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## Winning the North American Native Plant Society 2013 Conservation Award

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Imagine my surprise and delight to be notified that I have been awarded the 2013 [Paul McGaw Memorial Conservation Award](#) from the North American Native Plant Society!

This award

recognizes an individual or groups' extraordinary contribution to the conservation, protection or restoration of the natural heritage/native flora of North America at the community, regional, provincial, national or continental level.

The North American Native Plant Society recognizes that an individual or group's contribution to the conservation/protection/restoration of native North American flora and natural heritage can take many forms, and therefore accomplishments honoured through the awards may include or be related to associated fields such as art, science, education, photography, literature, politics, or cultivation.

My name was put forward by John Oyston, incoming president of the North American Native Plant Society for these reasons:

This recognition is based on you and your fellow writers' contributions to education, conservation and restoration of natural habitat through your encouragement of wildlife gardening and the use of native plants in domestic gardens.

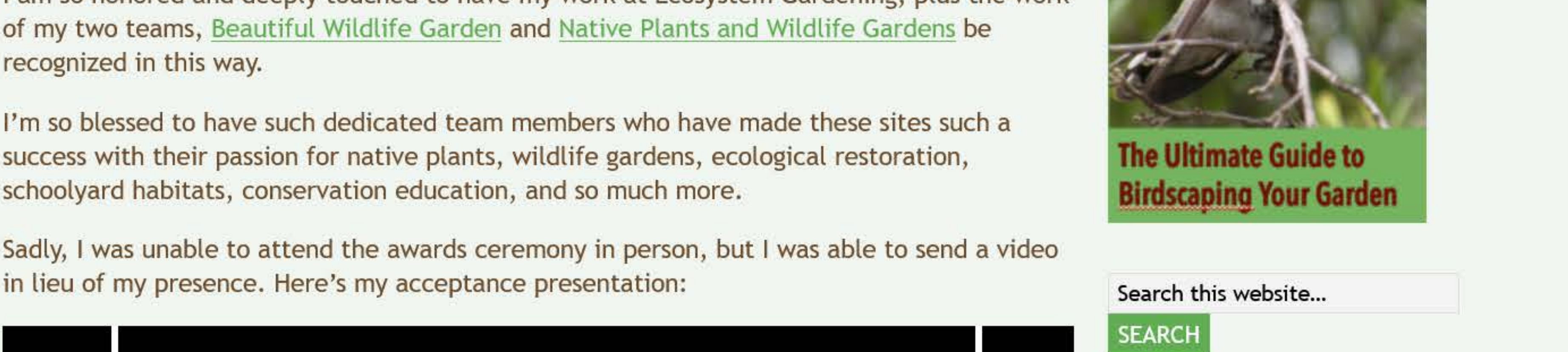
While we have not given an award for a web site, the award criteria specify that contributions can take many forms and may be in related fields such as education, photography, literature, politics or cultivation, all of which are promoted and exemplified in your web sites.

The Awards Committee feels that your websites are indeed worthy of celebration

I am so honored and deeply touched to have my work at Ecosystem Gardening, plus the work of my two teams, [Beautiful Wildlife Garden](#) and [Native Plants and Wildlife Gardens](#) be recognized in this way.

I'm so blessed to have such dedicated team members who have made these sites such a success with their passion for native plants, wildlife gardens, ecological restoration, schoolyard habitats, conservation education, and so much more.

Sadly, I was unable to attend the awards ceremony in person, but I was able to send a video in lieu of my presence. Here's my acceptance presentation:



Many thanks to John Oyston, Harold Smith, Janice Kell, Miriam Henriques, and Janet Harrison for their support, and also all of the members of the [North American Native Plant Society](#) for their hard work and dedication for preserving native plant habitat in wild areas and restoring indigenous flora to developed areas.

Also many thanks to each of my team members who have worked so hard writing such informative and inspirational articles for our sites!

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*Carole Sevilla Brown is a Conservation Biologist who firmly believes that wildlife conservation begins in your own back yard. Carole is an author, educator, speaker, and passionate birder, butterfly watcher, and naturalist who travels around the country teaching people to garden sustainably, conserve natural resources, and create welcoming habitat for wildlife so that you will attract more birds, butterflies, pollinators and other wildlife.. She gardens for wildlife in Philadelphia, zone 6b, and created the philosophy of [Ecosystem Gardening](#). Watch for her book [Ecosystem Gardening](#), due out soon. Carole is managing editor of [Beautiful Wildlife Garden](#), and also [Native Plants and Wildlife Gardens](#). Follow Carole on twitter, [@CB4wildlife](#) and on [Google+](#)*

### Comments

**Jim says:**  
 10/19/2013 at 7:34 pm  
 Congratulations.  
 I am sure that chickadee has appreciated your life's work. I have not had a chance to poke around your other websites but will now.

**Carole Sevilla Brown says:**  
 10/20/2013 at 2:35 pm  
 Jim, that Chickadee was definitely a messenger! Welcome to our sites 😊  
 Carole Sevilla Brown recently posted..[Roadsides for Wildlife](#)

**Marilyn says:**  
 10/20/2013 at 7:37 am  
 Congratulations, Carole. "A little bird told me", almost literally, about this website. In my case, it was a Carolina wren who was recently visiting the hanging plants on our deck. In doing internet research about this bird and what it might have wanted with my plants, I discovered an article Pat Sutton had posted about wren baskets for winter. Exploring this site, I feel I've opened Pandora's box and life and gardening will never again be the same. I'm so glad your work and websites are being recognized.

**Carole Sevilla Brown says:**  
 10/20/2013 at 2:36 pm  
 Hi Marilyn, I'm so glad you discovered Pat's article about the wren baskets. I'm pleased to welcome you to our community. Please feel free to use the contact form at any of the sites if we can help you answer any questions.  
 Carole Sevilla Brown recently posted..[Butterfly Bush is Invasive Do NOT Plant](#)

**Lynn says:**  
 10/20/2013 at 9:28 pm  
 Well deserved award. Thank you and your team for teaching us about how we can make a difference in our own little spaces.

**Cynthia, aka Gaia gardener says:**  
 10/20/2013 at 10:53 pm  
 Congratulations! This is absolutely wonderful - and I think you and your team definitely deserve this honor! You all do a great job with your posts.  
 Cynthia, aka Gaia gardener recently posted..[A Local Biodiversity Study](#)

**Sherry Mason says:**  
 10/21/2013 at 11:01 am  
 Congratulations Carole! You are doing a wonderful job communicating and empowering people to be a part of healing the earth.

**Beatriz Moisset says:**  
 10/21/2013 at 11:40 am  
 Congratulations! This is a well deserved honor.  
 Beatriz Moisset recently posted..[.Mile-a-Minute](#)

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