Florida Speaker Biographies

Jenny Brock Chair, Florida Wildlife Federation

Jenny Brock is a fifth generation Floridian from the Panhandle who's first hunting experience was as a young girl retrieving quail for her father, Melton Tindall.

Jenny spent 32 years as a public school math teacher. Her last 7 years as teacher she designed, implemented and taught an Outdoor Education Class. She also spent 17 years as Hunter Education Volunteer Instructor for the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission. For 15 years she served on the commission's Wildlife Alert Committee and helped write "Becoming an Outdoor Woman" for the former Game and Fish Commission.

Jenny is currently chair of the Florida Wildlife Federation's board of directors. She has been a FWF board member of for 15 years. This is her second term on the board.

Jenny currently lives on the St. Marks River in Wakulla County where she enjoys the upkeep of her National Wildlife Federation certified Backyard Wildlife Habitat.

J. Stephen O'Hara, Jr. Region 4 Director, NWF Board of Directors

Steve is president and chairman of the law firm O'Hara, Spradley & Waters. A Florida native and graduate of Florida State University College of Law, he says his "spark of the wild" was lit by childhood experiences on family camping and canoeing trips and Boy Scout outings. As a teen and young adult, he came to appreciate the unfettered access he had to public lands like the Apalachicola National Forest, and developed a strong connection with north Florida's swamps, creeks, rivers and flatwoods.

Steve has served on several conservation-related boards and commissions. He feels that his most significant volunteer achievement to date is his role in revitalizing NWF affiliate the Florida Wildlife Federation (FWF), which he joined because of its long-standing commitment to state acquisition of private land for conservation and public recreational use. After serving as FWF vice chair and chair, he became the affiliate's representative to NWF. In that capacity he chaired several resolutions committees and also served on the By-Laws Committee before beling elected to the board in March, 1999.