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Every year, we are awed and inspired by the passion, commitment, and dedication that our Sage Award Nominees and Recipients have for their areas of interest and action. This year, we asked the Recipients - what inspires *you*?

## Marg Reine

### Sage Award Recipient 2016 – Environment



As the recipient of the Environmental award I am very grateful to be acknowledge in this area. I have worked with environmental areas for over 35 years in aspects of environmental education, environmental interpretation, conservation, land stewardship, conservation management. Enlightening people about nature and its value and taking people out into the many natural areas we have in and around the city is always rewarding. As you well know it is not just one person who accomplishes these activities but credit should be given to all who assist along the way who are often not acknowledged. I hope to continue working in this area and encouraging people to become involved in nature and the environment to work with all elements of society to

conserve what is necessary for all to enjoy. Trying to get the public understanding that many organizations work with industry, development and the community in a cooperative way and not confrontational as the media often portrays environmentalists. The many groups I have worked with and continue to work with are doing and making great strides to move the importance natural capital to the forefront in a cooperative and consultative manner. Let's hope that in the future more people understand what most environmentalists are doing in a positive light and that media start reporting on these groups and individuals and not the sensational groups or individuals who are trying to get headlines.

Here are the links to some of the organizations I am involved with:

The Edmonton and Area Land Trust [www.EALT.ca](http://www.EALT.ca)

The Lee Nature Sanctuary Society (the volunteer management committee of the Clifford E. Lee Nature Sanctuary) [www.cliffordelee.com](http://www.cliffordelee.com)

The Edmonton Nature Club [www.edmontonnatureclub.org](http://www.edmontonnatureclub.org)