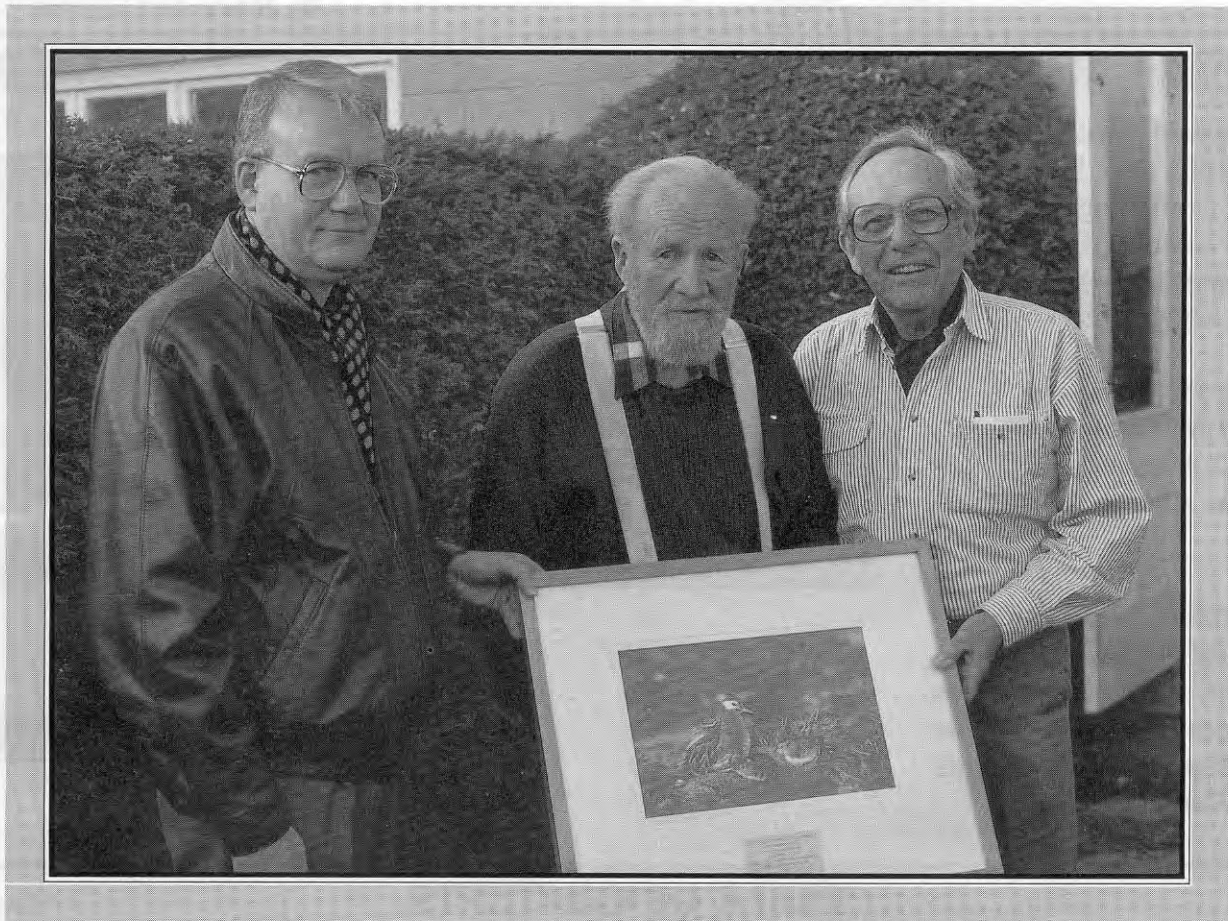

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Thomas Manning (centre) receiving the 1992 Doris Huestis Speirs Award from
J. Bruce Falls (right) and Henri Ouellet (left)

EDITOR'S MESSAGE

This is in the form of an editor's lament rather than a report. I have managed to produce only one *Picoides* in the last 18 months. A number of factors have contributed to this but two stand out. The first is that the spare time I devoted to *Picoides* while I was Curator of Ornithology has vanished now that I am Assistant Director, Curatorial. The design staff at the Provincial Museum of Alberta

who used to fit *Picoides* into their schedule now work overtime to complete museum projects. The second reason is a personal one - the realization that family time is too precious to give away. I have enough evening and weekend work originating from my museum responsibilities that I simply can't continue with other commitments.

I apologize to those who

wondered if they were off the SCO mailing list because they haven't received *Picoides*. I assume a version will appear soon under new editor Tony Erskine. I have enjoyed focusing on the history of Canadian Ornithology and appreciate the assistance I have received from the many authors and contributors over the past 6 years. I would like to thank Colleen Steinhilber for typing and formatting this issue.

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