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# Welcome

November 2004

Dear Participant:

On behalf of the Steering Committee, I would like to welcome everyone to the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual A.D. Latornell Conservation Symposium. The main sponsors for the event, Conservation Ontario and the Centre for Land and Water Stewardship, University of Guelph, have partnered with many other Ontario agencies and groups to organize and deliver an exceptional program. Special thanks to all our funding sponsors for their commitment in supporting this important event.

This year's theme "Stewardship: From Strategies to Actions," refers to the need for all of us to take responsibility for the preservation and protection of our land, water and air resources in order to ensure we all live and work in healthy watersheds. The conference will explore approaches to successful stewardship that considers the human, environmental and economic requirements for sustainable communities.

Our namesake for this event, Arthur D. Latornell, was a great mentor for young people and each year, the Symposium strives to provide a variety of opportunities for students and young conservationist professionals to feature original research and network with more experienced practitioners from across the various sectors. This year, through the student poster presentations, we are pleased to feature some very innovative student research projects that look at topical issues such as: water, forestry, stakeholder consulting, environmental monitoring and organizational capacity building.

We hope you take the opportunity to attend and participate in all the activities designed to make this Symposium a noteworthy event.



Please don't forget to complete the evaluation form included with your registration package as we always look forward to your comments and suggestions. We hope you have an enjoyable conference.

Yours truly,

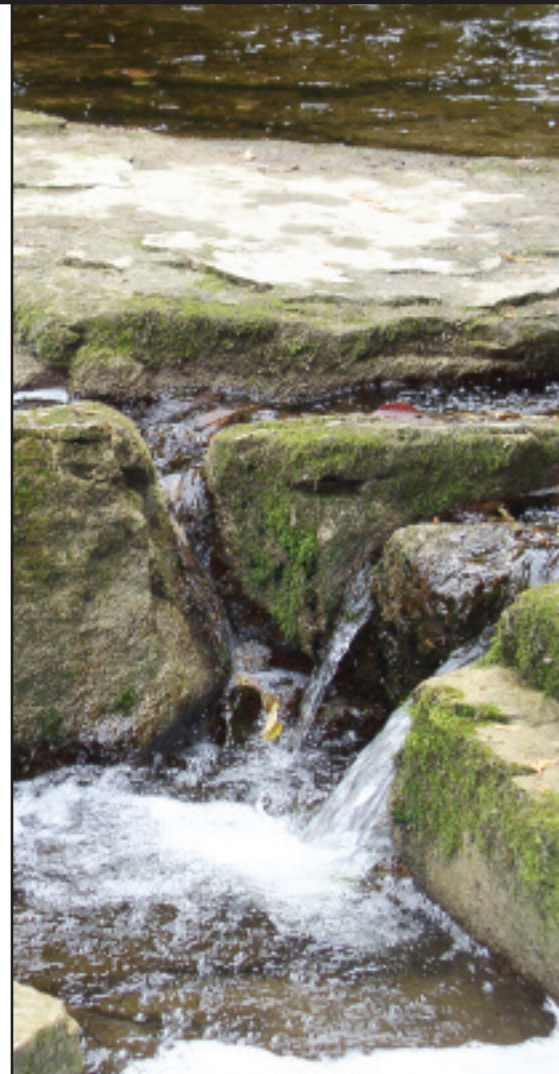
Chris Hachey, Chair  
11<sup>th</sup> Annual A.D. Latornell Symposium Steering Committee

## A.D. Latornell Award of Merit

Every year the Ontario Chapter of the Soil and Water Conservation Society (SWCS) invites applications from post-secondary students and practicing professionals in the field of resource management to be considered for the A.D. Latornell Award of Merit. The annual awards of \$600 are funded through a permanent endowment fund from the estate of Art Latornell. The successful applicant or applicants are selected by a volunteer committee and the award is presented at the Latornell Conservation Symposium.

