

THE SANTA FE TRAIL ASSOCIATION IS PROUD TO ANNOUNCE THE RECIPIENTS OF THE 2016 SFTA AWARDS

SFTA award winners for 2016, pictured left to right: John Carson, Connie Essington, Hal Jackson, Rod Podszus, Pat Palmer, Phyllis Morgan, Dotti Russell and Joanne VanCoevern.



Recipients of the annual Santa Fe Trail Association awards were announced by Linda Colle, chair of the Awards Committee, at the Santa Fe Trail Association Awards Banquet, Larned, KS, on September 24, 2016. Those receiving awards, but unable to attend include: Joy Poole, Deborah Lawrence, Don Essington and the Boy Scout Troop 683, Derby, KS.

The Paul F. Bentrup Ambassador Award is awarded to a member of the SFTA who has demonstrated exceptional promotion of the SFTA, development and dissemination of knowledge of Trail history, preservation of Trail sites or artifacts, or who has otherwise promoted an understanding of the Trail. This year's recipients were:

- **John Carson** in recognition of his significant contributions to the preservation, protection and promotion of the Santa Fe Trail, especially his support of the Santa Fe Trail Association and Trail activities.
- **Pat Palmer** in recognition of his significant contributions to the preservation, protection and promotion of the Santa Fe Trail, especially his support of the Santa Fe Trail Association and Trail activities. Pat has served on the SFTA Board of Directors and is currently the President of the Bent's Fort Chapter of the Santa Fe Trail Association.

The Louise Barry Writing Award is presented to authors of a significant article or book about the Trail. Receiving the award in 2016 are:

- **Phyllis S. Morgan**, for her book, *As Far as the Eye Could Reach: Accounts of Animals along the Santa Fe Trail, 1821-1880* (University of Oklahoma Press, 2015)
- **Joy Poole**, editor of the book, *Over the Santa Fe Trail to Mexico: The Travel Diaries and Autobiography of Dr. Rowland Willard* (University of Oklahoma Press, 2015)

The Ralph Hathaway Memorial Heritage Preservation Award

recognizes those who have preserved and protected significant portions of the Trail or sites associated with the Trail, and provided public access. This year's recipients were:

- **Don and Connie Essington**, Council Grove, KS who donated the historic Last Chance Store, Council Grove, KS, to the Kansas Historical Society.

The Marc Simmons Writing Award recognizes contributors to *Wagon Tracks* in two categories: *Category 1* - Best original article about the history of the SFT based on research in primary sources, and *Category 2* - Best edited work of a previously unpublished source on the SFT. Articles for consideration for the 2016 awards included those published in *Wagon Tracks*, Volume 30, 2015-16. Recipients of this award for 2016 were:

- Category 1: **Deborah Lawrence** for her article, "Entangled Transactions: A Selected History of General Kearny's Mill Site, 1731-1920" (Feb. 2016-Volume 30, number 2)
- Category 2: **Joanne VanCoevern** for "Letters from Fort Dodge: Letters of Isadore and Henry Douglass 1866-67" (August 2016-Volume 30, number 4)

Gregory M. Franzwa Memorial Award for Lifetime Achievement is presented to those with extraordinary lifetime achievement in the preservation, protection, and promotion of the Santa Fe Trail. This year, the award was presented to:

- **Hal Jackson**, for his years of service as president of the Santa Fe Trail Association and his numerous publications, including *Boone's Lick Road: A Brief History and Guide to a Missouri Treasure*, *Following the Royal Road: A Guide to the Historic Camino Real de Tierra Adentro*, and *Following the Santa Fe Trail: A Guide for Modern Travelers*. He also provided leadership in getting trail markers installed, especially those in Missouri showing the connection of the Boone's Lick Road and the Santa Fe Trail.

Santa Fe Trail Association AWARDS OF MERIT: These awards recognize those who have made a significant contributions to the preservation, protection and promotion of the Santa Fe Trail or the Santa Fe Trail Association. Recipients for 2016 include:

- **Derby Boy Scout Troop 683, Derby, KS** for their assistance on the Santa Fe National Historic Trail. Troop 683 spent two separate weekends assisting the Quivira Chapter of the Santa Fe Trail Association in maintaining and marking the Santa Fe Trail. One weekend was spent trimming weeds and brush. The second weekend was spent installing site identification signs at Swanson's Swales, the Stone Corral/Little Arkansas Crossing and Fry Ruts.

- **Rod Podszus** for his contributions and work on the SFTA e-mail blast and serving as a co-chair of the SFTA Publications Committee.
- **Dotti Russell** for her contributions work on the SFTA Bent's Fort Chapter e-mail blast and monthly newsletter.