

Schwartz named Environmental Educator of the Year

Malia L. Schwartz, Sea Grant communications director, received the Audubon Society of Rhode Island's (ASRI) annual "Environmental Educator of the Year" award at the ASRI annual meeting held last October at the new ASRI Environmental Education Center in Bristol.

Each year, the society selects an individual who has made a significant contribution to furthering environmental education in the state. Schwartz received this award for her work in nonformal education through collaborative efforts with ASRI, including giving lectures at ASRI events, serving as a scientific consultant on their sea turtle program, and most recently, cohosting a new television program called "Rhode Island's Coastal Wildlife." Schwartz was also recognized for her efforts in coauthoring and producing A Guide to Rhode Island's Natural Places and Guide to Marine Mammals & Turtles of the U.S. Atlantic & Gulf of Mexico.

"I am truly honored to receive this award. It means a great deal to me to be recognized for doing things I love to do," says Schwartz.