

OCTA Award Recipients

Meritorious Achievement/Franzwa MAA

- 2018** Will Bagley
- 2017** Jere Krakow
- 2016** Bill Martin and Gail Carbiener
- 2015** Albert Mulder, Jr.
- 2014** Duane Iles
- 2013** Frank Tortorich
- 2012** John Atkinson
- 2011** Roy Tea and Edna Kennell
- 2010** Roger Blair
- 2009** David Vixie
- 2008** Larry Jones
- 2007** Russ Tanner, Jere Krakow, and Kay Threlkeld
- 2006** Jim McGill
- 2005** Jack & Pat Fletcher
- 2004** David Welch
- 2003** Ross Marshall
- 2002** Charles W. Martin, Jr.
- 2001** William C. & Jeanne H. Watson and Lee Underbrink
- 2000** John Leamon and Craig Crease
- 1999** Bill & Shan Rupp
- 1998** Chuck Dodd, Kathy Roubal, James Renner, Marv Ross Trail Band, Joyce Badgely Hunsaker, and Tamastslit Cultural Institute
- 1997** Al Mulder and William Hill
- 1996** Andy & Joanne Hammond, Susan Badger Doyle, and Burlington Northern Railroad
- 1995** Randy Brown and Robert Berry
- 1994** James F. Budde, Betty Lee, and Rose Ann Tompkins
- 1993** Richard W. Ackerman
- 1992** Barbara Magerl, Reg Duffin, and Wyoming BLM
- 1991** Don Buck, Jack & Richard Steed, and Chuck Graydon

- 1990** Charles W. Martin, Sr.
- 1989** James F. Bowers
- 1988** John Latschar
- 1987** Gregory Franzwa
- 1986** Clyde Arbuckle, Helen Helfrich, Robert & Marguerite Griffin, and Merle Wells
- 1985** Aubrey Haines and Troy Gray
- 1984** Merrill J. Mattes and Tom Hunt
- 1983** Dr. E.C. Chuinard

Distinguished Volunteer/McNabney DVA

- 2018** Richard Deisch
- 2017** Jean Coupal-Smith
- 2016** Victor Heath and Jesse & Nancy Peterson
- 2015** Dee Owens and Bruce Watson
- 2014** Tom McCutcheon
- 2013** Camille Bradford
- 2012** Don Hartley and Trail Turtles: SW OCTA
- 2011** Linda Turner
- 2010** Oscar Olson and John Krizek
- 2009** Sharon Manhart
- 2008** Mary Ann Tortorich and Jerry Eichhorst
- 2007** Candy Moulton
- 2006** Jim & Sallie Riehl and Bill Martin
- 2005** Roy Tea and Ken & Arleta Martin
- 2004** Chuck Hornbuckle
- 2003** Robert & Barbara Kabel and Mark Wheeler
- 2002** David Hollecker
- 2001** Judith L. Budde
- 2000** Ruth Anderson
- 1999** Mary Mueller
- 1998** Dr. Robert Wier
- 1997** Lesley Wischmann

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1994 Vern Gorzitze
1993 Chuck Dodd
1992 Bill & Shan Rupp
1991 Kathy Roubal
1990 Elaine McNabney
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Distinguished Service Award

2018 Gail Geo. Holmes, Mike Olsen, and Dee's, Inc. Cold Water Ranch
2017 No Presentation
2016 No Presentation
2015 Don Simpson, BLM; Katy Parr, Eldorado National Forest; Jim Renn, BLM; Jessica Drummond, Liberty Utilities
2014 Sharon Brown, NPS and First National Bank, Omaha
2013 Bob Clark, Patrick Harris, and Rep. Earl Blumenauer
2012 Alcove Spring Historical Trust
2011 Chuck Milliken and BLM employees: Dave Crowley, Dave Vlcek, Sam Drucker, Craig Bromley, Lynn Harrell, and Judyth Reed
2010 Melvin L. Bashore and True West Magazine
2009 Bernie Weynand (BLM) and Douglas County History Research Center (Colo)
2008 Glen Corbeil & Mark Baltes and Eleanor Craig
2007 Shell Exploration, Ultra Petroleum, and Ezra Meeker Historical Society
2006 Ben Kern, Anadarko Oil, and St. Joseph Museum

