

National 4-H Hall of Fame 2013

NAE4-HA



Susan Barkman
Extension Specialist, 4-H

Home: Somerset, PA

Nominated by: NAE4-HA

Major 4-H Accomplishments:

PA 4-H member in sewing, cooking, home improvement, rocketry, babysitting and entomology. Career included Assistant Extension Advisor and Extension Youth Advisor in Illinois and Extension 4-H Youth Development Specialist at Purdue. Active in 4-H CCS and CYFAR. Served as NAE4-HA Vice President for Research and Evaluation.

Honors: Sharvelle Distinguished Extension Specialist Award, Purdue Cooperative Extension, 1997; National 4-H Curriculum Collection Citation, USDA, 1997 & 2000; Excellence in Program Evaluation, American Evaluation Association, 2000; Team Award, Purdue Cooperative Extension Specialist Association, 2000; Team Award, Epsilon Sigma Phi, 2001; Exemplary Project Evaluation Award, CSREES, USDA, 2002.

Biography:

Susan was active in 4-H before age 10. Her many projects included sewing, cooking, home improvement, rocketry, babysitting and entomology. Susan began her career as an Assistant Extension Advisor in Illinois in 1974. Three years later she became an Extension Youth Advisor. She moved to Purdue University in 1982 as an Extension 4-H Youth Development Specialist. At Purdue, she pursued her Ph.D. in Curriculum Design and Evaluation and eventually reached the rank of full professor. Susan is remembered for her efforts in curriculum development and program evaluation. She was a tireless advocate for the experiential learning model which has become a foundation in youth development work.

Susan was active in establishing the 4-H Cooperative Curriculum System (CCS). Her commitment to Extension and youth development was evident in her national service, including CYFAR and CYFERNet; National Science and Technology Network; NAE4-HA Board of Directors; National 4-H Strategic Directions Team; Children, Youth and Families Initiative Expansion Team; and National 4-H Impact Assessment Project Team. Susan authored and co-authored 75 educational publications and 53 reference papers and published proceedings, and she gave presentations in Switzerland, London, Alaska, Africa, Thailand and many other locations. NAE4-HA established the Susan Barkman Research and Evaluation Scholarship in her honor.

Quote:

Dr. Susan Barkman was instrumental in developing tools, resources and curriculum which allowed the 4-H youth development movement to grow in program development, educational materials and evaluative processes. She had both a vision and passion for Extension work and didn't give up easily when those "new ideas " at first were met with resistance. As a tireless advocate for the experiential learning model, Susan worked with other early adopters in making this model a foundation for education in youth development work. Her persistence and creative input provided educational materials utilized not only in Indiana, but throughout the country.

- Renee McKee & Linda Aldridge

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Linda Webb
Idaho Extension Staff

Home: Meridian, ID Nominated by: NAE4-HA

Major 4-H Accomplishments:

Ten year 4-H member, projects in clothing, foods and nutrition, and leadership. Valley Co. Extension Agent, 1980-99; Valley Co. Extension Chair, 1982-99. IAE4-HA member, treasurer, Vice-President, President. NAE-4-HA board, 1989-96; 1991 NAE4-HA Conference Coordinator; President 1994-95; ECOP programs committee 4-H Liaison, 1999-01. ID Volunteer Specialist, 1999-08; ID Endowment Board Exec. Director, 1999-08; Friends of 4-H Board President, 2010-13. 15 year 4-H volunteer in clothing, foods and nutrition and other projects.

Honors: Scholarships: Union Pacific, 1966; Mary Hall Nichols, 1996; U of ID Habberly, 1990; Stiles Scholarship, 1989. NAE4-HA Distinguished Service, 1987; Meritorious Service, 2004; 25 Year Service, 2006.

Biography:

Dr. Linda Webb was a dedicated 10 year 4-H member and 27 year Extension professional. She became Valley Co. Extension Agent for home economics and 4-H in 1980. In 1999 Linda became the UI 4-H specialist for volunteer and leadership development and Executive Director of the 4-H Endowment Board. She led a major campaign that increased the endowment fund by \$1 million. Linda chaired the team and was co-author and editor for the national "Step Up to Leadership" curriculum - one of the first to focus on youth leadership skills. She led development of the ID 4-H volunteer screening and child protection policy and created a handbook and video "Reporting Child Abuse: Care Enough to Call." that won the 2006 NAE4-HA video award.

A dedicated IAE4-HA and NAE4-HA member, Linda co-chaired the 1991 national meeting in Arizona, the first involving the entire region in conducting the conference. While Linda served as NAE4-HA President in 1994-95, the national board completed an organizational transformation process. One result was the hiring of a paid Executive Director. Serving on JCEP as NAE4-HA past president, Linda was part of the group that proposed a Galaxy Conference. In the early 2000's, she served 3 years on the ECOP programs committee. Since her retirement, she continues to serve on the ID Endowment Board and as President since 2010. She's actively involved in the latest \$2 million campaign, guiding the board to more effective, long term fund development.

Quote:

There is no end to the rewards and benefits of 4-H. For the last 55 years, 4-H has been an integral part of my life. My 4-H club projects led to college scholarships and career opportunities that I doubt would have been available otherwise. My hope is that children continue to have the same opportunities through a variety of 4-H programs. I am extremely proud to be a part of the legacy of 4-H.



Linda with Valley County teen delegation to Idaho 4-H Congress, 1981



Linda serving as President of NAE4-HA, 1995.



Linda with Idaho Engaging Youth state leadership retreat, 2007.