



## 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.

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.

*2000 - Mike Gilbert*

*2001 - John Blehm*

*2002 - Arne Schmidt*

*2003 - Rande Buske*

*2004 - Wayne Meredith*

*2005 - Koralyn Kibbee*

*2006 - Paul and Angela Smith*

*2007 - Don Cable*

*2008 - Jerry Segler*

*2009 - Jeanne Trent*

*2010 - Jeanette Frank*

*2011 - Michael Muenks*

*2012 - Barbara Campbell*

*2013 - Jerry DeSmidt*

*2014 - Harold Knapp*

*2015 - Larry Elionsky*

*2016 - Connie Jean Ribbeck*

*2017 - Sharon Caywood*

*2018 - Susan Mouw*

*2019 - Rob Sando*

*2020 - Harry Shaffer*

*2021 - Gordon Gilliam*

*2022 - Don Cash*

*2023 - Aaron Hickson*