



**4th Annual Walter Cronkite Awards Ceremony
August 8, 2013**

Welcome	Nancy Aronie
Tribute to Walter Cronkite <i>Walter Cronkite Memorial, Lincoln Center 2009</i>	Video
Remarks	Captain Buddy Vanderhoop
Video Presentation by Award Recipients	
Presentation of the Walter Cronkite Awards <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bob Nixon• Liz Witham/Ken	John Chirgwin
Presentation of Citations from Senator Elizabeth Warren, Senator Ed Markey, Governor Deval Patrick, State Senator Dan Wolf	Representative Tim Madden
Stone Soup Leadership Institute	Marianne Larned
Walter Cronkite Award Winner 2012	Shavanae Anderson
Martha's Vineyard Youth Leadership Initiative MVYLI Sustainable Vineyard Map Project	Mary Ollen
Closing	Nancy Aronie

Excerpts from the video produced by
CBS for the Memorial Service for Walter Cronkite
will be played before and after the event.

Reception immediately following at the Harbor View Hotel, Edgartown Room

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Walter Cronkite was the honorary chairperson of the **Stone Soup Leadership Institute** for over a decade. His wisdom and vision of preparing our youth as future leaders gave rise to this Annual Awards Ceremony. The Awards are presented to those using the power of the media to create positive social change in the world. **This year, our theme is the environment.** In the 1970's Mr. Cronkite was the first to produce a TV series on the environment, winning Emmys for *Can the World Be Saved?* Mr. Cronkite was also a life-long champion of environmental programs on Martha's Vineyard.

About the 2013 Walter Cronkite Award Recipients

Liz Witham is an emerging filmmaker raised on Martha's Vineyard. She accepts this award on behalf of herself and her filmmaking partner, **Ken Wentworth**. Together, they created **Film-Truth Productions**, a production company dedicated to making documentary films that inspire dialogue and address the social issues of our times in the classroom, workplace, and community. Their documentary *Island Grown Schools – Planting a Seed for the Next Generation* has helped to raise awareness and funding for Island Grown Schools, and has inspired schools around the nation to begin their own farm to school programs. For their documentary currently in production, *The Greening of Eden*, they're traveling the world to explore humanity's relationship with the earth. They produce an ongoing documentary series based on Martha's Vineyard called *Sustainable Vineyard*, which highlights individuals and organizations working towards a sustainable community. Their series and documentary *A Home for Us All* helped raise over \$500,000 for the Island Affordable Housing Fund. Their music-based series DocuTunes.TV utilizes an Internet platform that profiles musicians. For **MVYLI's 2013 Job Shadow Day**, Liz was a mentor to Shavanae Anderson, the 2012 Walter Cronkite Youth Award Recipient.

Bob Nixon has spent his life protecting our natural world through film and direct action. The Academy Award Nominee and Emmy Award winner has directed over fifty documentary films in the planet's most remote corners and threatened habitats. The goal has often been to carry the message of field biologists and tribal peoples that humankind must make peace with nature or we will destroy the natural systems that support our life on Earth. In 1992 Bob launched the **Earth Conservation Corps** on the Anacostia River in Washington D.C. with the goal of connecting two of the most threatened resources: our environment and disenfranchised youth. The program has enabled thousands of youth leaders to engage legions of volunteers generating over one million hours of river restoration. His innovative work with young people has led to Bob being named **A Hero of the Planet** by the **National Geographic Society**, **Environmental Educator of the Year** by the **Chesapeake Bay Foundation** and receiving the **Presidents Service Award** from President Bill Clinton. The work has been featured on broadcasts including **60 Minutes**, **Now with Bill Moyers**, **ABC World News Tonight**, **CBS's Early Show**, **PBS All Things Considered** and publications including **The Washington Post**, **The New York Times** and **People Magazine**. Current films include **Mission Blue** that documents the life quest of legendary oceanographer **Dr. Sylvia Earle** to help the world realize that we are destroying the world's oceans, our life support system. Recent films include last summer's **Discovery Shark Week** special *The Great White Highway* and the Memorial Day Broadcast on the **National Geographic Channel** of *American Heroes Saltwater Challenge* directed by Bob and produced by his wife Sarah. The uniquely close to home effort documents the fourth year of the "Saltwater Challenge" that brings recently wounded military from Walter Reed Bethesda Naval Hospital to compete in the Martha's Vineyard Striped Bass and Bluefish Derby. Bob and his wife Sarah helped preserve the Menemsha Harbor by adding the Home Port Restaurant to their two other Up Island Businesses, Beach Plum Inn and the Menemsha Inn & Cottages which hosted the **Institute's 2010 Youth Leadership Summit for Sustainable Development** on Martha's Vineyard.

