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Brandwein Institute Awards Brandwein Medal to New York State Outdoor Education Association

Greenkill Outdoor Education Center, Huguenot, NY—September 22, 2018 – Today the Brandwein Institute bestowed its highest award, the National Brandwein Medal, to the New York State Outdoor Education Association (NYSOEA). The award is given to individuals and organizations whose focus is in keeping with Paul and Mary Brandwein’s commitment to education, life-long learning, nature, and community.

The award was presented to NYSOEA Co-Founder Jerry Passer and President Eric Powers, at the 50th Anniversary NYSOEA Conference, by Brandwein Institute President Keith Wheeler and President Emeritus John (Jack) Padalino. The award is in recognition of the 50 years of outstanding work inspiring new generations, regardless of age, to experience, embrace and love nature first hand. NYSOEA has reached tens of thousands of New Yorkers, especially children and youth, leading them to take environmental action.

In addition to the Medal, the Brandwein Institute also presented NYSOEA with a check for \$1,000 to help further its endeavors for the next 50 years.

About the New York State Outdoor Education Association (nysoea.org)

A professional membership organization supporting outdoor and environmental education and interpretive services in New York State since 1968, the New York State Outdoor Education Association seeks to inspire appreciation of the environment by all people. Through conferences, workshops, and publications, NYSOEA promotes interdisciplinary life-long learning in, for, and about the outdoors.

About the Brandwein Institute (brandwein.org)

Guided by Paul and Mary Brandwein’s work in science and conservation education, the Brandwein Institute, incorporated in 1995, is dedicated to the education of all learners in recognition of their interdependence with nature and responsibility for sustaining a healthful and healing environment. The Institute hosts major conferences on Conservation Issues and Inspiring New Generations, sponsors the Brandwein Lecture each year at the National Science Teachers Association Annual Meeting, and developed and maintains the Brandwein Nature Learning Preserve in Unionville, NY. Programs at the Preserve include Brandwein Institute Summer Science Camps and Sundays at the Preserve.