The 2021 Vern Countryman Awardee is David Sugerman!

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Dan Hedges, 2003  
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Lynn Drysdale, 2001  
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James Sturdevant, 1995  
Patricia Sturdevant, 1995  
Michael Ferry, 1994  
William Brennan, 1993  
Carolyn Carter, 1992  
Margot Freeman Saunders, 1991  
Henry Sommer, 1990