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The 38th Annual Friends of the River Awards

Land of Sky Regional Council is currently seeking nominations for the 38th Annual *Friends of the River* awards. The purpose of the award is to recognize individuals, private organizations, civic groups, and/or public agencies that have made a significant contribution toward the restoration and enhancement of the French Broad River (or tributaries) as a recreational, economic, or cultural resource.

We need your help in identifying deserving candidates to be recognized as *Friends of the River*. Recipients of the award will be honored during Land of Sky's Annual Banquet on October 14, 2015 at the Asheville Ballroom and Dance Centre.

Each award winner will receive a framed certificate as well as a copy of Wilma Dykeman's novel, *The French Broad*. In addition, the award recipients are treated to a complimentary dinner.

Information on the award winners will be sent to local newspapers so they will receive recognition in their hometowns and throughout the region.

To nominate an individual or organization for the *Friends of the River* award, simply return the enclosed nomination form to Land of Sky Regional Council before September 14, 2015.

You may return the form by ground mail, fax, or e-mail to:

Friends of the River Nominations
Attn: Bill Eaker
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Asheville, NC 28806
FAX: 828-251-6353
Email: bill@landofsky.org

A list of past award winners is enclosed along with a description of the awards criteria.

FRIENDS OF THE RIVER AWARDS CRITERIA

The Friends of the River Award may be presented annually to persons, private organizations, civic groups, and public agencies who have made a significant contribution toward the restoration and enhancement of the French Broad River (or tributaries) as a recreational, economic, and cultural resource for the residents of Buncombe, Henderson, Transylvania, and Madison counties.

Contributions that may be recognized are those which:

- (1) create a community awareness of the river
- (2) provide legislative, technical, or funding support for river improvement projects
- (3) stimulate or use citizen volunteers for river improvement, and
- (4) further an understanding of the river as a natural resource.

Past Award Winners:

(1977)

Transylvania County Water Resources Board, Black Mountain/Swannanoa Jaycees, Tennessee Valley Authority, League of Women Voters, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Senator Cecil Hill, Congressman Lamar Gudger, Hendersonville Times-News, Asheville Citizen –Times, Transylvania Times

(1978)

Quality Forward, Upper French Broad River Defense Association, WLOS-TV, Buncombe County Parks and Recreation Department, Department of Natural Resources and Community Development-(State)

(1979)

Appalachian Magazine, North Carolina State Trails Committee

(1980)

Wilma Dykeman, Olin Corporation, Bill Stokes, Frank Fitzsimmons

(1981)

Bill Moore, Wildlife Resources Commission, Bob Watts

(1982)

John Higdon, Brad Howarth, N. C. Div. of Environmental Management

(1983)

Jean Webb, Sarah Upchurch, Carolina Wilderness Adventures, French Broad Rafting Company, Nantahala Outdoor Center

(1984)

Warren Wilson College Environmental Education Department, Pepsi Cola, Karl Zedell, Asheville Parks and Recreation Department, Marshall News-Record

(1985)

Representative Martin L. Nesbitt, LaRue Bollick, Ester Wesley, Bess Baird, Mountain Valleys RC&D Council, Ruth Gregory

(1986)

Marjorie Lockwood, Zippy Boat Works, Curt Crowhurst, Buncombe County Board of Commissioners, Bill Allen, Metropolitan Sewerage District, Leah Karpen, Asheville-Buncombe YMCA

(1987)

Lee Reading, Representative Marie Colton, E. Emmons Corcoran, Wenoca Sierra Club, Walter Boland

Eben, James and Mac Morrow

(1988)

WNC Muskie Club, Dick Schuler, WWNC-Radio, Robert Hemsath, First Federal S&L Association

(1989)

Ralph Wilson Plastics, Carolina Power & Light Company, Land-Of-Sky Chapter of Trout Unlimited, Ann Whisenhunt, Bob Grasso

(1990)

Norma Price, French Broad Riverfront Planning Committee, Bob Kendrick, Rex Hoffman, French Broad River Foundation

(1991)

Richard Fry, Carolina Power & Light, Luther Smith, Charles Patton

(1992)

Linda Taylor, Karen Cragolin, David Whitmire, John Wortsell, Glenn Goodrich, Michael and Kay Rapier

(1993)

Bob Caldwell, Mark Hopey, Bill Thomas, Doug Moon, Janie Wilson, Richmond Hill Inn

(1994)

Ed Metz, Transylvania Co Soil & Water Conservation District, Debbie Whitmire, Water Efficiency Task Force & Staff of ABWA, Clean Water Fund of NC, Environmental & Conservation Organization of Henderson County, Madison County League of Women Voters, Madison County Chamber of Commerce

(1995)

