

**Contact:**

Lorrie McAllister  
Executive Director, CRES  
Cell: 720-308-2019

[l.mcallister@cres-energy.org](mailto:l.mcallister@cres-energy.org)

**Colorado Renewable Energy Society – Annual Awards Announced**

DENVER, September 17, 2013 – Colorado Renewable Energy Society (CRES) recently celebrated its 17<sup>th</sup> year of supporting a sustainable energy future with a full day conference and annual awards ceremony on September 6<sup>th</sup> at the University of Denver Sturm School of Law.

Each year, the Colorado Renewable Energy Society recognizes people and projects for their extraordinary contribution to the advancement of energy efficiency and renewable energy. Awards included the Larson – Notari Award, the Randy Udall Award, three Volunteer of the Year Awards, and the Renewable Energy and Sustainable Design in Buildings Awards.

CRES annually recognizes an individual who has made significant contributions to the field of renewable energy, energy efficiency, and sustainable buildings through the Larson - Notari Award. The Larson - Notari Award is named in honor of Dr. Ronal Larson and Paul Notari, two founding members of CRES.

This year, Colorado State Representative Max Tyler accepted the Larson-Notari award, in recognition of his clean energy contributions to the state. Representative Tyler is highly committed to education of both citizens and their legislators about climate change – and renewable energy and efficiency as major solutions for reversing the negative effects of climate change.

In 2013, CRES initiated a new annual award: the Randy Udall Award. This award is a tribute to the late clean energy champion Randy Udall, who passed away earlier this summer. Udall was a tireless advocate for a more sustainable energy future and a frequent speaker for CRES conferences and meetings.

Senator Gail Schwartz accepted the Randy Udall Award for leadership in energy and climate change policy. A long-time resident of Pitkin County, she has a distinguished legislative record promoting energy diversification including local renewable energy generation, efficiency and expanding Colorado’s energy portfolio resources.

To be given the Colorado Renewable Energy Society’s first Randy Udall Award is entirely humbling, as he was a personal hero of mine,” Schwartz said in a statement. “Randy loved Colorado and advocated to sustain our natural environment and use our resources wisely. My work at the state Legislature for the past seven years has been motivated by similar goals. We live in a remarkable state that provides for us through its diverse geography and natural resources, which we must strive to keep in balance to ensure our economic future.”

CRES annually recognizes CRES members who have volunteered extraordinary amounts of time and effort and made significant contributions to the betterment of CRES and to the accomplishment of its mission.

- Vincent Calvano (Boulder, CO)
- Laurent Meillon (Lakewood, CO)
- Marna Shillman (Ft. Collins, CO)

In addition, CRES recognized the 2013 Renewable Energy and Sustainable Design in Buildings Awards:

- SunTerra Colorado- Residential New Construction (Steve & Dayna Nixon, Owners; Branch Architecture Studio; Environmental Homes of Colorado; Environmental Control Specialist; Namaste Solar; Phase Change Energy Solutions)
  - An earth-sheltered passive and active solar house constructed in 2012 in Arvada, CO
  - A featured home on the October 5<sup>th</sup> Golden Solar Tour hosted by CRES and Golden Earth Days
- Recovery Center – Mental Health Center Denver-Nonprofit Commercial Building, Deep Retrofit (Dr. Carl Clark, CEO; City Projects; Davis Partnership; Taylor Kohrs; Atmosphere Conservancy)
  - LEED Platinum major renovation of a 1960's building featuring energy-efficiency, photovoltaic power, low flow plumbing fixtures and recycled materials
- CSU Pueblo Library and Academic Resource Center- Institutional Building, Deep Retrofit (John Barnosky, Director of Planning & Construction; Eaton Energy Solutions; demmon design studios; Bennett Wagner & Grody; HW Houston; Vision Mechanical)
  - Renovation of a 1964 library resulting in LEED Platinum certification. Ample day-lighting, radiant floors, high efficiency mechanical (HVAC) systems, a 1 MW solar PV system and thorough commissioning foster comfort and energy efficiency.

In announcing the awards, CRES Executive Director Lorrie McAllister said, “Colorado, and CRES in particular, is fortunate to have so many deserving awardees dedicated to making sustainable energy a way of life”.

**About CRES:**

*The Colorado Renewable Energy Society is a statewide, 501(c)(3) nonprofit membership organization that uses its expertise and broad contacts to provide fact-based, non-partisan support to programs, initiatives and policies that move Colorado towards increased use of renewable energy and energy efficiency.*

*Founded in 1996, CRES's mission is to lead Colorado to an energy efficient and renewable energy economy through education, policy advancement and economic development.*

*To learn more about CRES, please visit: [www.cres-energy.org](http://www.cres-energy.org)*

###