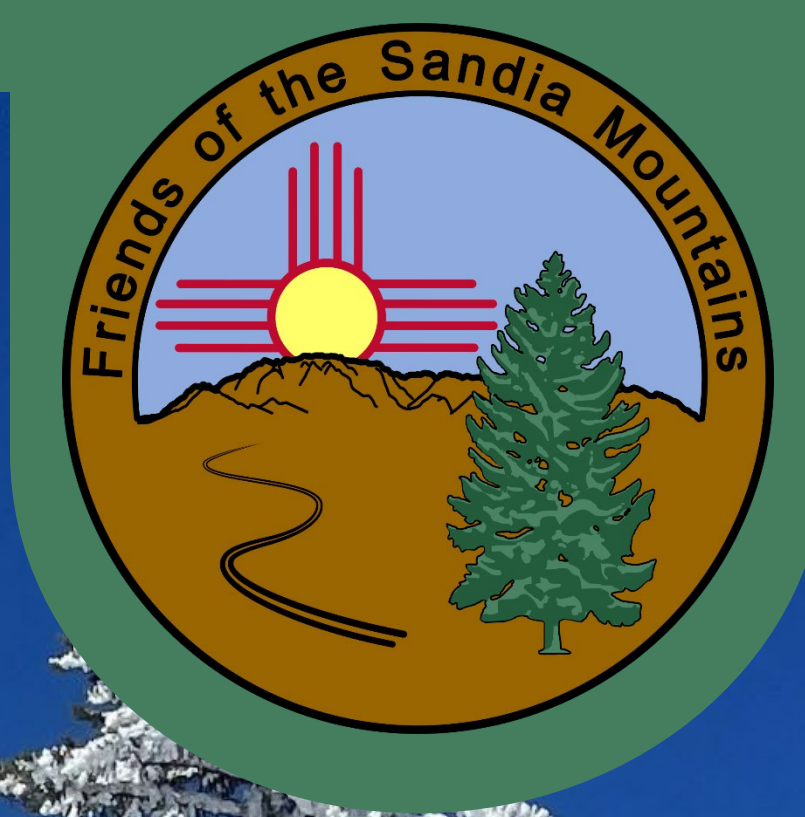




# **Friends of the Sandia Mountains General Membership Meeting**

**Tuesday, October 6, 2026**

# Agenda

## October 6<sup>th</sup> Membership Meeting



Friends of the  
Sandia Mountains

### Meeting Agenda

- President's Remarks – Mike Madden
- Treasurer's Report – Scott Dietrich
- Volunteer Hours – Silke Bletzer
- Elections – Mike Madden
- Sam Beard Award – Mike Madden
- Pueblo of Tijeras Museum

# President's Remarks

**Mike Madden**



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## Highlights Since Last Meeting

- Crest House demolition is complete
- Contractor will resume the remaining 20% of forest treatments Oct 12
- East Mtn H.S. Special Project processing donation wood Oct 7
- Adopt-a-Highway cleanup is scheduled for Oct 23
- SRD Volunteer Appreciation Event is scheduled for Oct 27
- TPAS Level I Docent Training is scheduled for Nov 14
- 2027 Sandia Snowshoe Race is TBD, due to ongoing forest treatments

