

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Forest History Society awards and fellowships are fully supported by endowment. The awards program enables the Society to recognize research and writing. High standards for selection reflect equally upon the recipient and the Society. Following is a list of the awards for 1997.

THEODORE C. BLEGEN AWARD

Robert B. Outland III was chosen to receive the Theodore C. Blegen Award for best article in a journal other than *Environmental History*. His article, "Slavery, Work, and the Geography of the North Carolina Naval Stores Industry," was published in the February 1996 issue of *Journal of Southern History*. This well-written study of slavery and the forest-based harvesting of turpentine in North Carolina is an excellent contribution to forest history. Despite limited sources about these workers or created by them, the author provides a strong sense of the slave's perspective. Outstanding is the discussion of the occupational health risks of the turpentine industry and the recourse to medicinal forest plants by slaves. This article can also be read in conjunction with studies of the colonial dyewood trade, spice or wood trade, rubber or maple sugar tapping. It is worthwhile reading for anyone interested in the global history of non-traditional extractive forest industries.

CHARLES A. WEYERHAEUSER BOOK AWARD

The Charles A. Weyerhaeuser Award for best book on forest and conservation history is biennial, granted in odd-numbered years. This year's winner is **Nancy Langston** for her book titled *Forest Dreams, Forest Nightmares: The Paradox of Old Growth in the Inland West*. Few histories of national forests have so explicitly and elegantly combined political/policy history with a close look at ecological history. Although focusing specifically on the Blue Mountains in Oregon, Langston's book offers a timely insight into natural resource management practices on other national forests and public lands. Her analysis of U.S. Forest Service sustained yield forestry practices sheds tremendous light on the challenges facing forest managers today.

JOHN M. COLLIER JOURNALISM AWARD

Don Burdette was recently presented with the Forest History Society's John M. Collier Award for forest history journalism. His four-part article, "The Southern Forests," appeared in the Fall 1995 through Summer 1996 editions of the Alabama Forestry Commission's quarterly publication *Alabama's TREASURED Forests*. Mr. Burdette presents an orderly, readily understandable, fully researched piece of journalism that we are pleased to reprint in this issue of *Forest History Today*.



Steve Anderson presents Don Burdette with a Vincent Perez woodcut for receiving the Collier Award for forest history journalism. Art Rowe, district ranger, USFS, took the photo.

F.K. WEYERHAEUSER FELLOWSHIP

The very competitive F.K. Weyerhaeuser Forest History Fellowship was awarded to **Erika Nystrom Sasser**. Her proposal intends to articulate the impact of property rights on land use in the U.S., Canada, and Mexico.

ALFRED D. BELL, JR., TRAVEL GRANTS

Alfred D. Bell, Jr., Travel Grants are awarded to enable researchers to use the FHS library. Bell Fellows for last year included:

Abra E. Quinn, working on her doctoral dissertation at the University of Missouri in Columbia, studied timber workers of the Louisiana pineywoods. She is particularly interested in how black and white workers functioned in a highly integrated work environment whose broader context was a highly segregated Southern company town.

Robert B. Outland, a doctoral candidate in history at Louisiana State University, conducted research on the postbellum naval stores industry in the

South. He focused on market trends, business organization, production methods, technological innovations, environmental impact, and turpentine's relation to agricultural production and the timber industry.

Andreas Jordahl Rhude became interested in structural glued laminated timber because of family connections with the business. He has been working on a history of the industry and was able to add new material from the National Forest Products Association dealing with the Timber Engineering Company.

Katherine G. Morrissey, an assistant professor at the University of Arizona, studies conflicts over mining pollution in the 20th century Rocky Mountain West. She traced the history of attitudes toward and awareness of mining pollution found in the records of several organizations and individuals.

James E. Fickle, a history professor from the University of Memphis, worked on a history of the Society of American Foresters. FHS holds the historical records for the organization. He also reviewed photographs for a separate project on the forest history of Mississippi.

Patrick D. Murphy, an English professor from Indiana University of Pennsylvania, studies literature and the environment. He is currently working on the Oxford Companion to Forests and Trees and will utilize the Society's extensive network of authors.

Mark Harvey, a history professor from North Dakota State University in Fargo, is writing a biography of noted environmentalist Howard Zahniser. He used the collections of the American Forestry Association and the National Forest Products Association to substantiate public response to and participation in the legislative process leading to passage of the Wilderness Act in 1964.

RALPH HIDY AWARD

The Hidy Award, recognizing superior scholarship published in *Environmental History*, is biennial in coordination with the Aldo Leopold Award, sponsored by the American Society for Environmental History. The Hidy Award will be offered in even-numbered years, and the Leopold Award in odd-numbered years.