

2019 SaskEnergy Volunteer Champion Awards

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The Rosthern Ag. Society accepts the 120 Year Anniversary Award



From Left to Right - Jocleyn Ritchie (SAASE President), Nadine Wilson (MLA for Saskatchewan Rivers), Linda Wright (Honorary Life Member from the Vanscoy Agricultural Society and Joe Hargrave (MLA for Prince Albert Carlton)



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Linda Cheney accepts the Volunteer of the Year Award - Linda Wright accepts the Volunteer of the Year Award on behalf of Linda Stevens



Members of the Swift Current Ag & Ex accept the SAASE/SaskEnergy Achievement of the Year Award



Nadine Wilson - MLA for Saskatchewan Rivers addresses SAASE delegates

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The Volunteer of the Year award is an award that may be presented annually. The volunteer of the Year is based on leadership qualities, innovative ideas and exceptional service to the Agricultural Society, as well as involvement or participation in agricultural society related industry and knowledge of and dedication to. The year's Volunteers of the Year were

Linda Stevens and Linda Cheney from the Vanscoy Agricultural Society. The Achievements of the Year went to the Swift Current Ag. & Ex for being named the Not for Profit Business of the Year in Swift current and the Vanscoy Agricultural Society for working with Deliisle on "Bringing Back the Fair".

Congratulations to all of our winners and thanks to those Agricultural Societies that submitted nominations.



SAASE would like to thank SaskEnergy for their continued involvement with the Volunteer Champion Award Program and helping us to recognize the hard working volunteers that make our communities the great places that they are to live.



Members of the Vanscoy Ag Society accept the SAASE/SaskEnergy Achievement of the Year Award



Members of the Prince Albert Exhibition accepts the 135 Year Anniversary Award