# President's Remarks

## Mike Madden



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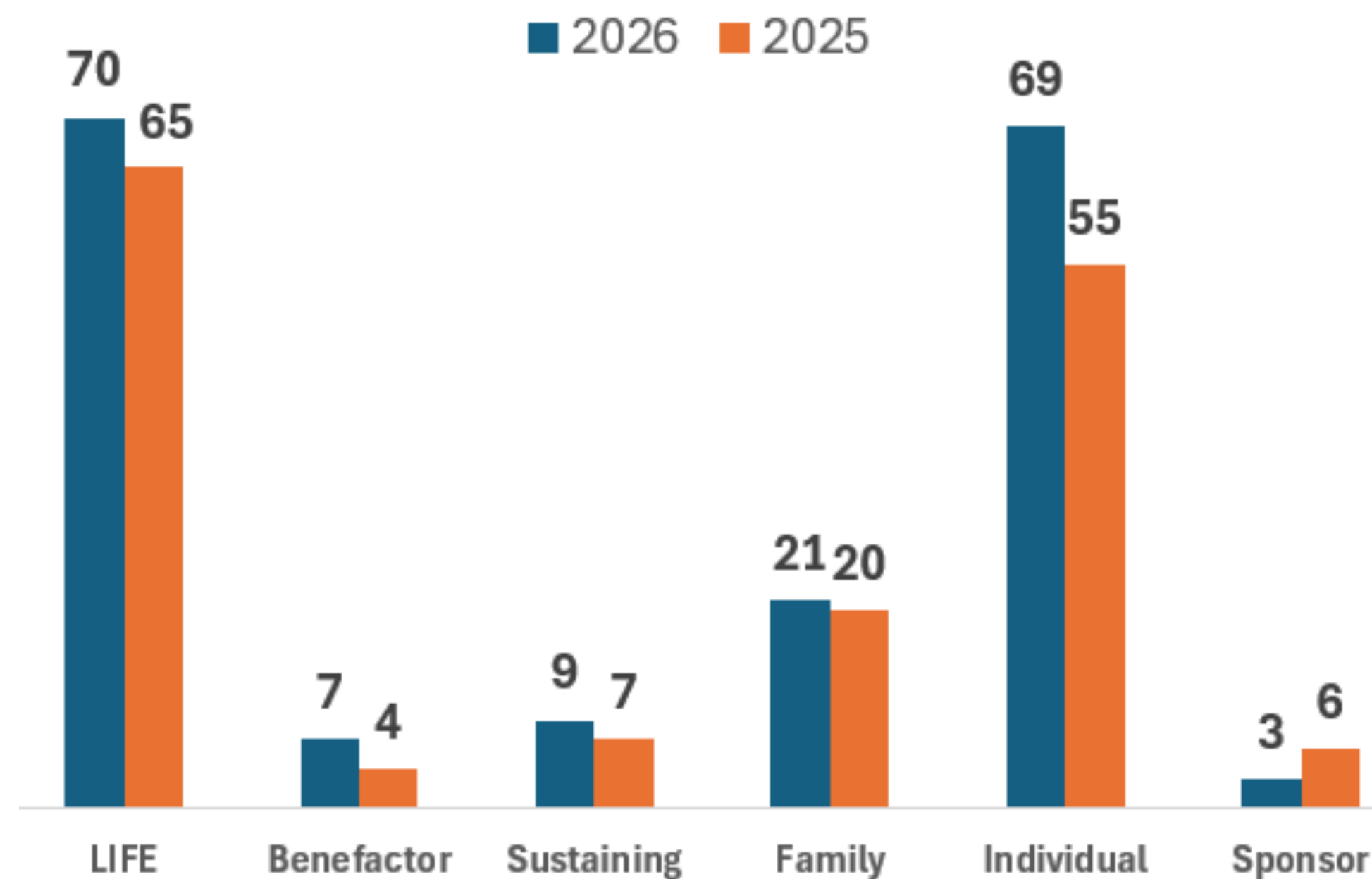
### Memberships by Level

Life Sponsor\* – 70  
Individual – 69  
Family – 21  
Sustaining – 9  
Sponsor – 3  
Benefactor – 7

**Total Memberships – 179**

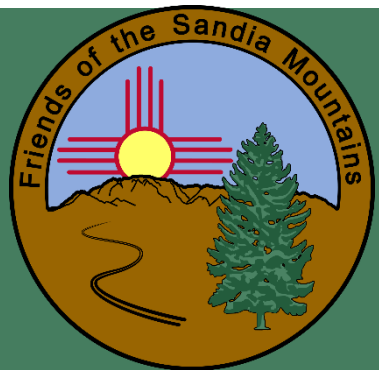
**(+22 past year)**

FOSM Membership -- October



### Welcome, New Members Since July 1st!

Jordan Armstrong – September 29  
Michelle Hegmon – September 15  
Paul Marien – September 12  
Julie Torchi – September 12  
Luke Anaya – September 3  
Christopher French – August 31  
Timothy Nipper – August 15  
Deirdre Kann\* – August 8  
Jan Chytilo – August 8  
Lynn Bender – July 28  
Courtnee Bennett – July 24  
Teresa McGrew – July 21  
Ann Ruhnka – July 20  
Kathryn McSorley – July 20  
Paul Eichel – July 20  
Erin Gaddis – July 12  
Andre Huffmire – July 10  
Jen Reilly – July 2  
Patricia Steele – July 1



