



# SKY ISLAND ALLIANCE

Protecting our Mountain Islands  
and Desert Seas

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Dear George & Linda,

On May 24th our community of friends and colleagues will celebrate the people and places of the Sky Island region by honoring six exceptional people and organizations at our *2012 Mountain Islands Desert Seas Awards Banquet*. **We are pleased to inform you that you have been chosen as the recipient of the sixth annual *Land Stewardship Award*, given to a land steward who shows exemplary dedication to restoring and protecting the native assemblages of species and natural processes that occur on their land.** We thank you for promoting the conservation and appreciation of Sky Island wild places.

We invite you and a companion to be our guests on Thursday, May 24, to accept this award at SIA's Awards Banquet being held at Saguaro Buttes in Tucson, located at 5825 S. Old Spanish Trail, 85747 from 5 to 8:30 p.m. We are delighted to hold two tickets for you at Will Call (registration) at the event.

There are five other award recipients that we are honoring:

**Dale Turner**, *Mike Seidman Memorial Award*

**Imágenes de Sonora**, Enrique Yescas, Publisher, *Business Conservation Award*

**Jim Mahoney**, Outdoor Recreation Planner, San Pedro Riparian National Conservation Area, Bureau of Land Management, *Agency Leadership Award*

**Gayle Hartmann**, Nancy "Z" Zierenberg Sky Island Advocate Award

**Bill Roe**, Chair, Pima County Conservation Acquisition Commission, *Public Service Award*

We congratulate you and thank you for all that you do for the wild places and wild critters of our magnificent region. It is very important for us to recognize outstanding contributions such as yours, and we look forward to an enjoyable evening together. We hope your friends and family will consider celebrating with us as well.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 520-624-7080 x12.

Very best regards,

Melanie Emerson  
Executive Director