



North Country Trail Association

2023 Volunteer Awards

Thank you

Awards Committee

Mel Baughman

Josh Berlo

Larry Pio

Sharon Ray

Abby Whittington

Dave Brewer

Tom Gilbert

Deb Koepplin

Randall Roberts

Honor Awards

“Chapter or Affiliate volunteers who demonstrate loyalty, commitment, and hard work annually to the local organization’s chosen activities.”

Honor Awards

2022

Doug Mangold, Allegheny National Forest Chapter (Pa.)

Katie Prindle, Allegheny National Forest Chapter (Pa.)

Kevin Mackie, Brule-St. Croix Chapter (Wisc.)

Jean Adams, Butler County Chapter (Pa.)

Mark Zimmerman, Central Flyway Chapter (N.D.)

Julia Waggoner, Chequamegon Chapter (Wisc.)

Chris Sherman, Chief Baw Beese Chapter (Mich.)

Jason Gilbert, Chief Baw Beese Chapter (Mich.)

Honor Awards

2022

Jane Norton, Chief Noonday Chapter (Mich.)

Sandra Craig, Clarion County Chapter (Pa.)

Jan Ulferts Stewart + Jim Stewart, Dakota Prairie Chapter (N.D.)

John Gerty, Grand Traverse Hiking Club Chapter (Mich.)

Jeff Mellgren, Grand Traverse Hiking Club Chapter (Mich.)

Stan + Kay Kujawa, Hiawatha Shore-to-Shore Chapter (Mich.)

Mark Evans, Itasca Moraine Chapter (Minn.)

Doug Seaney, Jordan Valley 45° Chapter (Mich.)

Honor Awards

2022

Stephanie Hogan, Laurentian Lakes Chapter (Minn.)

Nancy Kreft, Marquette Area Chapter (Mich.)

Deb Fergus, Ni-Miikanaake Chapter (Mich.)

Marjorie Krumm, Peter Wolfe Chapter (Mich.)

Connie Geinert, Sheyenne River Valley Chapter (N.D.)

Michael Wheeler, Spirit of the Woods Chapter (Mich.)

Kim Fishburn, Star of the North Chapter (Minn.)

Dan Geiger, Star of the North Chapter (Minn.)

Honor Awards

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Paul Bush, Superior Shoreline Chapter (Mich.)

Dennis Garrett, Wampum Chapter (Pa.)

Tina Reecer, Northwestern Ohio Rails-to-Trails Association

Deena Reisman, Border Route Trail Association (Minn.)

Ann Furste, Buckeye Trail Association (Ohio)

Chaz Gallet, Superior Hiking Trail Association (Minn.)

Blue Blazes Benefactor

An individual or household demonstrating vision and generosity through significant monetary or in-kind contribution(s) to the North Country Trail or the North Country Trail Association.

Blue Blazes Benefactor

Larry Pio + Suzanne Darling

Michigan



Outstanding Private Landowner

A private landowner whose leadership, accommodation, and active collaboration substantially benefit the North Country Trail.

Outstanding Private Landowner

Tony Keiser

Pennsylvania



Vanguard

A legislator or other public official whose leadership, actions, and advocacy have substantially benefited the North Country Trail across or beyond a Chapter, Affiliate, or Partner's area.

Vanguard
Andrea Gue

U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, Dakotas Area Office



Vanguard Scott Healy

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation



Vanguard **Linda White**

U.S. Forest Service, Allegheny National Forest, Pennsylvania



Friend of the Trail

An employee(s) of a unit of governance or organization whose leadership, accommodations, and active collaboration have substantially benefited the North Country Trail or the North Country Trail Association.

Friend of the Trail

Constance Cox

Itasca State Park, Minnesota



Friend of the Trail
Josh Clague

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation



Friend of the Trail

Kenneth Kettler

W.K. Kellogg Experimental Forest, Michigan



Friend of the Trail

Lenny Krueger

Fort Abercrombie State Historic Site, North Dakota



Friend of the Trail

Renee Penny

Kalkaska Conservation District, Michigan



Trail Blazer

A business or foundation whose far-sighted vision and support have significantly contributed to the North Country Trail or the North Country Trail Association.

Trail Blazer

Kalkaska Downtown Development Authority

Michigan



Trail Blazer

SPAX Engineered Fasteners

Ohio



Trail Blazer

Wegmans Food Markets, Inc.

New York



Communicator

A volunteer that has contributed three years or more of exemplary work in promoting the North Country Trail or the Association through a communications medium or personal contacts.

Communicator
Andrew Kovatch
Michigan



Communicator

Derek Lamparty

Minnesota



Outreach

A volunteer whose efforts to build coalitions, partnerships, or other forms of local support that significantly contribute to the ongoing success of the North Country Trail.

Outreach

Ruth Dorrough

New York



Boots on the Trail

A volunteer who regularly leads hikes that are well advertised and promoted to the public as a way of building membership and support for the Trail.

Boots on the Trail

Steve Coz

Minnesota



Boots on the Trail

Matt Patterson

Ohio



Sweep

A volunteer who contributed three years or more of tireless work and achievements behind-the-scenes on behalf of the North Country Trail or the Association.

Sweep

Nicole Halgrimson

Minnesota



Sweep

Michael Loscheider

Minnesota



Sweep
Ellie Williams
Wisconsin



Trail Builder

A volunteer who has spent three years or more of trail planning, landowner negotiations, layout and design, and/or construction that has resulted in the development of outstanding new Trail or facilities.

