

MERITORIOUS ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

FROM 2008-2019



In 2008, Trails Head added the Meritorious Achievement Award for members who have been extremely active.

2008—Jim Budde, for his 13 years as chapter treasurer at that point, and for his many years of volunteering with OCTA

2009—Mary Conrad, for chapter newsletter editor from 1988 through 2001, and for years as a Trails Head officer (two years as president, one year as vice president, and one-and-a-half years as secretary at that point)

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2010—Elaine McNabney, for her many years of continuing to volunteer at OCTA Headquarters after she had volunteered as OCTA office manager; for all her chapter volunteering, including three years as secretary and one year as membership chair; and for her years of re-enacting Little Elaine, a girl traveling on Oregon Trail

2011—Dick Nelson, for two years as chapter president at that point, for four-and-a-half years as vice president at that point, and for one year as treasurer

2012—Ross Marshall, for volunteering for chapter in many ways, including as the planner of many trail treks, as a developer of interpretive markers, as chapter newsletter editor for eleven years at that point, and as president for four years

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2013—Pat Traffas, for her chapter volunteering, including five years as president and four years as vice president; and for her position as trail liaison with Daughters of American Revolution

2016—Barbara Magerl (posthumous to son Chuck), for her leadership as the principal founder of Trails Head and for her continued chapter leadership over many more years

2018—Larry Short, for his leadership as president of Missouri River Outfitters of Santa Fe Trail Assn., during which over many years he contacted many governmental entities in both Missouri and Kansas to ensure continued placement of Local Tour Route trail signs over many years

2019—Craig Crease, for his leadership in historic trail research, authoring historical markers, leading trail tours, and many other trail projects