

# OCTA - Northwest Chapter Awards

The Northwest Chapter Awards Program is responsible for recognizing deserving members and non-members for their contributions to trail education, preservation, Chapter service, or other contributions of time, money, or other resources to Chapter goals and promotion of trail programs. The Awards Program Leader shall be appointed by the President and other members added as needed. Award recipients shall be recognized at a membership meeting.

The following award categories shall be utilized.

## **1. Ackerman Meritorious Service Award**

The Richard and Trudy Ackerman Meritorious Service Award is the Northwest Chapter's highest honor. It is presented to one or more chapter members who have made substantial efforts in support of the chapter and its goals. Only chapter members qualify for the Meritorious Achievement Award.

## **2. Distinguished NW Service Award**

The Distinguished NW Service Award is the award for non-chapter contributions to NW OCTA directly or to historic trail preservation and education efforts throughout the northwest. It recognizes efforts by organizations, businesses, government agencies, individuals, or others who contribute or participate in furthering NW OCTA programs directly or provide substantial support in a nonaffiliated way to trail preservation and education.

## **3. Friend of NW Trails Award**

The Friend of NW Trails Award is presented to individuals, groups, or organizations that have direct ties to lands over which historic trails pass. Neither property ownership nor residence on the property are requirements, but rather emphasis instead is placed on preservation of trail remnants, educating the public about their historic resources, and allowing responsible public access to the historic resources.

## **4. Special Presidential Award/Recognition**

The Chapter President and/or Board of Directors may recognize chapter members or non-members for their contributions to the Chapter and OCTA that may not meet stringent criteria of other established award categories. These, in particular, include Certificates of Appreciation, but may take other forms of recognition, thanks, appreciation, etc. They may be certificates or wooden plaques.