



1200 Boy Scout Trail, Petersburg, IL 62675-9736, USA

August 15, 2022

Dear David,

It gives me great pleasure to inform you that the Board of Directors of the International Oak Society has resolved to present you with a Special Service Award, in recognition of your contribution to the advancement of the Society's goals. Our Society has presented these Awards every three years since 2000; you can read more about our Awards and see the list of past recipients on our website [here](#).

We particularly wish to recognize your work in establishing The Himalayan Oak Trust and supporting the regeneration and rejuvenation of *Quercus leucotrichophora* forests in the lower Himalayas in India, as well as local community projects such as education and water conservation. We also acknowledge the value of your efforts promoting the planting of Himalayan evergreen oak in New Zealand, both as ornamental trees and as windbreaks and remedies for soil erosion. Your achievements in propagating oak seedlings for these projects and to raise funds for the Trust are truly admirable!

The Award consists of a plaque made from 'Pathfinder', the last known trail-marker oak in Illinois (you can see an image of one [here](#)). It will be presented on September 1<sup>st</sup> at the Gala Dinner of the 10<sup>th</sup> International Oak Society Conference in Las Cruces, New Mexico, USA.

It is an honor for our Society to be able to recognize your achievements in this modest way. Congratulations!

With best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Shaun Haddock". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

Shaun Haddock  
President