheets may be added if more room is necessary and supplemental materials may be sent for consideration of this award.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION: JANUARY 31, 2020

Submit by email: cheyenne.mei@bcwf.bc.ca

Or submit by mail: **Communications Coordinator – Cheyenne Berghenegouwen**

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