

## 2009 Norman A. Berg Conservation Legacy Award

### Carole Jett



*Tom Hebert, Chapter President, presents Norman A. Berg Conservation Legacy Award to Carole Jett*

Carole Jett is a nationally recognized and dedicated soil and water conservation expert and program administrator. Since her arrival to the Washington, DC political scene, she has spent countless hours on and off the job vetting natural resources and conservation issues receiving advice from leaders of public policy and conservation such as the late Norm Berg. Carole recently retired from the federal service after 33 years and prior to her retirement she was serving as the Farm Bill Coordinator for the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) with primary responsibility for conservation program policy. Previously, she was Associate Deputy Chief for Programs; the NRCS point for the implementation of the Conservation Title of the 2002 Farm Bill; and served on assignment as Congressional Staff with the House Agricultural Committee in 1999.

Carole began her career with the Soil Conservation Service in 1975 as a soil scientist. She served with distinction within NRCS as State Conservationist in Michigan, State Soil Scientist in California, and Soil Survey Party Leader in Nevada. A native of Reno, Nevada, she received a BS degree in Soil Science from the University of Nevada, and completed post-graduate work with a major emphasis in Hydrology and Range Science.

As a member of the National Capital Chapter, Carole received three USDA Honor Awards: one in 2004 for implementation of the 2002 Farm Bill one for streamlining government in 1999, and one for Distinguished Performance in 1995. She was awarded the US EPA Silver Medal in 1999 for negotiating and co-authoring the USDA-EPA strategy on Animal Feeding Operations. In addition, Carole has the responsibility of validating the election process and ballots for the Chapter's officers.

Carole recently launched the conservation policy-consulting group Blackwood's Group, LLC. This effort is proof of Carole's dedication in improving awareness and positive actions toward protection of natural resources in our living environment.