

On April 20, 2026, the Sid Pilgrim Award was presented to Peter Whitcomb at the Sunrise Shack Restaurant in Glen, NH. The award was intended to be presented at the 2026 Winter SSSNNE meeting; however, Peter couldn't attend at the last minute. Tom Carr and Joe Homer, who nominated Peter for the award, had planned out the original presentation but then reshuffled the deck and came up with the next best option to present the award. It turns out our Esteemed Retired NRCS Soil Scientists regularly get together for breakfast, and this was a fantastic opportunity to make good on the award presentation.



Steve Hundley, Peter Whitcomb, Joe Homer and Karen Dudley. Retired NRCS Soil Scientists.

So, Joe schemed an excuse to include Tom in the next retiree's breakfast and away he went to the north country with his briefcase full of make believe and the official Sid Pilgrim Award. Joe led into the breakfast discussion with a talk on the NH Revised Catena status then Tom went into a history of the SSSNNE/NRCS relationships and the status and efforts of the current SSSNNE BOD. The new web site was discussed concluding with circulation of the write up for the Sid Pilgrim Award to be posted on our site. Then, the cat was let out of the bag! Peter had no idea it was coming and is grateful to have now received the coveted Sid Pilgrim Award. Peter is a deserved recipient with a tremendous SCS/NRCS history, years of training others, doing soil workshops and contributing heavily to the New Hampshire Soil Judging Contest and New Hampshire Envirothon program. Congratulation Pete!



Steve, Tom, Peter, Joe and Karen



Until next time!