



The Ottawa Field-Naturalists' Club

2015 President's Prize: Ken Young

This award is given at the President's discretion for singular contributions to our Club that do not quite fit the other categories.

Being the Treasurer of any organization is a demanding job. Being the Treasurer of a club with the size and complexity of the OFNC is almost a full time assignment. Since January 2012 Ken Young has made sure that all our bills are paid and the money is accounted for.

Our Club was recently the beneficiary of a very generous bequest from Violetta Czasak. Ken took on the role of Trustee, hired a lawyer and together they handled this sizeable bequest. It was a huge job. So when we delight in being able to undertake many worthwhile projects these days due to this generous bequest, we have Ken's diligence and good sense to thank for it.

That was not all he has been doing on our behalf. Because the subscription manager of the CFN moved away, the records of the CFN subscribers and authors had not been kept up-to-date. Again, Ken stepped in and sorted it all out...another huge job. Now we know who has paid for their subscriptions and which authors are in arrears.

As a member since 1985, Ken has been contributing in various ways. Previously he tracked the money spent by the Fletcher Wildlife Garden, chaired the Finance Committee and was active on the Conservation Committee. His reasoned comments around the Board table are always appreciated.

Before Ken and his wife Judy move to Maryland I wish to express our appreciation for all that Ken Young has done on our behalf and that is why I am pleased to present Ken with the President's Prize.

(Prepared by Fenja Brodo, President)



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