

# Lifetime Achievement Awards

The idea for the “Ameraucana Breeders Award” was conceived by Don Cable and instituted, in 2001, at the ABC National Meet in Galax, VA. At that time the club President decided on which member would receive the honor each year. Mike Gilbert was the president and chose John Blehm to receive the first award, but before Mike presented it he was surprisingly presented with the first ABC 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 ABC sanctioned meets to exhibit Ameraucanas, donated financially to the club, and the list goes on.

## Lifetime Achievement Award Recipients

Mike Gilbert 2000	John Blehm 2001	Arne Schmidt 2002	Rande Buske 2003	Wayne Meredith 2004
Koralyn Kibbee 2005	Paul & Angela Smith 2006	Don Cable 2007	Jerry Segler 2008	Jeanne Trent 2009
Jeanette Frank 2010	Michael Muenks 2011	Barbara Campbell 2012	Jerry DeSmidt 2013	Harold Knapp 2014
Larry Clionsky 2015	Connie Jean Ribbeck 2016	Sharon Caywood 2017		