

Diana Award

APPLICATION DEADLINE: September 1 of each award year.

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The SCI Diana Award honors the women of Safari Club International who hunt. Named for the huntress of Roman mythology, it recognizes the women of SCI who have excelled in international big game hunting, shown exemplary ethics in the field, remained committed to SCI, and have personally given their time and energies to enhance wildlife conservation and education. Potential nominees must have shown exemplary ethics in the field and have remained committed to SCI's goals. Nomination forms are posted on the SCI website.



Mary Harter

The 2015 recipient of the Diana Award is Mary Harter, editor of *The Front Sight*, a four-time award winning publication for the Mid-Michigan Chapter of Safari Club International.

Mary has devoted her life to wildlife conservation with volunteer work for Safari Club International as well as being a board member for the SCI Mid-Michigan Chapter, and a member in several other chapters and organizations. She has participated in the Isabella County Environmental Education Day where more than 700 school children attend SCI's Sensory Safari. Her home is always open for trophy tours to schoolchildren and other groups where she explains why hunting is the best form of conservation. Her home was recently included in a Woman's Club House Tour, and many more people than usual attended due to the taxidermy on display.

Mary was active with Michigan's Scientific Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act, which passed both the Michigan House and Senate and is now law. She secured many signatures on petitions, sent hundreds of emails and made phone calls encouraging passage of this citizen's initiative.

She has hunted five of the six huntable continents with bow, muzzleloader and rifle. Along with Mary's Big Five and significant world-wide species, she has tackled numerous challenging mountain hunts for ibex and argali including hunts in

Tajikistan, Turkey, Alaska, Spain and Ethiopia where she obtained some of her most prized species such as the mountain nyala, Marco Polo, bezoar ibex, and mountain goat.

You will also find Mary Harter as a guest hunter on several Outdoor Channel TV programs.

DIANA AWARD RECIPIENTS

- Audrey Murtland (1995)
- Casey Schwabland (1996)
- Pamela S. Atwood (1997)
- Ingrid Poole Williams (1998)
- Barbara L. Sackman (1999)
- Joan Vernon Gordon (2000)
- Mary A. Cabela (2001)
- Deb Cunningham (2002)
- Marilyn A. Seegmiller (2003)
- Sandra Green (2004)
- Sandra Sadler (2005)
- Arlene P. Hanson (2006)
- Jackie Bartels (2007)
- Abigail Day (2008)
- MaryAnn Sackman (2009)
- Suzie Brewster (2011)
- Renee Snider (2012)
- Melanie Pepper (2013)
- Olivia Nalos Opre (2014)
- Mary Harter (2015)

Front, seated: Pamela S. Atwood, Renee Snider, Mary Harter, Deb Cunningham and Audrey Murtland. Back, standing: Mary Ann Sackman, Olivia Nalos Opre, Mary Cabela, Abigail Day, Ingrid Poole Williams, Sandra Sadler, Arlene P. Hanson, Suzie Brewster, Barbara L. Sackman and Melanie Pepper.



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