Jane Threatt-Morgan of Madison County, Marge Turcot - Volunteer of Riverlink

Richard Black - Golden K Kiwanis, David and Melanie Donnell - Southern Waterways

Rick Pangle - Transylvania Co. Parks & Recreation, F. Edward Broadwell - Clyde Savings Bank

(1996)

Peggy Brazell, Marylyn Seyler, Michael Arrowood, Sandy Melton, Bill Lyday

(1997)

Don Funderud, Pisgah Chapter of the Sierra Club, Hugh Koontz, Pigeon River fund, Sam Cathey, Marie Jeanne Cadgene and Narcisse Cadgene

(1998)

Wilma Dykeman Stokely, Bob Carter, Rick Morgan, Brevard College Voice of the Rivers, UNC-A

Environmental Quality Institute, NC General Assembly

(1999)

Stella Trapp, Slim Ray, Partners of Riverside Business Park, John Humphrey, Madison County, Bill Baum

(2000)

Ms. Renee Kumor, Fullam Dairy Farm (Daryl Fullam), Poplar Hollow Farms (Charles Bryson), Marshall Beautification Committee (Ms. Pat Blackwell), Cross Creek Foundation (Fritz Mueller), Elisha Mitchell Audubon Society

(2001)

Russell Blevins, Margie Maxwell, Jim Coman, Jere Brittain, Morrithel Meadows Farm, Clean Water Management Trust Fund

(2002)

Blue Ridge Metals, Franklin Anderson, Eric Caldwell/Tran CES, Lee Hobbs, Marilyn Westphal – UNCA, Robert Shepherd

(2003)

Ed and Joy MacFadyen Bulluck, The Times-News, Carolina Mountain Land Conservancy, Mike Cody and the Environmental Staff of the Ecusta Corporation, Nantahala Outdoor Center French Broad River Outpost Staff.

(2004)

Dennis Honnold of Henderson County, Van Wingerden International in Mills River, Dr. Larry Ragsdale of Brevard College, Burline Pullin of TVA, Stephanie Wilds of Black Mountain, Patten Seed Company – Jim Roquemore.

(2005)

Rob Pew of Buncombe County, Frank Blazey of Henderson County, Dr. Tom Burnet of Buncombe County, Phil Gibson of Buncombe County, The Sticpewich Family of Buncombe County, and The WNC Legislative Delegation.

(2006)

Bob Twomey of Transylvania County, Scott Richards of Buncombe County, Michelle Skeelee of Henderson County, Rick Maas of Buncombe County, Muddy Bottom Hunt Club of Henderson County, Jeff Parker of Transylvania County.

(2007)

Jim and Sharon Spicer of Henderson County, Heath White of Madison County, Mary Leonard White of Black Mountain, Dr. William T. Garrison of Henderson County, Buncombe County Commissioner David Gantt, Bob Caldwell, and Jim Stokoe

(2009)

Carol Hamlin Sams of Transylvania County, Jon Calabria of Buncombe County, The Beech Glen Community Center of Madison County, The Buncombe County Board of Commissioners, and James E. Brazell of Buncombe County

(2010)

RENCI at UNC Asheville of Buncombe County, John Hornstein of Madison County, Richard T. Hall of Buncombe County, The Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation, Katherine Taylor of Transylvania County, and The Blue Ridge Parkway

(2011)

Denise Snodgrass of Buncombe County, Henderson County Erosion Control Program, Everett Farms of Transylvania County, Black Mountain Greenways Commission, Rob Pulley of Madison County, and Forrest Westall

(2012)

Margie Eblen, Volunteer at RiverLink, AmeriCorps and Project Conserve, Rick Burt of Henderson County, Jerry Stone from Transylvania County, PSNC Energy, and Meredith Newman from Mars Hill

(2013)

Susan Roderick, Executive Director of Asheville GreenWorks; Jim and Barbara Volk, Henderson County; Blue Heron Whitewater; Sierra Nevada, New Belgium, Oskar Blues and the Asheville Brewers Alliance; and William M. Ives, Transylvania County

(2014)

Doreen Blue, Environmental and Conservation Organization; Susan Brown, Transylvania County Natural Resources Council, Tom Massie, NC Clean Water Management Trust Fund; Elizabeth and Bill Mayes & Gayle and Virginia Ramsey, Land Owners; The Mars Hill Stormwater Demonstration Project

NOMINATION FORM
FRIENDS OF THE RIVER

Name of Nominee (individual or organization):

Address:

Phone Number(s):

Email:

Please explain why this person/organization should be considered for recognition as a *Friend of the River*. (Refer to the enclosed awards criteria and list of past award winners. You may attach additional narrative information, newspaper articles, or other evidence of the nominee's contributions to the restoration and enhancement of the French Broad River or its tributaries.)

Name of person making nomination:

Signature:

Address:

Phone Number:

Mail, fax, or e-mail your nomination before September 14, 2015 to:

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Thank you for your help to recognize the Friends of the French Broad River!