

## Maine



Hometown: Atkinson, Maine

Nominated by: Maine 4-H

Year Inducted: 2002

### Frederick E. Hutchinson - President Emeritus, University of Maine

Fred has been affiliated with 4-H since he was a young man. Fred served as a member and president of the Board of Trustees of National 4-H Council.

Honors: Appointed President of the University of Maine in April 1992, the flagship campus and only Land Grant, Sea-Grant institution in the University of Maine System.

"I grew up on a farm in Atkinson and 4-H introduced me to a lot of things. I learned to work with others in ways I had never done before. 4-H gave me confidence that I never had. Belonging to 4-H was one of the most important things, if not the most important, that I ever did."

Dr. Frederick E. Hutchinson was born in Atkinson, Maine. He earned Bachelors and Masters Degrees in Agronomy at Univ. of Maine and a PhD in Soil Science from Penn State. His academic career began in 1953 in the Department of Plant and Soil Sciences. He became Dean of the College of Life Science and Agriculture and Director of the Maine Agricultural Experiment Station. For seven years Fred was Vice President for Research and Public Service. He was always a champion for 4-H youth development programs. In 1982 Fred joined the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) and served as Executive Director for the International Food and Agricultural Development (BIFAD).

Dr. Hutchinson was an administrator at Ohio State University for seven years. His last position there was Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost. Fred was appointed President of the University of Maine in April 1992, the flagship campus and only Land Grant, Sea-Grant institution in the University of Maine System. During this time Fred also served as a member and president of the Board of Trustees of National 4-H council. He retired from the University of Maine as President Emeritus, in June 1997 and resides with his wife Dione on the coast of Maine.

Gladys Conant - 4-H Volunteer



Gladys Conant has been a 4-H leader in Oxford County for over 64 years, and is the organizational leader for the Canton Busy Workers.

4-H Honors:

Gladys was recognized in 1978 at Oxford County Fair as Outstanding 4-H Leader and again in 1994 at Fryeburg Fair as Outstanding 4-H Leader. The Gladys Conant 4-H Exhibition Hall is named in her honor.

At the presentation of the Gladys Conant 4-H Exhibition Hall, she said, "I am proud to be a 4-H Leader and help make a difference in the lives of our young people."

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Gladys Conant has been a 4-H leader in Oxford County for 64 years, and is starting her 65th year. She is the organizational leader for the Canton Busy Workers, a club of over 70 youth and 20 assistant leaders. Canton Busy Workers has been a club for 75 years. Gladys took over the organizational leadership of the club from her husband, J. Carlton Conant. Gladys was recognized in 1978 at Oxford County Fair as Outstanding 4-H Leader and again in 1994 at Fryeburg Fair as Outstanding 4-H Leader. Gladys is active in the Oxford County Leaders' Association, chair of the Eastern States Center program and county Style Revue program.

Gladys was the spark behind the beginning of Maine demonstrating at the Eastern States Center program over 25 years ago. She has done hundreds of projects with thousands of 4-H members over the years. Canton Busy Workers exhibit over 400 projects each year at the fair, are active in the community, and recognized as a valuable contributor to a healthy community in the Canton area. Gladys began the first teen exchange group in Oxford County. Gladys is a truly remarkable person and has been recognized on many occasions for her contributions to the University of Maine Cooperative Extension and 4-H.



Gladys at the Gladys Conant 4-H Exhibition Hall.



Gladys is all smiles at the fair.



Outstanding Volunteer and Outstanding 4-H Member.