Walter Cronkite Award Past Winners

2012: Charlayne Hunter-Gault and Shavanae Anderson

2011: Len Morris and Meagan McDonough

2010: Josue Cruz and Christopher Pitt

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Reception at Walter Cronkite's Home in Edgartown
Hosted by Karen and David Brush
With Mr. Cronkite's Biographer Douglas Brinkley

Distinguished Speakers

Nancy Slonim Aronie is an author of *Writing From the Heart*, commentator on National Public Radio's "All Things Considered," owner and facilitator of the [Chilmark Writing Workshop](#), loving wife to Joel, beloved mother of Chef Josh Aronie, Café Moxie and Dan Aronie. Nancy, Gerry Storrow, Liz Witham and Ken Wentworth produced a moving video on Dan's inspiring life, *A Certain Kind of Beauty*.

Captain Buddy Vanderhoop with Tomahawk Charters is often described as "the charter captain to the stars." A member of the Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head Aquinnah, he has been fishing since he was 4 years old with a long line of fishermen, whalers and seafaring ancestors. Buddy was prominently featured in "The American Heroes Fishing Challenge" produced by Bob and Sarah Nixon and aired on Memorial Day on a **National Geographic Special**. Buddy was the cover story for **Martha's Vineyard Magazine**; feature story in the **Improper Bostonian Magazine** and **Boston Magazine**. Buddy was a keynote storyteller for NPR's **The Moth** at the Tabernacle.

Shavanae Anderson is the 2012 Walter Cronkite Award Recipient. She is an incoming freshman at Suffolk University's Communications Department. Liz Witham was her mentor for MVYLI's 2013 Job Shadow Day.

Mary Ollen is a senior at MV Regional High School. She is a MVYLI Visioneer, aspiring to become "at least a Senator." Mary volunteered for Senator Elizabeth Warren and was matched with her offices for MVYLI's 2013 Job Shadow Day.

Marianne Larned is the Executive Director of the Martha's Vineyard Youth Leadership Initiative and its parent organization, The Stone Soup Leadership Institute. She is the author of the book and educational curriculum, *Stone Soup for the World: Life-Changing Stories of Everyday Heroes*. In 1996, after the death of her 19-year-old brother, Marianne took a sabbatical to walk the beaches of Martha's Vineyard where she found the "magic stone" that led to the book. She was fortunate to take Nancy Aronie's Chilmark Writing Workshop. Seasonal Edgartown resident Bob Forrester encouraged her to start a non-profit organization. Marianne uses the Stone Soup metaphor to help people see that when we work together we can do more than we thought was possible.

The Stone Soup Leadership Institute's mission is to develop educational tools, trainings and initiatives that prepare young and emerging leaders to build a better world. Founded in 1997 on Martha's Vineyard, the Institute is a 501c3 non-profit education organization. The **Martha's Vineyard Youth Leadership Initiative's** (MVYLI) mission is to develop the next generation of leaders. MVYLI is a project of the Stone Soup Leadership Institute.

Our Pledge

We accept Walter Cronkite's challenge for a new kind of engaged activism, to be a force for positive change in the world. We will join with the Award recipients and carry on the legacy of Cesar Chavez, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Mahatma Gandhi, Eleanor Roosevelt to improve the conditions of our neighborhoods, our countries and the world through individual action and working with others. Together, we will forge new directions for the global economy, bridge the gap between the haves and have nots and strive to build a more peaceful, sustainable world.

Stone Soup Leadership Institute's Global Hero Awards - New York City, Nov. 13, 2002

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