2005 Hon. Orrin G. Hatch, Stephanie Flora, and Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
2004 Eileen Fitzsimmons & Oregon Historic Preservation Council, Ken Dauble, and Joe Kabel
2003 Joe Kabel, Terry Del Bene, Jere Krakow, and Mike Metcalf
2002 Susan Lynn and Peggy McGuckian
2001 Dr. Ronald Lund
2000 John Mark Lambertson & National Frontier Trails Center and Kansas City Historic Trails Association
1999 Carrie Smith, Gerry Gates, and Surprise Field Office BLM
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David J. Welch Preservation Award

2018 No Presentation
2017 No Presentation
2016 Billy Symms

2015 T. Michael Smith
2014 No Recipient
2013 No Recipient
2012 No Recipient
2011 Randy Brown
2010 Don Buck
2009 Thomas Hunt
2008 David J. Welch

Friend of the Trail/Rancher of the Year

2018 Mike Olsen, Dee Corporation—Cold Water Ranches, and David Gerdes
2017 Ray Feldkamp, Frank Bruna
2016 Steve Damele, Nick & Betty Nettleton, Gauby Farms, and Mormon Springs Farm
2015 John & Patty Brissenden, Hope Valley, CA
2014 The Williams Family, Hall County Historical Society, Richard Pariset, Larry & Sandy Snell, Troy & Kari Legg, Brian & Michelle Arrants
2013 Eagle Creek Golf Course (Frank Bastasch) and Stan Norstebon
2012 Jim & Diana Beason (Ks) and Leo Pellant (Ks)
2011 Pat & Margaret Davis, Clint Gilchrist, and Rob & Martha Hellyer
2010 Nina & Lisa Betz and Eric Bedke
2009 Ruth Ann Steele (Colo), Ian Griffis (Colo), and LaFarge N.A. (Mo)
2008 Kim & Allen Thompson, Richard & Arlene Schmitz, Gary Naughton, Gary Franklin, Nicholas Ihli, Paul Nettleton, Lyle Lambert, Jeffrey Ross, Mary Oman, Richard Hill, Dean Shaw
2007 Paul Scherbal and Darold Brunkow
2006 Fred & Lillian Six, Bill & Gail Robinson, Fred & Fern Linton, Tom McCutcheon, Pat & Jamie Ellenbecker, and William & Doreen Whetstine

2005 Earl & Jody Guild, Dennis & Shirley Orr Andrus, and Kenneth & Janice Goehring
2004 Rex & Leta Morton, William Johnson, Larry & Colleen Lindsay
2003 Jim Tessendorf and Pat & Alice Keegan Family
2002 Art & Lorene Pacha
2001 Audubon Spring Creek Prairie, Norman & Gaynell Parks, and Elvin & Shirley Holle
2000 Marc & Helen Vering
1999 Marion & Scott Bradley and William Thompson Family
1998 Rachel Huninghake and Gerald Swaggart
1997 Gerald & Patricia Mick
1996 Maggie Creek Ranches and Vernon Bomgardner
1995 Steve Percy, Joe & Dianne Jeffrey, Pete & Faye Gaines, and Edwin Boddye & Family
1994 Les Broadie, Mr. & Mrs. David Gage, Mr. & Mrs. John Gage, Joseph Ray Broadbent, Jr., and Joseph Siddoway Broadbent
1993 Lyle & Carol Woodbury, Steven & Susan Corey, Peter & Jeanne Maher, and Wayne & Mac Koch
1992 James Gould, Mr. & Mrs. Leonard Osler Family, Freed-Robinson Partners, John & Leonard Hay Families, and Leonard Hay Family
1991 Bill Waggerhause & Damon Ranch, Carroll & Harold Wilson Families, Dean R. Stephens, and Bob & Karen Rennells
1990 Don & Jean Rowiett and Louis E. Schumlacher
1989 Paul & Ruby Tschirky, Herb & Mary Allen, Neal & Leona Ambrose, Bill & Edna Barber, and Jim & Betty Sudbeck
1988 Donald F. Willsey, Krebs Ranches, and Chester & Bill Frederick
1987 Bernard Sun, Robert Ward, Mr. & Mrs. David C. Bagley, and George Dein
1986 Dwight Ewing and Marvis Applequist
1985 Stella Hammett, Rudy & Ruth Chesnovar, Homer & Kay Abell, and Ivor Dilke
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Young OCTAN

