

Roy Chapman Andrews Society Margaret ("Canopy Meg") Lowman

Biologist, Explorer, Arbornaut, Author, Parent, Conservationist

When seven continents proved insufficient to satisfy your curiosity, you discovered another simply by looking skyward. Instead of following your gaze beyond the reach of gravity into the heavens, you chose to test the boundaries of earth's pull by becoming the mother of canopy research, cradled in the rustling arms of forests from the Americas to Africa to Australia.

Defying boundaries that separated women from science, and professional life from family responsibilities, you built bridges between those worlds—setting a path for other parents and women to follow. By adding your sons to your research team you imported the curiosity and creativity of children to a place where trees rule and everyone becomes both student and teacher.

When confronted with unreachable frontiers you, in the tradition of this award's namesake, innovated—with ropes, walkways, construction equipment, and the elemental forces of hot air until the canopy cloud came into view as never before. Not satisfied with merely studying at new heights, you have employed your passions to assure that the health of these ecosystems and the wealth of our planet can grow stronger through your outreach and advocacy.

In appreciation for these contributions, we are pleased to bestow on you the honor of Distinguished Explorer from the Roy Chapman Andrews Society this 11th day of April, 2014, in Beloit, Wisconsin.