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**GLASGOW MAN RECEIVES VOLUNTEER STEWARD AWARD
FOR MONITORING BRIGADOON STATE NATURE PRESERVE**
Award presented annually by Kentucky State Nature Preserves Commission

FRANKFORT, Ky. (Dec. 14, 2006) – Harold Kelley, avid photographer and monitor of Brigadoon State Nature Preserve, has received the 2006 Volunteer Steward Award presented by the Kentucky State Nature Preserves Commission (KSNPC).

Kelley, of Glasgow, began volunteering for the commission in 2000. On his application, Kelley stated that he wanted to help assure that Brigadoon State Nature Preserve, in Barren County, would be left intact for all to enjoy, and to get good photographs. One of his photos forms the background of Brigadoon's entrance sign. Kelley became so enamored of the preserve that he chose it as the site of his wedding in 2005.

As a volunteer, Kelley informs the commission of trail conditions, illegal horseback riding and ATV activity, illegal hunting and deer feeders. He also returns detailed reports required by the commission.

KSNPC's mission is to protect Kentucky's natural heritage by: (1) identifying, acquiring and managing natural areas that represent the best-known occurrences of rare, native species, natural communities and significant natural features in a statewide nature preserve system; (2) working with others to protect biological diversity; and (3) educating Kentuckians as to the value and purpose of nature preserves and biodiversity conservation. The commission inventories Kentucky for significant natural areas and protects the best examples in a state nature preserve system.

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