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2021 Annual Virginia Green Travel Star Awards

2021 All-Star Award Winners

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All-Star Award Winner:

Travis Land – The Virginia Living Museum



All-Star Award Summary

- Travis Land has been a champion for green initiatives his entire career
- He maintained the plastic bag and film recycling program, recycling over 1,500 lbs. of plastic bags
- Travis developed and implemented a reusable glove program, removing over 100 lbs. of plastic from the waste stream in 2020, saving \$700



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All-Star Award Winner:

Suzanne Moss – The Nature Bus



All-Star Award Summary

- Suzanne Moss runs The Nature Bus, a mobile eco-tour company
- Suzanne is certified as an Eco Tour guide at the national level and by the Virginia Eco Tour course
- She is the president and founder of a nonprofit called Nature Matters and is a founding member of the Virginia Beach Hotel Association Sustainability Committee



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2021 Annual Virginia Green Travel Star Awards *All-Star Award Winner:* Karen Riddle – Shadow Mountain Escape



All-Star Award Summary

- Karen Riddle has been dedicated to green initiatives at Shadow Mountain Escape, constantly looking to make each new project as environmentally friendly as possible
- Karen helps educate guests and the regional small business community about green practices to inspire others to embrace green practices and achieve Virginia Green certification as well

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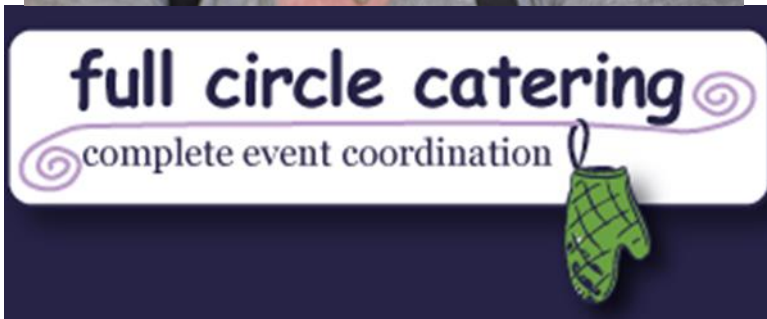




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All-Star Award Winner:

Jenny Elmes – full circle catering



All-Star Award Summary

- Jenny Elmes is committed to using minimal disposable items and only biodegradable, compostable or recycled when necessary
- She has advocated at events to use biodegradable cups for water instead of single use bottles
- She recycles and composts at every event and donates supplies to a local school for art projects

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All-Star Award Winner:

Deck Hankins – Go Green Distributors



All-Star Award Summary

- Registered Virginia Green Supplier since 2011.
- Served as Board member for the Virginia Green Travel Alliance from 2014 to 2020. Served as Treasurer from 2015 to 2019.
- Virginia Green Supplier of the Year in 2015 and 2017.
- Tirelessly worked as an advocate for the Virginia Green Travel program.



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All-Star Award Winner:

Phil Irwin – Caledonia Farm 1812

Flint Hill, VA



All-Star Award Summary

- One of the original Virginia Green Travel Partners, certified in 2007.
- Advocate for sustainable development, practices and green tourism in the Rappahannock County region.
- Passed away December 4, 2020.

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