

Donaldson to be honored with Golden Pinecone Award

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Susan Donaldson, Water Quality Education Specialist at the University's Cooperative Extension, will be honored with the Golden Pinecone Award in the Agency Representation category on Wednesday, Nov. 17 at 7:30 p.m. at the Siena Hotel Spa Casino.

Donaldson is being recognized by the Environmental Leadership, a nonprofit organization, comprised of many local agencies dedicated to improving the community by providing environmental education and information. Many factors contributed to choosing Donaldson including her enthusiastic and innovative teaching style.

Her pioneering environmental education programs include the Small Ranch and Living on the Land programs, which teach owners of small ranches to better manage their land and protect natural resources; the Weed Warrior and Tall Whitetop programs, weed-related programs that work to inform residents of noxious weeds that hurt the environment and what to do about them; and the NEMO program, which provides local land-use decision makers with information about development and its impact on water quality.

"I believe in the value of what I am doing," Donaldson said. "This award means as much or more than any other that I've received because it is coming from the community."

Donaldson has been recognized nationally and internationally for her work in water quality and weed management. For more information contact Donaldson at (775) 784-4848 or [donaldsons@unce.unr.edu](mailto:donaldsons@unce.unr.edu).