

Joe Webb Peoples left a legacy of excellence in academic, and educational pursuits, and was active in public service. He was a major force in creating a program to map Connecticut's geology. He fostered vitality and fellowship in Connecticut's geologic community through the annual summer geology conference he sponsored, and through the wonderful gatherings he hosted at his home.

The founding of the Geological Society of Connecticut was inspired by Joe Webb's legacy, and the desire to see it continued in present and future generations. The Joe Webb Peoples Award is our way of recognizing colleagues who are helping to further that goal through their academic, educational and public service contributions.

Tonight's recipients- Catherine and Brian Skinner fit the bill perfectly.

- Excellence in academics- **Absolutely** (Mineralogists at heart, they have achieved national and international recognition in a wide variety of related research paths) I was going try to summarize these but it took me two hours to read Catherin's vitae so I will just say they are pretty damned good!
- Educational Contributions- **Yes-** they have been doing their thing at Yale since the mid 1960's
- Public Service- **Yes A few examples that come to mind (from a very long list)**
  - Catherine involved with Miss Porters School-CT Fund for the Environment- Ct Academy of Arts and Science. She received the Public Service Award from the Mineralogical Society of America in 1991.
  - Brian an untold number of talks/outings for various groups, New Haven Groundwater-Sea Level Study. He took a lead in organizing the 2005 CT NEIGC meeting and co-edited the guidebook,
- In true Joe Webb style, the Skinners graciously hosted NEIGC participants at their home.

What is even better for this particular evening, they were friends and colleagues of Joe Webb.

Our Co-recipients Dr. Catherine Skinner and Dr. Brian Skinner