## FOSM in Numbers FY2026

October 1, 2025 – September 30, 2026

More than half of all FOSM members joined weekly crews:

- many others also monitor trails and provide input into Sally’s Tree Report
- 30 people put in more than 100 hours
- Luis’s crew’s work is included in the individual hours
- Data is preliminary and does not include the Tijeras Pueblo crew hours (to be included in FY2027)

Total Volunteer Hours

8912

### Total Participants & Hours by Crew 5872

| FOSM Crew                        | Volunteers | Hours |
|----------------------------------|------------|-------|
| Monday Trail Maintenance Crew    | 23         | 1326  |
| Tuesday Paint & Graffiti Removal | 13         | 355   |
| Wednesday General Projects Crew  | 26         | 1391  |
| Thursday Trail Building Crew     | 39         | 2800  |

### Top Ten Volunteers

4160 Hours

Shout out to:

Jamey Browning, Sam Beard, Kerry Jones, Cliff Giles, Laura Leon, Luis Cuadros, Steve Roholt, Byron Garner, Eric Russell, Sim Cook

### Total Number of active Volunteers

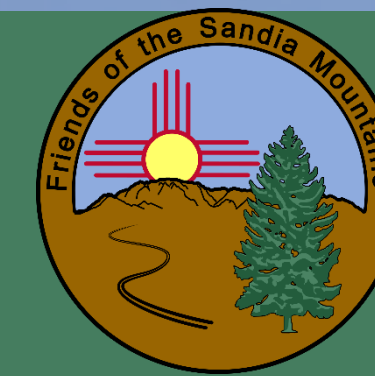
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Individual Contributions

3040 Hours

# Projects Reports on the Web

## Cliff Giles, Webmaster



# Friends of the Sandia Mountains

*Hundreds of reports and thousands of photos from projects since 2018 available on website (<https://friendsofthesandias.org/>)*

### Projects – general

This crew usually works on Wednesdays and does a wide variety of things to support of the Forest Service to make our mountains more accessible and enjoyable for the public.

Sara Beard leads this crew, which uses chainsaws and numerous hand tools owned by FOSM to clear trees and brush from trails, fell hazard trees in picnic areas, rebuild fences in picnic areas, back and split lumber into firewood for donations to charity, and clear roadways of invasive species of trees to name a few.