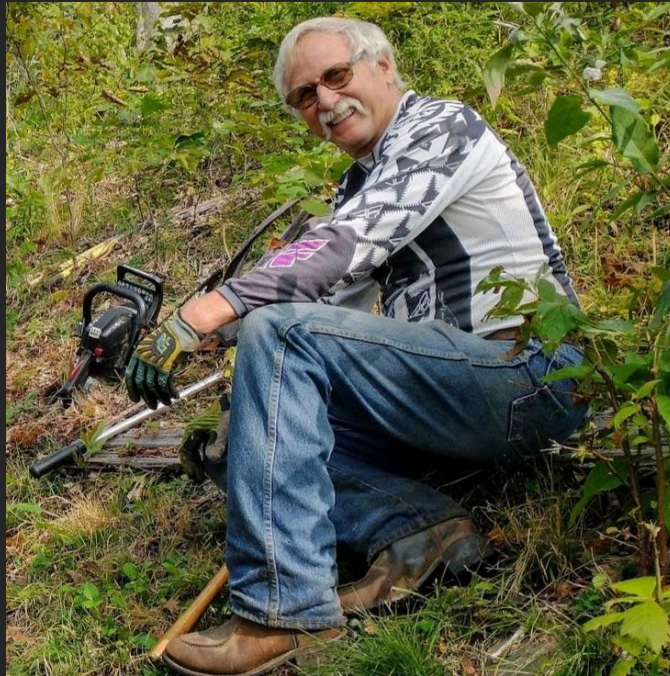
Trail Builder
Steve Kinne
New York



Trail Builder
Dave Miller
Pennsylvania



Trail Builder
William Smith
Pennsylvania



Trail Builder

Thursday Morning Cook Forest Crew

Pennsylvania



2023 Volunteer Awards

Trail Maintainer

A volunteer that has demonstrated exceptional dedication or achievements in maintaining or restoring pre-existing North Country Trail segments over a three year period.

Trail Maintainer
Dan Dueweke
Michigan



Trail Maintainer
Dan Geiger
Minnesota



Trail Maintainer
John Pitale
Michigan



Trail Maintainer
Jim Shinnars
Minnesota



Trail Maintainer
Glen Waisanen
Wisconsin



Leadership

A volunteer who has demonstrated exceptional leadership, resulting in significant local achievements or highly successful events.

Leadership

Lynn Meister Thomas

Michigan



Leadership

Deb Nero

Finger Lakes Trail Conference, New York



Leadership

Glee Mayer + Mark Zimmerman

North Dakota



Rising Star

An NCTA member between the ages of 8 and 25 who has made significant contributions to the Trail and seems likely to continue, and whose dedication to the Trail and the NCTA sets an example to other youths and shows exceptional promise.

Rising Star

BSA Troop 123

North Dakota



Distinguished Service

A volunteer who has dedicated eight years or more of exceptional service in furthering the goals of the NCTA, and outstanding contributions toward the dream of the North Country Trail.

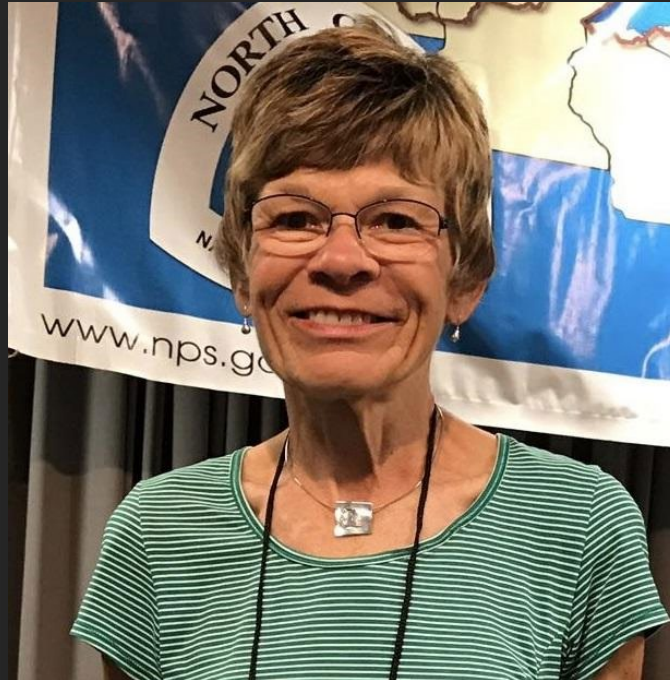
Distinguished Service
Dave Adams
Pennsylvania



Distinguished Service
Bruce Dziadzio
Michigan



Distinguished Service
Jane Norton
Michigan



Distinguished Service
Richard Ostheimer
Pennsylvania



Distinguished Service
John Pearson
Wisconsin



Thomas L. Gilbert

Lifetime Achievement

An individual who has shown fifteen years or more of true dedication, exceptional service, and outstanding contributions toward the dream of the North Country Trail, or the success and growth of the North Country Trail Association.

Lifetime Achievement

Dennis Garrett

Pennsylvania



Lifetime Achievement
Linda + Bruce Johnson
Minnesota



Lifetime Achievement
John Derick
Vermont



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Trail Community!

2024 Nominations

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