REQUEST FOR NOMINATIONS

Connecticut Invasive Plant Working Group (CIPWG)

LESLIE J. MEHRHOFF AWARD – 2020

Nomination deadline: Friday, August 28, 2020

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Background:

In honor of botanist, naturalist, and CIPWG co-founder Les Mehrhoff, the Connecticut Invasive Plant Working Group created the Leslie J. Mehrhoff Award to recognize a deserving individual, group, or organization that has worked on invasive plant issues in Connecticut. Award criteria and the nominating process are detailed below. This award will be given biennially at the CIPWG Invasive Plant Symposium. This year's virtual symposium will take place on October 7, 2020. CIPWG information and symposium details can be found at https://cipwg.uconn.edu/2020-symposium/

Award Criteria:

In keeping with Les's spirit, all nominees should demonstrate an enthusiasm for biological diversity, the natural world, and/or Connecticut's natural heritage.

The award will be given to an individual, group, or organization that has made significant or commendable contributions toward awareness, prevention, or management of invasive plants in Connecticut. These contributions are broadly defined and could include (but are not limited to):

- Innovative approaches or noteworthy efforts for invasive plant management
- Data collection or citizen science involvement with invasive plants
- Awareness of and advocacy for invasive plant issues
- Efforts to further early detection of new invasives in Connecticut
- Efforts on behalf of invasive plant alternatives and natural biological diversity

Nomination Guidelines:

Please send the following information to the CIPWG 2020 Leslie J. Mehrhoff Award Selection Committee, c/o Frank Belknap via email at frankbelknap3@gmail.com.

1. Name of individual, group, or organization being nominated and their contact information*
2. Nominator's name and contact information
3. Short statement (250 word max.) on why the nominee should be considered for the award

**Please note that the Committee may wish to contact nominees for additional information*

Award Details:

The award recipient(s) will be announced October 7 during the Virtual CIPWG 2020 Symposium.
The recipient(s) will receive complimentary registration and a plaque.

Filming of the Award Presentation will take place before the Symposium.

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Previous recipients of the Leslie J. Mehrhoff Award are: Susan Parr, Kathleen Nelson, Donna Ellis, and Mark Brand.

Symposium Information:

For information about the CIPWG Symposium, please visit https://cipwg.uconn.edu/2020-symposium

For additional symposium questions, contact Rose Hiskes (roses.hiskes@ct.gov)