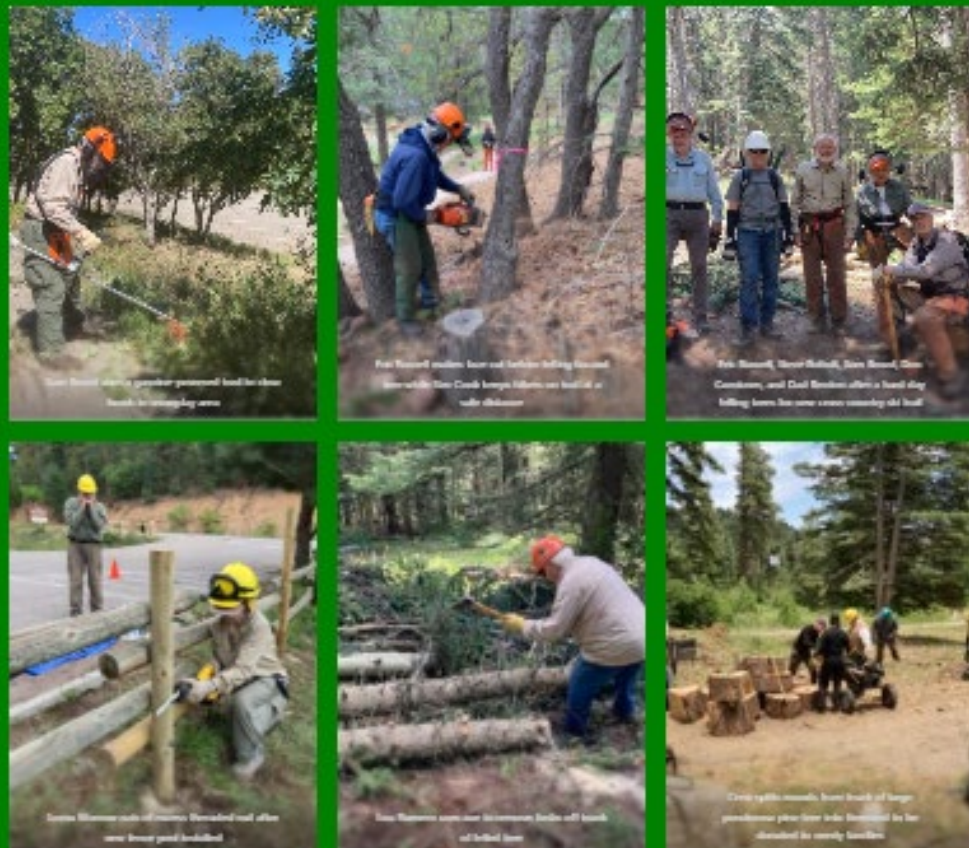


Photo credit: Cliff Giles

Although not usually involving the long hikes or quite the level of physical exertion demanded of the Monday and Thursday crews, the activities of the Wednesday crew still can be demanding. Pacing oneself and working within one's limits are needs.

Safety is paramount. Everyone wears appropriate personal protection equipment (PPE), which includes gloves, long sleeves, long pants, sturdy boots, helmets, eye protection, and hearing protection when chain saws are used. Chainsaw operators are trained and certified by the Forest Service. There's plenty of work for other crew members using various hand tools and acting as "instructors" removing limbs and debris in support of the crew.

Sara prepares a comprehensive report including photographs after each activity. These reports and their hundreds of pictures provide a great means of learning about the invaluable work of this crew.

### Trail maintenance – reports and photos

Each or another crew member prepares a detailed report including photographs after each activity. These reports don't just document the work but also provide a great means of learning about the crew's activities for anyone interested in joining.

Reports and photos organized by year from 2018 can be accessed below.

Slide showcases provide a review of an entire year's activities in just a few minutes.

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2026



Click to access reports of 2026 activities.



January 13, 2026 - Trail maintenance crew plus Wilson, Susan Jennings, Ryan Garcia, John Cramer, Ben McElroy, Jerry Shewhart, Kelly Cramer, Dana Price, Richard Pennington, and Bob Lumbert working on Thunderbolt Run Trail.



Click to access photos from 2026 activities.

2025



Click to access 52 reports of 2025 activities.



January 6, 2025 - Kim, Steve, Sherry, John, David, Ben, Phil, and Jerry on Three Buttes Johnson Trail. Photo credit: Ryan Garcia (photographer).



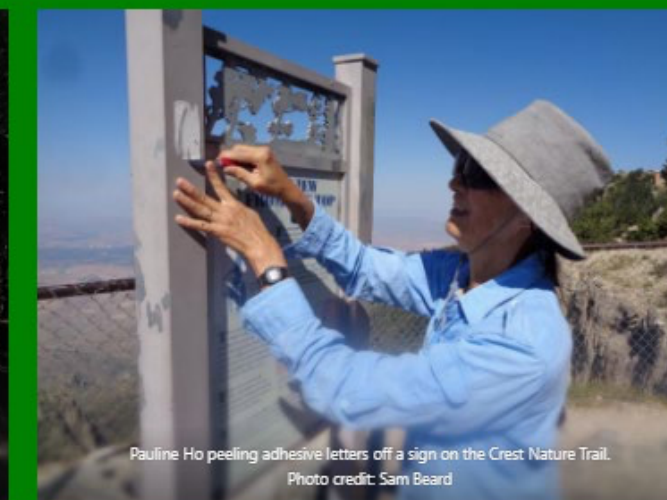
Click to access 246 photos from 2025 activities.

