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Danny Bernstein Receives Honorary Life Membership Award

Danny Bernstein received the Honorary Life Membership award at the 2023 Annual Meeting. She was selected by Council due to her outstanding dedication and service to the club throughout her 23 years as a CMC member. This is not an annual award; there are years that no member receives this honor and years where a number of members are recognized. According to the listing on the website, only 14 such awards have been made.



To read more, [click here](#).



2023 Award of Appreciation: David Huff

by Donna Bange

Not many companies or organizations achieve their 100-year birthday. In 2023 CMC celebrated the Centennial in style and more importantly in a WNC community outreach way. The cornerstone of this community awareness and outreach was David Huff.

David Huff, leveraged his WNC network, marketing, and communication skills to promote the effort. There were press releases, invitation letters, Facebook posts, Social Media posts, and posters that David was the driver behind. He built a fantastic CMC Centennial Website with all the key information. He was also the professional photographer at the event. Obviously, the word got out about the Centennial Arboretum celebration with the >1500 visitors.

To read more, [click here](#).

Lifetime Achievement Award: Rich Evans

by Donna Bange

Rich Evans joined CMC in May of 2012 after hiking the Appalachian Trail. Over these past 11 years he has logged over 12,000 hiking trail maintenance hours and is the all-time CMC volunteer leader in terms of hours. There are over 6000 hours on the MST and over 3000 working in the Pisgah Ranger District. He is currently averaging over 1000 hours per year in trail maintenance. In 2016 Rich Evans was named Blue Ridge Parkway volunteer of the year.



To read more, [click here](#).

2023 Award of Appreciation Sallye Sanders & Adrienne Chang Co-Leaders of the Centennial Celebration

by Donna Bange

On Saturday, October 28 at the Annual CMC Meeting, Sallye Sanders and Adrienne Chang were honored with the 2023 Award of Appreciation as co-leaders of the CMC Arboretum Centennial Celebration. The Centennial Celebration far exceeded everyone's expectations; the estimate was >1500 visitors. The Centennial Celebration raised awareness of CMC's contributions in the WNC community along with strengthening our stakeholder partnerships. Sallye, Adrienne and David Huff were the pillars of the Centennial Celebration efforts.

To read more, [click here](#).



2023 Distinguished Service Award: Dr. John Whitehouse

by Donna Bange

John Whitehouse has been the outstanding leader of the CMC Monday Trail Maintenance Crew for over a decade. He has been responsible for trail maintenance and rehab in the northern counties of CMC's hiking area. John is also a co-founder and presently president of NC High Peaks-Friends of Mount Mitchell State Park, a hiking, maintenance, and conservation partner of CMC. He is knowledgeable of all the trails in Madison, Yancey, and Mitchell counties, including Mount Mitchell State Park.

To read more, [click here](#).



2023 Distinguished Service Award: Jim Spicer

by Donna Bange



Jim Spicer was honored at the CMC Annual Meeting for the Distinguished Service Award. Jim has been an active CMC member for over 15 years. He is also the Assistant Crew Leader of the Friday Pisgah Crew. Over his CMC tenure, Jim has mentored countless new CMC maintainers. His guidance, assistance, insights, as well as his general good nature, have been invaluable to all of us newer (and younger!) crew who have

worked with him. Jim is the "go-to mechanical guy" for maintaining and fixing tools. He does all the chainsaw and string trimmer maintenance for the Pisgah Friday Crew as well as cutting all the rebar for the whole club. The club officers over the years contact him for all sorts of questions about tools as well as ask him to fix up and resell old tools nobody wants anymore.

To read more, [click here](#).

Hiking Challenge Awards at Annual CMC Dinner

by Donna Bange

One of the highlights at the Annual CMC Meeting is the presentation of the 2023 Hiking Challenge Awards. Chris Koebelin and Tom Weaver congratulated the numerous CMC members that achieved these hiking milestones. Attached is a listing of the challenges and the Awardees. The CMC hikers were enthusiastic about their recognition and congratulating their fellow

hikers. Congratulations to Henry Kassell for achieving 4 out of the 7 Challenges.

For list of award recipients, [click here](#).



Trail Maintenance T-shirts

by Donna Bange

The yellow trail maintenance shirts have been a huge hit the last 3 years. Due to numerous requests, I am organizing a CMC yellow trail maintenance crew shirt order. This year we will order using Google forms-see the link below. Click on the link and you will complete a survey.

<https://forms.gle/HC7TCfDse92bryox8>

A few comments:

- Please place your order by November 10th.
- The shirts are the same as previous years: smooth and waffle.
- For each shirt type (gender, sleeve length, size) you will submit another survey. At the end of the survey you will be asked if you want to submit another shirt order.
- In mid November I will send you an email (assuming you ordered a shirt(s)) with a confirmation, a total amount owed and payment instructions.

Thank you for all your CMC volunteer work to build, maintain and sustain hiking trails in Western North Carolina.

2023 CMC Trail Maintainers Picnic

by Ron Navik

The CMC Trail Maintainers gathered for a picnic at Lake Julian Park on Saturday, September 16 to share tales of trails made safe and sustainable, and celebrate the volunteers who put in huge amounts of hours to make it happen. Jim Vint provided the enjoyable background music. Tim Carrigan, CMC Trail Maintainer and expert on the barbecue grill, provided a delicious ensemble of barbecue and everyone brought their own special dishes to share. Everyone enjoyed trying something new and no one went home hungry.



To see who received rocker awards, [click here](#).

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