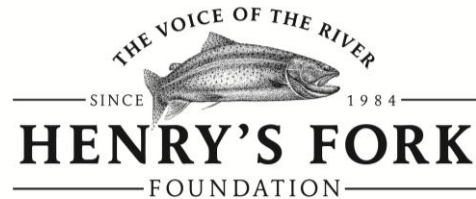


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Local Residents Win Awards for Conservation and Service

ASHTON, Idaho (June 27, 2012) Each year, the Henry's Fork Foundation takes a moment of the well-attended Henry's Fork Day event to recognize individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the conservation of the Henry's Fork and to the Foundation's work in particular.

Brandon Hoffner, the Foundation's Executive Director, explains that "the Henry's Fork's legacy as a tourist and recreational destination exists because of the dedication of local conservationists." This year's award winners join more than 60 prior award winners since 1984, and include the founder of The Society of Fly Fishing Endodontists, a well-known local reporter, and a historian.

Bob Rosenberg: Winner of the Bill Manlove Award

For giving freely of his time and resources as a passionate Foundation board member for two terms, including three years as the board chairman, Bob Rosenberg received the Manlove Award, named in honor of Bill Manlove, one of the Foundation's founders. Bob successfully launched a major fundraising effort, with the support of the board, to ensure the Foundation's work would continue far into the future.

Bob is a retired endodontist from Marin County, CA. In the mid-1990s, he and his wife Susan built their Pinehaven residence and he took up fly-fishing. He founded SOFFE, the Society of Fly Fishing Endodontists, and continues to help organize the Foundation's California Reception and Fundraiser.

Joyce Edlefsen: Winner of the Conservation Award

Joyce Edlefsen has provided uncompromising coverage of conservation issues in the Henry's Fork watershed for over three decades. Joyce is a native of Driggs and in 1981 she became a reporter for the Fremont County News (now the Standard Journal). Since then, she has worked in just about every part of the paper's business, including as editor for six years.

Joyce covered hydropower threats to the Henry's Fork in the early 1980s, the transfer of Mesa Falls into public ownership, the Island Park Dam sediment spill and the resulting formation of the Henry's Fork Watershed Council, the fight over reintroduction of the grizzly bear, and the Fremont County motorized boat controversy.

After learning about winning the award, Joyce responded "Years ago when I was a young reporter Bill Manlove came to the Standard Journal with information about a new organization he was helping to start. I was impressed with this new idea and told him I wanted to join, but he told me no. Instead, he said, I could do more good if I wrote—in an unbiased way—about the Foundation. I hope I have done that."

Mary Carter Hepworth: Winner of Volunteer Award

Mary Carter Hepworth has contributed 800-plus hours to organizing and archiving the files and papers of the Henry's Fork Foundation. History is in Mary's blood. Her grandmother served as the president for Daughters of Utah Pioneers and wrote several books from the journals of women pioneers.

During her career at Boise State University, Mary left her mark by archiving the papers of Ted Trueblood and wrote a guide to the Ted Trueblood Collection at the University. But Mary's most distinct mark on the world is in the countless hours she has volunteered to help others. Mary continues to serve the Foundation by organizing the Henry's Fork Watershed Library, which has grown into hundreds of items over the years.

Without the generous contribution of time and talent from many dedicated volunteers, HFF could not accomplish its mission. The Foundation began honoring these people with the Volunteer Award in 2006.

The Henry's Fork Foundation is the only organization whose sole purpose is to conserve, protect, and restore the natural resources of the Henry's Fork watershed. For more information, visit www.henrysfork.org.