

## **Gifford Pinchot Medal**

**(Awarded in odd-numbered years only)**

### **PURPOSE:**

To recognize outstanding contributions by a forestry professional in the administration, practice, and professional development of North American Forestry.

### **INFORMATION ON GIFFORD PINCHOT:**

Gifford Pinchot is widely credited as being America's first forester and the father of the conservation movement in North America. Pinchot was born August 11, 1865 at Simsbury, CT. On the advice of his father, who was concerned about wasteful land use practices, Pinchot studied forestry in Europe in hopes of improving resource management in America.

In 1892 Pinchot began the first systematic forest management plan in North America on the Biltmore estate in North Carolina. Seeing a need for a national resource management organization, Pinchot brought about the establishment of the Forest Service in 1898 with the help of President Theodore Roosevelt. The National Forest system and forest policy as we know them today are a result of Pinchot's efforts.

Pinchot was a man of action. He immersed himself in his work, always finding new and interesting forestry related projects. He inspected the forests of the Philippine Islands to devise a management strategy in 1907. From 1903 to 1936, he was a professor of forestry at Yale. Pinchot wrote tirelessly on the topics of forestry and conservation, including the book Breaking New Ground.

In addition to establishing the Forest Service, Pinchot founded the Society of American Foresters in 1900. He served as its president from 1900-08 and again from 1910-11. He was elected an SAF Fellow in 1918. Gifford Pinchot brought a professional approach to all his endeavors, the Forest Service, natural resource conservation, and the SAF. His actions have left an indelible mark on the profession of natural resource management.

### **AWARD CRITERIA:**

Nominees for the Gifford Pinchot Medal must demonstrate exemplary actions that further the field of forestry in North America. Nominees need not be members of the Society of American Foresters. Evaluation will be based on:

1. Bring a professional approach to all endeavors
2. Making an indelible mark on the profession
3. Being a person of action in the profession
4. Making outstanding contributions in administration

### **NOMINATION:**

The nominator must submit by February 28, for the award that year (odd-numbered years only), the following information on behalf of the nominee to National Awards, Society of American Foresters, 5400 Grosvenor Lane, Bethesda, MD 20814-2198. The nomination packet must include:

- Three letters of endorsement addressing the award criteria

- A biographical sketch (not to exceed three pages), including education, experience, professional responsibilities, and contributions to North American Forestry set forth in the criteria.
- Nomination form – available from the SAF National Office or the SAF website ([www.safnet.org](http://www.safnet.org)).

Unsuccessful candidates may be renominated by letter providing any updated material. All award criteria must still be met at the time of renomination. *The SAF National Office will contact the nominee only if chosen to be the award recipient. All other correspondents will be directed to the nominator.*

#### **AWARD DESCRIPTION/PRESENTATION:**

The award is presented in odd-numbered years at the annual awards ceremony at the SAF national convention. The recipient will receive an engraved medallion and a cash honorarium of \$500. Complimentary convention registration is provided and up to \$500 is available to cover travel expenses and accommodations for the award recipient.

#### **PREVIOUS RECIPIENTS:**

1950 Henry S. Graves  
 1952 Raphael Zon  
 1954 William L. Hall  
 1956 I.F. Eldridge  
 1957 Henry E. Clepper  
 1960 Earle H. Clapp  
 1963 Ralph S. Hosmer  
 1965 Stanley G. Fontanna  
 1967 George L. Drake  
 1969 David T. Mason  
 1971 Emmanuel Fritz  
 1973 Edward P. Cliff  
 1975 Paul M. Dunn  
 1977 Frank H. Kaufert  
 1981 Maurice K. Goddard  
 1983 Henry J. Vaux  
 1985 Stephen H. Spurr  
 1987 William D. Hagenstein  
 1989 Rexford A. Resler  
 1991 Richard A. Skok  
 1993 Carl H. Stoltenberg  
 1995 John F. Hosner  
 1997 Bruce R. Miles  
 1999 Arthur W. Cooper  
 2001 No Recipient  
 2003 William H. Banzhaf, CF  
 2005 John C. Gordon  
 2007 John A. Sandor, CF  
 2009 Wm. David Smith, CF  
 2011 John A. Helms