### Projects – painting and graffiti removal

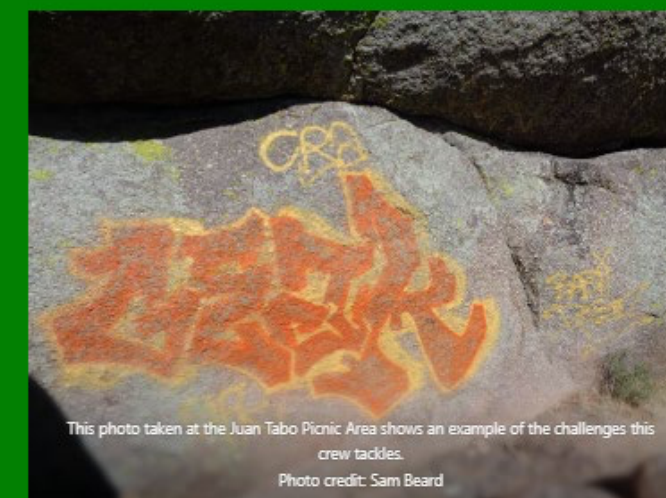
These volunteers usually work on Tuesdays painting structures and cleaning graffiti off rocks, walls, and other structures. Anne Hickman had been leader of the paint crew and Sam Beard the graffiti-removal crew; however, Anne resigned in March 2022 due to other commitments, and we have an opening for a volunteer to assume her leadership role. Please use the form below if you wish to volunteer.



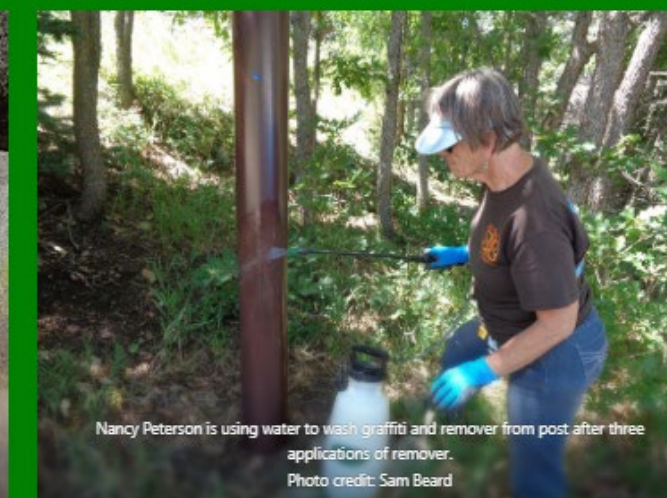
Russell Parker, Ellie Parker, Janie Harrison, and Anne Hickman paint gable end of restroom at Yucca site in Oak Flat PA.  
Photo credit: Sam Beard



Pauline Ho peeling adhesive letters off a sign on the Crest Nature Trail.  
Photo credit: Sam Beard



This photo taken at the Juan Tabo Picnic Area shows an example of the challenges this crew tackles.  
Photo credit: Sam Beard



Nancy Peterson is using water to wash graffiti and remover from post after three applications of remover.  
Photo credit: Sam Beard

Safety is paramount. Crew members wear personal protective equipment appropriate to the task at hand (gloves, eye protection, etc.).

### Trail construction – reports and photos

This crew builds new or restores existing trails. Laura Loran leads the crew, which usually works on Thursdays.

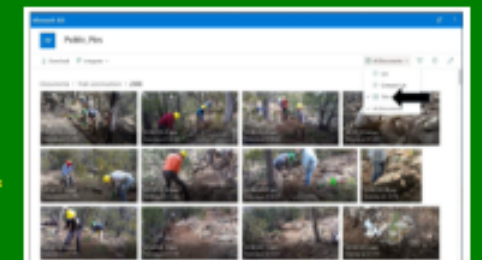
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2026



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January 14, 2026 - Trail construction crew members (Ryan Garcia, Ben McElroy, Larry Cramer, Richard Shewhart, Kelly Cramer, Dana Price, Richard Pennington, and Bob Lumbert) preparing to work on South Potosi Line Trail.



Click to access 2026 photos.

2025



Click to access 62 reports of 2025 activities.



February 20, 2025 - Brian, Ben and Laura prepare to drop off a load of rocks. These track leads were moved in all.



Click to access 488 images of 2025 activities.

# Elections for FY2027

**Mike Madden**



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*Nominating Committee:*

*Jenny Blackmore, Jamey Browning, Laura Leon and Cliff Giles*

**Chuck Logan, President**

# Sam Beard Award for 2026

**Mike Madden**



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*Award Committee:*

*Susan Gregory (Chair), Cliff Giles and Mike Madden*

**Bob Lowder & Sally Lowder**