

# S-VE Graduate of Distinction

## Don Brock

Class of 1975



Don earned an Associate Degree in Data Processing from SUNY Cobleskill. He worked at Cornell University for two years as a production controller-programmer until he realized his passion was to work outdoors. As a teen, Don worked as a Christmas tree laborer, so he returned to work on the tree farm full time.

Don owns Brockway Tree Farm and has been self-employed for 20 years. Over the years, he has supervised and/or employed over 125 local young men and women. Don has donated Christmas trees and boughs to local organizations for years. Don has been part of planting close to one million trees within a 100-mile radius, with half a million being planted in the S-VE area.

Don has been a volunteer coach for softball for four decades in the Spencer-Van Etten and neighboring communities, both for school districts and youth programs. He continues to seek opportunities to be involved in the community and share his skills. Don donates his time to Inspire initiatives and was the leader in the gazebo and covered bridge projects at Nichols Pond.