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| clip_image002 |  **2014 Gulf of Maine** **Longard Award** **Nomination Form** |
| The Longard Gulf Volunteer Award is bestowed each year in memory of Art Longard, a founding member of the Gulf of Maine Council on the Marine Environment and long-time Working Group member. The Award is given to an individual from one of the five states and provinces bordering the Gulf of Maine. The Longard Award recognizes individual commitment to volunteer programs dedicated to environmental protection and sustainability of natural resources within the marine, near shore, and watershed environments of the Gulf of Maine. \* As the Council celebrates our 25th Anniversary, we seek to recognize the value of young people as well as experienced leaders in working to protect the Gulf of Maine ecosystem. We welcome and encourage nominees of all ages (including students or youth organizations) for our 2014 Gulf of Maine Visionary Awards and Longard Volunteer Award.  |
| clip_image004 **Art Longard**  | Nomination instructions1.       Individuals or organizations may submit nominations. Self-nominations are not accepted.2.       The nominee must be resident of Maine, Massachusetts, New Brunswick, New Hampshire, or Nova Scotia. The nominee’s contributions must have been to the Gulf of Maine watershed. 3.       Longard Award nominees must have contributed to the Gulf of Maine in their capacity as a volunteer, **NOT** as a paid professional.4.       Nominations must be made on this form. Attachments will not be accepted.5.       Nominations must be emailed to jleblanc@gulfofmaine.org by the close of business on **March 30, 2014**. Please rename the nomination form with \_LastNameofNominee added to the end of the file name. |
| Questions? Please contact Council Coordinator Joan LeBlanc at jleblanc@gulfofmaine.org.To view a list of past award winners, please visit: <http://www.gulfofmaine.org/2/opportunities/> |
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| **Nominee information**Name (as it would appear on the award plaque if selected): **Carol “Krill” Carson**Mailing address: 11 Clarence Soule Drive Middleboro, MA 02346Phone: (Home) 508-946-4345 (Cell) 508-566-0009Email: krillcarson@mac.com   |   |
| **Brief background on why the individual/organization is being nominated:**  Carol “Krill” Carson has spent many years volunteering her knowledge and services. Since 2005, Krill has founded New England Coastal Wildlife Alliance (NECWA) a non-profit, volunteer organization based in southeast Massachusetts that works to better understand and protect coastal wildlife through research, education, and conservation activities. Krill spends many hours working as a volunteer for NECWA.  |   |
| **Summary that will be read during the awards ceremony if nominee is selected. This text will also be used in media releases** **(not to exceed 2,000 characters, including spaces and punctuation):**  It is with great pleasure and an honor to nominate Carol “Krill” Carson for the Longard Volunteer Award. As president and founder of the New England Coastal Wildlife Alliance (NECWA), a non-profit, volunteer organization, Krill works tirelessly for the conservation, preservation, and education of all that come in contact with the marine life and environment in the Gulf of Maine. Before Krill’s work as a volunteer is addressed, let us look at the person called “Krill”. Krill has spent thirty years researching, teaching, and volunteering in many phases of the marine biology and ornithology fields. Some of her earlier research concerned the collection of data for nocturnal flight call and effect of towers on the killing of birds while the past thirty years has concentrated on the studies of many phases of marine life. At present, Krill is the naturalist and biologist aboard the Captain John Whale Watching Boats in Plymouth, MA. Her programs on the boats include whale-watching, floating classrooms programs, Cape Canal Cruises, and classroom-based presentations for K-12 grade students and adults. Having the opportunity to accompany Krill on the whale-watching excursions and gaining an abundance of knowledge and information about marine life from her during these excursions, has only pointed to her tireless energy to make people aware of the marvelous world on and in the ocean. Many comments overheard and received from the people on-board the boat speak to Krill’s knowledge and wish to share this knowledge with the public. It is during this phase of her career that I met and became aware of the volunteer/ non-profit – NECWA- that Krill founded and established. NECWA is based in southeastern Massachusetts. Krill volunteers as the lead biologist and administrator for the organization. It is through this organization that Krill involves the people of the community in a sighting network for the basking sharks and ocean sunfish. Krill along with her group of volunteers spend endless hours rescuing stranded ocean sunfish or performing a necropsy on the dead stranded ocean sunfish. Time and time again, Krill is thinking of ideas to involve the public and the best way they can be reached whether it is a key-chain card, new tee shirt, or a public address about these two groups of animals. One of Krill’s major concerns is educating the future populace on the necessity of protecting our marine environment. To address this issue, NECWA accepts upper grade high school students, college students, and graduate students for a three month internship at NECWA. In keeping with the non-profit, volunteer base of the organization, the interns take on the internship as non-paid volunteers for the three month program. When they finish their internship where they have learned identification techniques, public speaking techniques, teaching techniques, research techniques, data recording techniques, they are well on their way to becoming a trained naturalist. Krill’s enthusiasm, interest, and endless volunteer hours have inspired many who have met and now know her to volunteer their time and efforts in this organization. Her work and volunteerism run hand-hand with her twenty four seven. When not thinking about and working for NECWA, Krill spend her time teaching at a local university spending many more than required hours interacting and directing students in studies and research. Many of these hours are another way Krill volunteers. Again, there is no one more worthy of such an honor than Carol “Krill” Carson and I am honored to nominate her for the Longard Volunteer Award.       |   |
| **Name and contact information of person making the nomination:** Name: Dr. Mary C. NashAffiliation: Volunteer for NECWA and Intern CoordinatorAddress: 32 Admiral Halsey Road Plymouth, MAPhone: (Home) 508-833-9007 (Cell) 508-284-6376Email: mcnash@capecod.net  |   |