



Marin County IPM Achievement Award

2018 Nominee Summary

The eligibility requirements for nominees are:

- Marin County staff, contractors, volunteers, community leaders, commercial property owners, schools, non-profit organizations, landscape workers and pest control applicators, retailers, residents
- Demonstrated sustained actions and / or efforts for a minimum of two years
- Has not been a recipient of the award within the last three years

Reasons for nomination are excerpted from nomination forms submitted to the IPM Commission.

Name of individual: Jude Stalker

Reason for Nomination: Jude has done an amazing job of reaching out to agencies, landowners, and others impacted by a new invader: Limonium, AKA Algerian Sea lavender. Jude has organized and led volunteer days to pull Limonium, while rallying agencies to control it on their land. In southern California where this plant has spread more, herbicide has been an important control tool. To date the county has managed it in Marin mostly by hand with some propane steaming. Jude's work has reduced the need for use of pesticides in Marin.

Name of individual: Frank Egger

Reason for Nomination: He studied the components and uses of various pesticides and found alternatives while on the Marin/Sonoma Mosquito & Vector Control Board. He was an initiator/ leader in the community push to have an IPM Ordinance and Commission. He served on the Ross Valley Sanitary District board. While on the Mosquito board he made many suggestions on how to control the vectors, including screening vents in West Marin and keeping water flowing in the ditches where they were breeding. He used these and other methods on his Cazadero Winery. At the many, many public or board meetings he attended, Frank always has examples of innovative techniques to fit the particular situation, and always shared the experience so others could learn. Through his newspaper articles, participation on radio/TV reports/shows, Frank reached segments of the population not usually aware of IPM. He requested information be in multiple languages, especially because in Marin/Sonoma much of the labor force is Spanish speaking.

Name of organization: LINC: TAM (Linking Individuals to their Natural Communities on Mt. Tamalpais)

LINC: TAM brings a diverse array of 20 high school youth onto Mt. Tamalpais for 6 weeks to recreate, learn, and work to restore the different ecosystems on Mt. Tamalpais. The goal of the program is not only to provide youth with an opportunity to be employed in natural resource management, but to install a love and sense of responsibility and stewardship of these ecosystems. Over 6 weeks, these youth pull invasive plants such as: ice plant at Bothin Marsh, and Kent and Arambaru island; yellow star thistle on Mt. Tamalpais; and French broom around Marin City's national park open spaces. They also participate in community science projects such as the Wildlife Picture Index, pollination studies, and Sudden Oak Death Studies. They critically look at the need and future of restoration and stewardship of our open spaces by participating in public planning processes, and group discussions.

Name of individual: Barbara Bogard

Barbara has been a pioneer in the reduction of herbicide use in the county's toolkit while bringing forward other safer and more effective tools to control invasive plants. She has inspired others to do the same. She has helped identify less toxic chemical treatments and non-chemical treatments, such as grazing. Barbara is always up to date with county IPM objectives, budgets, management and work teams. She engages with county IPM staff on a regular basis to understand current work plans and to suggest new approaches as well as re-allocation of existing resources. Barbara has consistently questioned the use of glyphosate and other toxic herbicides while offering alternatives such as hand pulling, grazing, and alternative chemical treatments. Barbara is a founding public member of YardSmart Marin, leading to broad public engagement. Barbara reads voraciously and maintains contacts throughout the IPM community. Barbara has long maintained an active network of members of the public interested in IPM and committed to reducing the use of herbicides. Her work with YardSmart Marin has expanded this group from dozens to thousands. She has also been effective in helping the Marin Municipal Water District transition to an herbicide-free IPM model. Barbara's work with YardSmart Marin has helped to dramatically increase public awareness of the downside of toxic methods of weed control. She has directly interfaced with those selling harmful herbicides and encouraged them to sell less toxic alternatives.