2018 No Presentation

2017 No Presentation

2016 Boy Scout Troop 100 and Trail Life USA

2015 No nominations

2014 Matthew Danforth Mallinson

2013 Emma Holm

2012 Nathan Anderson

2011 Oregon Trail School 4th and 5th Grade Students, Casper, WY

2010 Ana Merchant

2009 Brian Larson, Katie Pehrson, Eduard Streltsov, Olivia Wigley, Javonna Arriaga, Marisha DeVore, Josh Kwaskniewski, Mikayle Larrow, Candace LeeAnn Manley, Joseph Belford, Trenten Bonanno, Angela Moreno-Long, Jakob Robbins, Andrew David Stanley, Mike Browne, Lydia Gammill, Daniel Arthur Ganghan, Arielle Klagbrun, Patrick Mullaney, Bailey Scott, Darla Wynn, Frankie Israel, Rachel Stevens, Kenady Chisholm

2008 No Nominees

2007 No Nominees

2006 Zach Cuevas, Kit Washut

2005 Casper Kids Trail Team

2004 Ryan Marshall

2003 Skylar German and Kiera Keegan

Outstanding Educator/Teacher of the Year

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2017 No Presentation

2016 No Presentations
2015 Gene Matteucci, Audrey Elder
2014 Bonnie Willhelm, Kathleen Schulte, Amy Wilson, Jody McBride, Lisa Brown, and Robert Schroeder
2013 Sacramento History Museum (Janessa West), Beth Hepler, and Kathy Gregory
2012 Judith A. Scheiszer
2011 Phil Roberts (Post Secondary/University) and Mark Trotter (Camp Floyd State Park-Museum, Institution)
2010 Christine Kadonsky (High School), Lauri Hansen, Ann Jenson, and Nancy Nielsen (Elementary)
2009 Duane Durst (Neb), Eastgate Elementary 4th Grade (WA-Alex Rea), and Pacific NW Ballet (WA-Kayti Bouljon)
2008 Afton Patrick and Nancy Schoonover
2007 Great Platte River Road Archway/Ronnie O'Brien, Sharon Von Aschwage, and Penny Businga
2006 Bonnie Epstein, Gary Noy, National Frontier Trails Museum
2005 June Read, Peggy Miller, and High Desert Museum (Kelly Schloer)
2004 Lance Dixon, Camille Leonhardt, Kuri Gill, and Richard Luppi
2003 Kim Merchant, Kelly Coday, Penny Buehler, Katherine Morrissey, Susan Gray, and John Versluis
2002 History San Jose
2001 Janet Wragge, Erik Gearhart, and Venture Quest
2000 St. Rosalie Anderson, Marylhurst, OR, Eleanor Craig, and Patricia White & The Shawnee Indian Mission
1999 Ed Gwartney, James Stanley Cazier, and Roger Nichols
1998 Bradley Kohl, Brian Buntain, and Anne Kelleher
1997 David Vixie, Frank Tortorich, Richard Porcelle, and Judy Gunnell
1996 Janel Anderson, Janet Camagna, and Bruce D. Bersl
1995 Jan Hill, Keith May, Lois Herbel, and Dale Clark
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Mattes Award

2018 Lee Kreutzer and Frank Norris
2017 LeRoy C. Johnson & Tom Sutak
2016 Dixon Ford and Lee Kreutzer
2015 Randy Brown
2014 Jess Petersen
2013 John Grebenkemper, Kristin Johnson, and Adela Morris
2012 Jerry Eichhorst
2011 Rush Spedden
2010 Will Bagley and Rick Grunder
2009 Kristin Johnson
2008 Charles R. Barrett
2007 Jim McGill
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2005 Frank Tortorich & Jim Carman
2004 Rodney Staab
2003 Todd Guenther, Erin Hammer, & Fred Chaney
2002 Jim Tompkins
2001 Michael L. Tate
2000 Todd Guenther
1999 Margaret F. Walker
1998 Kyle D. Kauffman and Jonathan J. Lichowitz
1997 Richard L. Dyer

1996 Will Bagley and Placer Dome US, Inc.
1995 Hon. Douglas Bereuter and Lois Daniel
1994 Tom Bell and Peter DeLafosse
1993 Ross Marshall, Sally True, and Casper Star-Tribune
1992 Doris Dart
1991 Don Buck and George T. Watkins
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Certificates of Achievement/Appreciation/National COA

