



Minnesota Master Naturalist Program receives 2016 ANROSP Outstanding Program Evaluation Award

SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO (September 23, 2016) – The Alliance of Natural Resource Outreach and Service Programs (ANROSP) concluded its national conference with an awards ceremony held at the Randall Davey Audubon Center and Sanctuary.

The [Minnesota Master Naturalist Program](#) received the 2016 ANROSP Outstanding Program Evaluation Award. This award recognizes the value and importance of program evaluation by highlighting ANROSP member program evaluation efforts, including the tools used to conduct evaluations and communications efforts employed to share results.

Founded in 2005, the occasion of the Minnesota Master Naturalist Program's 10th anniversary prompted program managers to stop and reflect on the past accomplishments and future directions for the program. Since its inception, the program has had a rigorous evaluation process. Using data collected in a custom-built on-line reporting system, a statewide overview was conducted to examine coverage across Minnesota and then to analyze how Minnesota Master Naturalist has worked with programs nationally, demonstrating the expanding impact of one state's program. A full-color booklet, available in print and online, was developed and circulated to share the results.

Amy Rager, Minnesota Master Naturalist Program Director, Andrea Lorek Strauss, and Britt Forsberg accepted the award on behalf of the Minnesota Master Naturalist Program, University of Minnesota Extension.

Amy Rager, ANROSP President and Minnesota Master Naturalist Program Director, said "ANROSP provides member programs an opportunity to share their best work in the areas of Outstanding Educational Materials, Outstanding Volunteer Project, Outstanding Team, Outstanding Program Evaluation and Program of the Year. Each year ANROSP is proud to highlight programs from across the United States in each of these categories." Award applications are peer reviewed and selection is made by the ANROSP Awards Committee, chaired by the ANROSP Vice President.

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