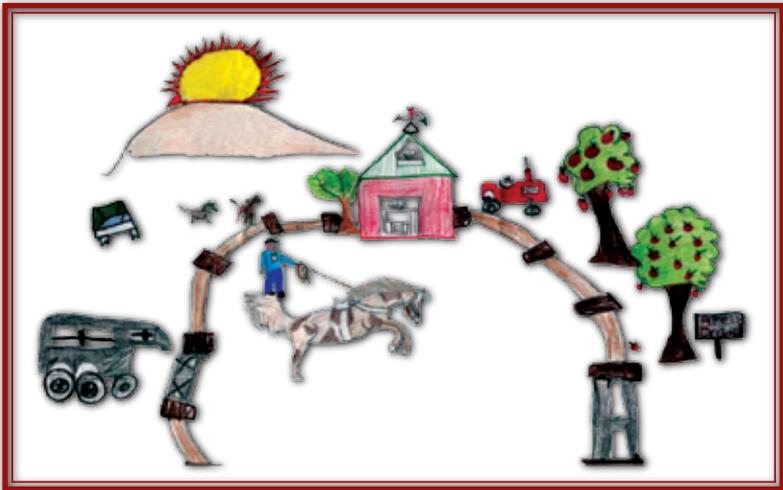


The Sixth Annual
Clarence Burch Award,
The Quivira Coalition's
2007 Outstanding Leadership Awards
& Banquet

January 20, 2007
Marriott Pyramid, Albuquerque, NM



"Horse Training" by Andrew Chaves, Age 9, Anton Chico, NM

Those of us who knew Clarence were aware that, if you want action, you got Clarence involved. When he started on a project, things were going to happen. He had the will to win as an athlete, and he made things happen throughout life.—

"Clarence Burch, Diversified Activist"

in

Courageous Cattlemen

by Robert C. de Baca

The Quivira Coalition's
2007
Outstanding Leadership Awards



To mark our 10th anniversary, we are very pleased to announce a new annual award dedicated to the “four legs” of The Quivira Coalition’s original “chair” – ranchers, conservationists, civil servants, and researchers. We wish to recognize those individuals in each category who have shown remarkable and enduring leadership in the difficult job of working in the radical center – the place where people are coming together to explore their common interests rather than argue their differences, as author and conservation leader Bill deBuys has described it.

We believe that the radical center is where real change happens – on the “actual landscape of the back forty” as Aldo Leopold put it. But change needs strong leadership, especially in this era of seemingly endless partisanship. We think the time is right to honor those who have advanced the cause of the radical center with integrity, vision, and determination – sometimes against long odds. On behalf of the Board and staff of The Quivira Coalition, we are honored to award the “Outstanding Leadership” Awards for 2007 to:

- *David & Kay James*
- *Curt Meine*
- *Dave Stewart*
- *Gary Paul Nabhan*



RANCHING:

David and Kay James James Ranch

Founded in 1961, the James Ranch is now multi-generational and is one of the last working cattle ranches in the Animas Valley, Durango, Colorado. The James Ranch supports a grass fed natural beef operation run by David and Kay James as well as enterprises for three of their five children. Oldest daughter Jennifer and her family have an organic vegetable farm; daughter Julie and her husband John along with their family run a tree farm on the ranch; and oldest son Dan and his family have a seasonal, grass-based dairy from which they make artisan cheeses. Pioneers in marketing direct to consumers, the family sells their products at the James Ranch Farmstand as well as at the Durango Farmer's Market in which they were founding members. The family works from a common goal for the James Ranch, enterprise autonomy and a delegated meeting process to streamline decision making and planning. This approach has led to multi-generational success. In 2005 the family was the recipient of the Durango Chamber of Commerce Green Business Award. Dave and Kay are frequent national speakers on family, grass fed beef and niche marketing.



CONSERVATION:

Curt Meine

Curt Meine is a conservation biologist and writer from Prairie du Sac, Wisconsin. He is a Senior Fellow with the Aldo Leopold Foundation in Baraboo, Wisconsin, and a Research Associate with the International Crane Foundation, also located in Baraboo. He earned his B.A. at DePaul University in Chicago and his graduate degrees in Land Resources from the Institute for Environmental Studies at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. His conservation work has involved projects throughout North America as well as Europe and East Asia. His books include the biography Aldo Leopold: His Life and Work (1988) and Correction Lines: Essays on Land, Leopold, and Conservation (2004). In 2004 he was named one of six recipients of the Bay Foundation's Biodiversity Leadership Award. He is active in his local landscape as a founder and member of the Sauk Prairie Conservation Alliance in Sauk County, Wisconsin.



CIVIL SERVICE:

Dave Stewart
Director of Rangeland Management
USDA Forest Service, Region III

David Stewart is the Director of Rangeland Management, USDA Forest Service, Southwestern Region. He has worked in a variety of positions with the US Forest Service since 1963. Most of his career has been spent addressing range management issues in Arizona and New Mexico with the exception of 4 years spent in Washington D.C. as a Rangeland Management Specialist. He has a B.S. in Agriculture from the University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ with a tri-major in Watershed, Forest, and Rangeland, Management. Dave received the Professional & Technical Guidance Award, given by the Arizona Section of the Society for Range Management, in 2006. He is also a co-recipient of the 4th Annual Clarence Burch Award (along with 7 others), given by The Quivira Coalition in 2005.



RESEARCH:

Gary Paul Nabhan, PhD

Director of the Center for Sustainable Environments

Gary Paul Nabhan, Ph.D., is the Director of the Center for Sustainable Environments at Northern Arizona University, where he also teaches in three programs. Organic Style magazine recently featured him as one of the top fifty “environmental powerhouses” in the world. An alumnus of the University of Arizona and Prescott College, Dr. Nabhan is widely recognized as being among the leading voices in ethnobiology and conservation biology in the America’s. He has worked with with more than a dozen indigenous communities on cross-cultural initiatives to protect endangered plants and animals, wild habitats, cultural landscapes and agricultural traditions. For this work and his related writings, he has received a MacArthur “Genius” award, a lifetime achievement award from the Society of Conservation Biology, and the John Burroughs Medal for nature writing. He has served as a member of the congressionally-appointed National Parks Advisory Board, and is a currently a Board member of the Seed Savers Exchange. Author of nineteen books and well over 200 articles and essays in publications such as Nature, American Anthropologist, Ecological Applications, Conservation Biology, Economic Botany, Conservation Genetics, Applied Geography, Ethno-ecologia, Journal of Ethnobiology and Human Ecology, in addition to op-eds, poems, and reviews. Dr. Nabhan’s work moves from policy to practice, as his founding of the Canyon Country Fresh Network of farmers and ranchers demonstrates. He and wife Laurie Monti raise Navajo-Churro sheep and native crops in the pygmy woodlands near Winona, Arizona.





The Quivira Coalition

Education, Innovation, Restoration...One Acre at a Time

The Quivira Coalition is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization incorporated in New Mexico on June 11, 1997, by two conservationists and a rancher. Our mission is to foster ecological, economic, and social health on western landscapes through education, innovation, collaboration, and progressive public and private land stewardship. Central to this goal is spreading the word that ecologically healthy rangeland and economically robust ranches can be compatible. We call this position The New Ranch.

We pursue our educational mission through a regular newsletter, workshops, conferences, lectures, site tours, websites, seminars, outdoor classrooms, publications, videos, collaborative management demonstration projects, monitoring, and scientific research.

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