

# Wyoming Stock Growers Land Trust seeks nominations for the Kurt Bucholz award

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The Wyoming Stock Growers Land Trust is seeking nominations for the Kurt Bucholz Award, which honors an individual who exemplifies the core beliefs held by Dr. Bucholz during his lifetime of dedicated public service and commitment to conservation.

The award was created in memory of Kurt Bucholz, DVM, a legislator and rancher from Saratoga, Wyoming. His wife, Laura Bucholz, and the Stock Growers Land Trust Board of Directors established the award in Bucholz's name in 2008. The award is presented each year to an individual who represents his conservation values, especially the conservation of working ranches.

Wyoming Stock Growers Land Trust founder and former board member, John Lunt, once said, "The Bucholz Award emphasizes the role of private enterprise and initiative in the conservation of Wyoming's working landscapes, this sets it apart from other such recognitions."

The Kurt Bucholz award is presented by the Stock Growers Land Trust at its Annual Roundup Barbeque, which will be held in Buffalo, Wyoming, on Aug. 27-28. Past award recipients are: Dennis Sun, 2008; Dr. John Lunt, 2009; Joe Glode, 2010; Jim Chant, 2011, Bob Budd, 2012, Mike Healy, 2013, Bobbie Frank, 2014 and Alan Barnett, 2015. Each year, renowned artist Jerry Palen volunteers his time and talent to create a bronze award depicting the Stock Growers Land Trust horse and rider logo.

Individuals eligible for nomination will have achieved a lasting impact in one or more of the following ways:

Ardent supporter of conserving Wyoming's working landscapes and one who recognizes the indispensable role of ranching in this endeavor.

Astute and successful rancher and land steward who has been active in state and/or national natural resource issues, and a strong proponent of private enterprise and private solutions for conservation in Wyoming.



## 2015 Award

Alan Barnett (center) is pictured with Laura Bucholz and Bessie Bucholz. Barnett won the Kurt Bucholz award for 2015. (Photo courtesy of Wyoming Stock Growers Land Trust.)

A background of actions promoting the bedrock importance of water to Wyoming and the vital significance of protecting traditional water rights.

A strong and abiding interest in hunting and wildlife and a personal commitment to habitat conservation.

Submissions are due by May 16. Please direct questions to Eric Schacht at 307-772-8751 or [eric@wsgalt.org](mailto:eric@wsgalt.org). Nomination forms can be found and submitted online at [www.wsgalt.org](http://www.wsgalt.org).