

OCTA Award Recipients

Gregory M. Franzwa Meritorious Achievement Award

- 2023** John Krizek
- 2022** Richard “Dick” Nelson
- 2021** Camille Bradford
- 2020** John Winner
- 2019** Turner Rivenbark
- 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 Tamastslíkt 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

Elaine McNabney Distinguished Volunteer Award

2023 Richard Hunt
2022 Robert “Robin” Baker
2021 Dennis Larsen
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2019 Paul Dinwiddie, Jerry Eichhorst and Tracy DeVault
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
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Elaine McNabney Distinguished Service Award

2023 Travis Boley (20-year service)
2022

2021 Steve Owens

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2019 Gary Werner and Friends of the Cherokee Trail-Kansas

2018 Gail Geo. Holmes, Mike Olsen, and Dee's, Inc. Cold Water Ranch

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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

David J. Welch Preservation Award

2023

2022 Gail Carbiener

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2016 Billy Symms

2015 T. Michael Smith

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2011 Randy Brown

2010 Don Buck

2009 Thomas Hunt

2008 David J. Welch

Friend of the Trail / Rancher of the Year

2023 Cleo Jones (Wyoming Rancher) and Mike & Monica Thompson

2022

2021 Steve and Valerie Wines

2019 Marc Simmons and Jeff & Joyce Artz

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

Young OCTAN

2023

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2021 Battle Born Youth ChalleNGe Academy

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2016 Boy Scout Troop 100 and Trail Life USA

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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

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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 Award

2023 Garrett Seuser

2022 Catherine Lynch and Tim Miklas - Grand Encampment Museum

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2019 Jill L. Jones

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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

Merrill J. Mattes Award

2023 Amy McGill
2022 Harlan Seyfer
2021 Jerry Eichhorst
2020 Richard Reich
2019 Don Buck
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

Certificates of Achievement / Appreciation / National COA

2023 Barb Netherland (Convention Chair), Loren Pospisil (Convention Chair), Chuck Milliken (Retiring BOD), and Pat Flecher (Retiring BOD)

2022 Bill Martin (Retiring BOD) and Toma Rea (Convention Chair)

2021 John Briggs (BOD), Duane Iles (BOD), Matt Mallinson (BOD), Helen Hankins (Convention Chair), and Duane Jones (Convention Chair)

2020

2019 Ginny Disette (BOD), Dick Waugh (BOD), Dick Nelson (BOD), Cecilia Bell and Lee Black (Convention Chairs)

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.

1995 Hon. Douglas Bereuter and Lois Daniel

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

Service Plaques

2023

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2016 Kathy Conway (25 years)

2015 Candy Moulton (Quill and Pen for OJ Editor)

2014 Travis Boley (10 years)

2011 Kathy Conway (20 years)

Special (Presidents) Award

2023 John Briggs

2022

2021 Lee Black (Outgoing OCTA President 2019-2021), Sandra Wiechert

(Outgoing OCTA Secretary), Marvin Burke (Former OCTA Treasurer – deceased), Jim Budde (Former OCTA Treasurer & IAC Committee Member – deceased)

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2017 City of Independence; John Winner (Outgoing President)

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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)

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2008 Andy Hammond (contributions to OJ “The Look of the Elephant”)

