

The 2007 William and Nancy Klamm Service Award



George A. Hall. 2000. Photograph by Jerome A. Jackson.

Many people have provided long and varied service to the Wilson Ornithological Society, and the first recipient of the William and Nancy Klamm Service Award epitomizes this dedication to the Society. Despite his vocation as a chemist, George A. Hall has served the Wilson Ornithological Society in many capacities over more than five decades. After joining the Wilson Ornithological Club in 1946, he was the Registration Chairman for the annual meeting at Madison, Wisconsin in 1949.

He co-chaired the local committee for the 1958 annual meeting in Wheeling, West Virginia. From 1964 to 1973 he served as Editor of the *Wilson Bulletin*, which included William Klamm's tenure as treasurer. After a decade as editor, George was elected to the WOS Council in 1973. His term as Council member ended early when he was elected Second Vice-President in 1975. He served as Second Vice-President from 1975 to 1977, First Vice-President from 1977 to 1979, and President from 1979 to 1981. In 1984, he became the Ornithological Literature Editor for the *Wilson Bulletin*, a position he held for more than a decade.

George has been a perennial attendee at Wilson meetings; he attended thirty-five consecutive Wilson meetings from 1964 to 2001. In addition to serving on Council, over the years George provided varied support to the Society in numerous ways, serving as Chair of the Nominating Committee, Chair of the Wilson Prize Selection Committee, Chair of the Resolutions Committee, Chair of the Archives and History Committee, and even acting Secretary for one meeting. In 1988, he co-authored the history of the first one hundred years of the Wilson Ornithological Society with Jerome A. Jackson and Harold Mayfield. He also gave a presentation on Alexander Wilson during the centennial meeting in that same year.

Those of us who have served with George appreciated his mentoring of early-stage ornithologists, his knowledge of the Society and its workings, and his quick wit. It is with great admiration that the Wilson Ornithological Society awards the first William and Nancy Klamm Service Award to George A. Hall.—Sara R. Morris, Jerome A. Jackson, and W. E. Davis Jr. (Klamm Service Award Committee).