

Lifetime Achievement Award

The idea for the "Ameraucana Breeders Award" was conceived by Don Cable and instituted, in 2001, at our National Meet, in Galax, VA. The club president decides on which member will receive the honor each year. Mike Gilbert was the president at the time and chose John Blehm to receive the award, but before Mike presented it he was surprisingly presented with the first Ameraucana Breeders Award, dated 2000. The award has been renamed Lifetime Achievement Award and a member has been honored with it each year since then.

Although there is no written criteria, the recipient is generally a member that has been in the club for ten or more years. Many have been breeders that have developed and/or improved varieties of Ameraucana, have served as officers in the club, published articles promoting the breed and club, traveled extensively to club sanctioned meets to exhibit Ameraucanas, donated financially to the club, and the list goes on.

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| <i>Mike Gilbert 2000</i> | <i>John Blehm 2001</i> | <i>Arne Schmidt 2002</i> | <i>Rande Buske 2003</i> | <i>Wayne Meredith 2004</i> | <i>Koralyn Kibbee 2005</i> |
| <i>Paul & Angela Smith 2006</i> | <i>Don Cable 2007</i> | <i>Jerry Segler 2008</i> | <i>Jeanne Trent 2009</i> | <i>Jeanette Frank 2010</i> | <i>Michael Muenks 2011</i> |
| <i>Barbara Campbell 2012</i> | <i>Jerry De Smidt 2013</i> | <i>Harold Knapp 2014</i> | <i>Rob Walchak 2015</i> | <i>Robert Rennolet 2016</i> | <i>? ? 2017</i> |