

Patty Mondore wins national award

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1000 Islands – Thousand Islands Sun contributing writer, Patty Mondore, has won a national writing award for an article published in the Thousand Islands Sun called Kayaking for Dummies. Patty's work was up against 600 entries entered in the Amy Foundation journalism competition. The contest is for biblical reinforcement in a non-religious publication.

Patty writes the popular "River-Lations" series, which often appears in the Vacationer. Her writing is based upon her river experiences, and spiritual revelations, as she relates to everyday interactions with the fauna, flora and scenery in her daily 1000 Islands life.

Patty won an Outstanding Merit Award and \$1000, which she immediately donated to Hearts for Youth in Alexandria Bay and The Father's Heart Ministries in Syracuse.

Patty and husband Bob maintain a residence just off Krings Point Road in Alexandria. She has been vacationing in the area for most of her life.

She had been a singer and pianist at the Jorstadt Castle chapel on Dark Island for 15 years. She and Bob have published a documentary

DVD and book of the history of what is now Singer Castle. She has also produced many nature music videos.

Off season, the Mondores live in Jamesville, where Patty works nearby as the Pediatric Residency Program Coordinator at SUNY Upstate Medical University.



Patty Mondore gazes at the river, with her chipmunk friend perched on her shoulder. Patty was recently selected as a winner of a national writing competition. She is a contributing writer for the Thousand Islands Sun.