

2020 Conservation Stewards Awards

Kate Lee

Kate Lee has spent as much of her life outdoors as possible. Her father was a naval officer and her family almost always lived on a coast. As a child she went on overnight fishing boat trips to Fort Jefferson in the Dry Tortugas, played on the C&O Canal path, and climbed the huge rocky slopes of Great Falls, Maryland. She later graduated from a Quaker boarding school in Providence, Rhode Island, completed undergraduate work at the University of Pennsylvania and the University of Florida before receiving a Masters in Library Science from Florida State University. Once those formalities were taken care of, she worked as a volunteer with the Florida Fish & Game Commission helping inventory the American crocodile population in Crocodile Lake National Wildlife Refuge. She has also tagged sandhill cranes for research purposes. After many years of serving in various positions with Sierra Club's local chapter, Kate received the first Service Award ever given. She has also served in various positions with Audubon's local chapter. An avid supporter of conservation, Kate donated a conservation easement on her land and a remainder interest in her homestead in the Serenola Forest area in 2007.