

# WHPA Beekeeper Awards 1975 – 2017

## **Beekeeper of the Year**

2017 – Matt LaForge  
2016 – Nick Thill  
2015 – Dan and Karen Buch  
2014 – Tracy Malterer  
2013 – Don and Cheryl Thill  
2012 – Dan and Gina Piechowski  
2011 – Tim Fulton  
2010 – Jim and Karri Burzynski  
2009 – Mark Kohn  
2008 – John Piechowski  
2007 – Herb and Judy Lapp  
2006 – Gary and Ginger Reuter  
2005 – Anna Kettlewell  
2004 – David Weber  
2003 – Oscar Carlson  
2002 – John and Lucille Hinkfuss  
2001 – Paul and Dorothy Hess  
2000 – Keith Rowe  
1999 – Derald and Mary Kettlewell  
1998 – Leon Metz  
1997 – Dave Marcy  
1996 – Wally and Lois Nass  
1995 – Lee Heine  
1994 – Buck and Jane Howery  
1993 – Walter Diehnelt  
1992 – John and Liz Vaenoski  
1991 – Huber and Vera Wheeler  
1990 – Butch and Linda Hauri  
1989 – Cliff and Bernice Wolterstorff  
1988 – Margaret Ahlers  
1987 – Charles and Fern Eggen  
1986 – Eva Cisek  
1985 – Art Kehl  
1984 – JoAnne Weber  
1983 – Les Philaja  
1975 – Henry Piechowski

## **Pioneer Awards**

2017 – Gordon Waller  
2016 – Wally & Lois Nass  
2015 – Carl Christiansen  
2014 – Oscar and Marilyn Carlson  
2013 – John and Marilyn Piechowski  
Bob and Judy Hoffman  
2012 – Al Baldwin  
Wayne and Ardelle Lemar  
2011 – Wally Brown  
2010 – Ed and Merle Sjostrom  
2009 – Charles and Fern Eggen  
Huber and Vera Wheeler  
2008 – Cliff and Myrna Sweet  
Sandy Marcy  
2007 – Paul Ekblad  
2006 – Keith Rowe  
2005 – Don and Elaine Kohn  
2004 – Herb and Judy Lapp  
2003 – Margaret Ahlers  
Cliff Hendricks

2002 – David Weber  
2001 – Walter Diehnelt  
Liz Vaenoski  
2000 – Bob and Marion Knox  
1999 – Herbert and Ruby Gehlar  
Ruth Berholtz  
1998 – Felix and Evelyn Neck  
1997 – Cliff and Bernice Wolterstorff  
Augie and Marlene Laechelt  
1996 – Henry and Esther Piechowski  
1995 – Arthur and Mary Ramsey  
1994 – Rae and Florette Kohn  
1993 – Derald and Loretta Hanson

## **Education Award**

2017 – Gary Reuter and Marla Spivak  
2016 – Peter Underwood  
2015 – Craig Petros  
2014 – David and Leslie Meuer  
2012 – Frank Holzman  
2011 – Oscar Carlson  
2010 – Dean Lapp  
2003 – Sharon and Onaka Pufahl  
2001 – Elaine Schumann  
2000 – John and Lucille Hinkfuss  
1999 – Keith Rowe  
1998 – William Lueschow

## **Special Recognition Award**

2017 – Jim & Karri Burzynski  
Gene Hausner  
2016 – Kimberly Kester  
2015 – Nick Thill  
2012 – Dan and Karen Buch  
2011 – Dennis and Doreen Freeberg  
2007 – Bob and Judy Hoffman  
2004 – Don and Cheryl Thill  
2003 – Ken Balts  
2002 – Marla Spivak  
2001 – Annette Phibbs  
2000 – John Piechowski  
1993 – Dadant & Sons, Inc.  
Lee Heine  
Art Kehl  
1992 – Walter Diehnelt  
1991 – Garry Oreskovic  
Leland “Slick” Kottwitz

## **Promotional Award**

2015 – Kent Pegorsch  
2006 – Jolene Hoefs  
2005 – Angela Fisher  
1996 – Louann Hausner

## **Youth Award**

2017 – Gunner Berning  
2016 – Natalie Abbott  
Katrina Pokorny  
2014 – Brandon and Aaron Saeger  
Hannah Sjostrom

2012 – Kyle Bomkamp  
Dylon Pokorny  
2010 – Natalie Abbott  
2003 – Keya Pufahl  
2002 – Michelle Heram  
Carol Wilson  
2001 – Carolyn Detmer  
2000 – Kayla Marty  
1999 – Nick Thill  
1998 – Andy Kettlewell  
Darren and Jody Hanson  
Jordon Bendel

## **Appreciation Award**

2016 – Dave & Sandy Marcy  
2013 – Illinois State Beekeepers Assoc  
2012 – Honey Acres  
2012 – Stan Jakubek  
2009 – Ronald Wilson  
2000 – Linda Hauri  
1998 – Phil May  
1997 – Walter Diehnelt, Honey Acres  
1994 – Rex Bowen  
Keith Rowe  
1992 – Lee Heine

## **Above and Beyond Award**

2010 – Wally and Lois Nass  
2000 – Lee Heine

## **Service Award**

2017 – Rock County Beekeepers  
2009 – Delaine “Tiny” Kottwitz  
1997 – Margaret Ahlers  
1992 – Wally Nass

## **Distinguished Service Award**

2004 – Gene Hausner  
2003 – National Honey Board  
2006 – Doug and Kim Sjostrom  
2005 – Mark Kohn  
Gary and Ginger Reuter  
2002 – Oscar Carlson  
1999 – John and Shirley Smith  
Marvin Pankratz  
1998 – Emmett Harp

## **Special Award**

1996 – Herb and Judy Lapp  
1995 – Emmett Harp  
1994 – Walt Gojmerac  
1993 – Linda Hauri  
1992 – John Vaenoski

## **Achievement Award**

1996 – Paul Hess  
Dave Marcy  
1995 – Eugene Albright  
Franklin Borth