2018 Vern Osborne (BOD), Loren Pospisil (BOD), and Gar Elison
(Convention Chair)
2017 Jere Krakow
2016 Don Hartley (BOD) and John Briggs (Convention Chair)
2015 Brian Larson (BOD), Doug Jensen (BOD), Bob Pearce, and Dick
Waugh (Convention Chair)
2014 Barb Netherland, Patricia K. A. Fletcher, and David Vixie
2013 American Cowboy Magazine, Fern Linton, Camille Bradford,
Paul Masee, and Pat Surrena
2012 Mathew Ivory (BOD), Quackgrass Sally (BOD), Billy Symms
(BOD), Ross Marshall (Convention Chair), Charles Goslin, Franklin
County Historical Society, John Winner, Rick Anderson
2011 John Krizek (BOD), Frank (Pinky) Ellis (BOD), Patricia Etter
(BOD), Fern Linton (Convention Co-chair), and Pat Cywinski
(Convention Co-chair)
2010 John Mark Lambertson (BOD), William Wilson (BOD), Janet
Petersen (Conv Chair)

2009 David Vixie (BOD), Duane Iles (BOD), Robert Clark (BOD), Lethene Parks (BOD), Camille Bradford (Conv Chair)

2008 Suzette McCord-Rogers (BOD), Jack Fletcher (BOD), John Krizek (BOD), Brent Reber (BOD), Jim McGill (Conv Co-chair), Roger Blair (Conv Co-chair)

2007 Loren Pospisil, Edna Kennell, Bill Martin, Bernie Rhodes, Vern Gorzitze, Randy Wagner, Zeke Sicotte

2006 Jackie Lewin, John Atkinson, Glenn Harrison, Frank Tortorich, Mary Conrad, Robert Hamilton, St. Joseph Convention & Visitors Bureau, and Pony Express National Museum

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2000 Cave Spring Association, Friends of Rice-Tremonti Home, Walter Cook, Westport Historical Society, KC Parks & Recreation, City of Westwood,. Tom Laidlaw, Charles Goslin, Gail Carbiener, Trails Head Chapter, and Ross Marshall

1999 Larry Ludwig, Kassidy & Gena Falkenburg, and US Postal service & Chico Postmaster Clinton Powell

1998 William White and Walt Tegge

1997 Lyn Ryder, Dr. Robert Wier, Olive Donaldson, Robert “Red” Perry & the Shoshone Bannock Indian Tribal Council, Mike Batemen, Jim Allen, Ward R. Crowley, and Barbara Palleria & US Postal Service

1996 Larry Jones, Lee Underbrink, Rose Ann Tompkins, Will Bagley, and Placer Dome US, Inc.

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1994 Tom Bell and Peter DeLafosse

1993 Gregory Franzwa, Jackie Lewin, William C.I Watson, Dave Bigler, Ross Marshall, Sally True, and Casper Star-Tribune

1992 Robert Berg, William Hill, Charles W. Martin, Jr., and Doris Dart

1991 Pat Perry, Don Buck and George T. Watkins

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1989 Larry Jones, Helen Sourk, and Patti Grollmes

1988 Jim Bowers, John Latschar, Charles Martin, Sr., Mary Mueller, Elaine McNabney, and Richard Nolf
1987 Jacques Downs, Jim Rankin, Reg Duffin, Lee Underbrink, Malcom Smith, Walter Hewlett, Barbara Magerl, and Cathy Galbraith
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Service Plaques

2016 Kathy Conway (25 years service)
2015 Candy Moulton (Quill and Pen for OJ Editor)
2014 Travis Boley (10 years service)
2011 Kathy Conway (20 years service)

Special (Presidents) Award

2017 City of Independence; John Winner (Outgoing President)
2016 No award
2015 John Krizek (Outgoing President)
2014 Trails Head Chapter
2013 Duane Iles (Outgoing President)
2012 Walt & Mary Merica Family (donation of John Ellenbecker papers), Kathy Franzwa (donation of Gregory Franzwa papers), Roger Blair (digital photo donations and 30 year anniversary presentation)
2011 No award
2010 No award
2009 No award
2008 Andy Hammond (contributions to OJ “The Look of the Elephant”)