This year's award winner in the student category is Aisha Chiandet. Aisha is a fourth-year student in Environmental Science at the University of Guelph. As part of the award, Aisha is sponsored to attend the Symposium, and receives a one-year membership in SWCS. Aisha will be presented with the A.D. Latornell Award of Merit on Wednesday, November 17<sup>th</sup> during the Harvest Banquet Dinner.

There were no applications in the non-student category this year.



## A.D. Latornell Symposium

The A.D. Latornell Conservation Symposium is Ontario's largest annual conference focusing on environmental and conservation issues. Attracting over 750 people over a three day-period, it has become a vibrant gathering of conservation professionals from government and non-government organizations alike. It is the best single place to hear up-to-date presentations on current conservation issues facing Ontario.

The Symposium has been co-sponsored from its inception by Conservation Ontario and the Centre for Land and Water Stewardship at the University of Guelph.



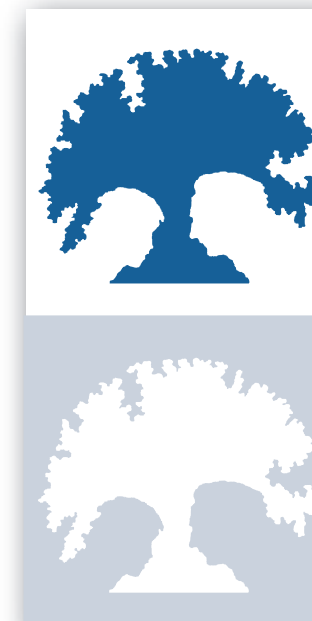
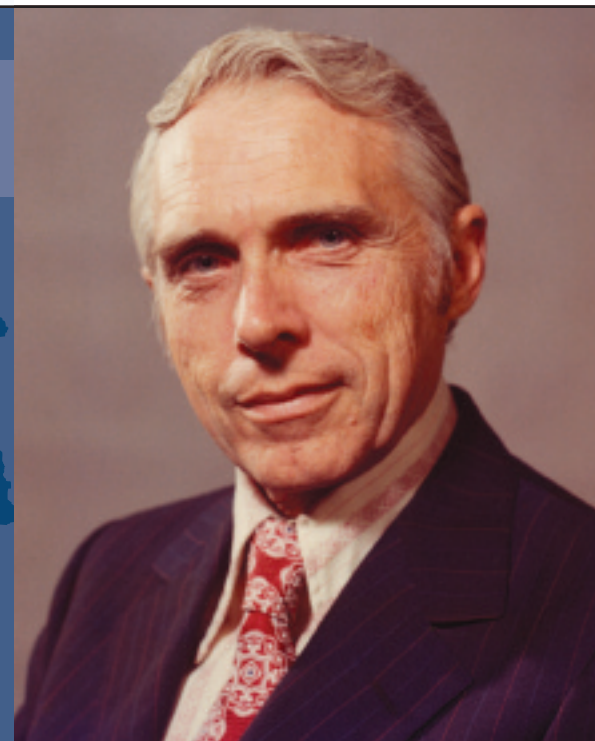
This Symposium is held in the memory of Arthur Douglas Latornell, a leading conservationist, who had a tireless dedication to the grass roots conservation movement in Southern Ontario. He was a strong mentor to young people who were interested in the field of conservation and he was an important promoter of Conservation Authorities across Ontario.



## A.D. Latornell Grant

The A.D. Latornell Conservation Symposium Grant was established in memory of Art Latornell to provide support for deserving students and active members of the conservation community so that they may attend the annual Symposium. The funds are the result of the Symposium Dream Auction and other fundraising efforts made by the Steering Committee. The aim of the Grant is to award successful applications with their registration and accommodation for the Symposium.

Any individual registered in a Canadian University or College, or affiliated with non-government/community organization is eligible to apply. This year, 14 recipients were awarded the Grant, nine of which were students and five from the non-for-profit and volunteer sector.



The A.D. Latornell logo was designed to represent the significant aspects of Art Latornell's life and legacy. The logo is a silhouette of an ancient tree, which represents the conservation of natural resources and Art's long-standing interest in the natural world. The background areas formed by the tree trunk contain the profiles of two people, a young student and a mentor.