Wilderness Wingding 2022

Celebrating the volunteers and supporters that keep Nevada wild!

December 9, 2022
The Wilbur D May Center

Friends of Nevada Wilderness is dedicated to preserving all qualified Nevada public lands as Wilderness, protecting all present and potential Wilderness from ongoing threats, informing the public about the values of and need for Wilderness, and restoring and improving the management of wild lands.

Dinner, Dessert, and Refreshments Provided by

JCD Demetras Law

and...

Mari Chuy’s Mexican Kitchen
Laughing Planet
Hub Coffee Roasters
Karen Boeger
Craft Wine and Beer
Red Rock Bar
Süp
2022 Wingding Sponsors

Alaskan Brewing Co
Badger Balm
Basecamp Climbing Gym
Bert Wilcox
Black Rock Bicycle
Boeger Wines
CoffeeBar
Cold Stone Creamy
Craft Reno
Deborah Stevenson
Down to Earth Composting
Eagle Framing and Art Gallery
Enterprise Truck Rentals
Grassroots Bookstore
GS1 Outdoors
Healing One
Henry Egghart
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High Up Yonder
Hub Coffee
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John Drakulich
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Kurt Kuznicki
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Lucy A. Moreton-Hall and
David Book
Mesa Rim Climbing Gym
Mike Branch
Mt Rose Ski Tahoe
North American Embroidery
Nuun
Patagonia
PBS Reno
Red Rock Bar
Ron Rash
Sharon Marie Wilcox
Sierra Nevada Brewing
Sierra Water
Silver and Blue Campus Store
Sundance Books
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The Wedge
Trader Joe’s
Yogurt Beach

A big thank you to NV Energy for being a key granter and sponsor of the 2022 Wingding!

NV Energy

Music for the Evening

Sierra Sweethearts & Friends
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2022 Volunteers

Jerry Williams
Jesse Ghisletta
Jesse Walsh
Jessica Duran-Tejeda
Jessica Fernainy
Jim Boone
Jim Crompton
Jim Neveln
Joe Elquist
John Christopherson
John McEldowney
Jordan Lubek
Jorge Negron
Josue Ponce
Justin Suraci
Karen Boeger
Karen Simas
Karla Werning
Kathryn Savage
Katie McAdams
Keith Chan
Kevan Burton
Kevin Wichman
Kevin Williams
Kirk Hastings
Kurt Hall
Larry Dwyer
Larry Fenkell
Laura Hueber
Lee Guarino
Leslie Castle
Leslie Kirby
Lisa Godenick
Liz Wilson
Lothar Mader
Louis Bubala
Lucia Saborido Torres
Luke Nagy
Luke Williams
Lynne Heller
Madison Harris
Manuel Sanchez
Marissa Elquist
Mark Blume
Marty Shanks
Matt Chase
Matt Salivar
Matthew Redhead
Melissa Rodriguez
Mike Matyas
Mike Mckee
Mindy Hsu
Miranda Lumsden
Miranda Young
Nicholas Rhea
Noah Rouse
Otis Poisson
Pat Roe
Peter Frigeri
Piyush Bakane
Quentin Bishop
Rita Smyth
Robby Ridge
Robert Harington
Robert Woolworth
Robin Novak
Roger Jacobson
Rose Womack
Rusty Donlon
Ryan Inskip
Samuel Mills
Scott Curtis
Scott Seid
Scott Wilson
Sean Murphy
Senator Dean Heller
Sharon Jacobson
Sharon Marie Wilcox
Sinjen Smith
Steve Calhoun
Steve Clifford
Steve Hall
Tanner Hopper
Tara Davis
Tedd Williams
Terah Tamburelli
Terry Graham
Terry Jones
Tom Johnson
Tova McGilvray
Vikki Vollmer Riddle
Warren Harding
William Payne

Wilderness Wingding
2022
Evening Schedule

6 pm - Dinner Served
7 pm to 8 pm - Ceremony
Friends of Nevada Wilderness Awards
Presented by Chris Cutshaw, Pat Bruce, Olivia Wolff, and Meg Tait

- Blue Helmet Awards
- Above and Beyond Award: Jason Weiss and Dan Johnson
- Volunteer of the Year: Bob Ralston
- Special Presentation from the Backcountry Horsemen of America
- Corporate Sponsor of the Year: NV Energy
- Champions of Northern Nevada Stewardship: Lucy Moreton-Hall and David Book
- Agency Partner of the Year: Kathy Torrence
- Marge Sill Wilderness Legacy Award: John Drakulich

8:15 pm - Silent Auction and Raffle Close
Our volunteers and partners helped us achieve so much in 2022 across Nevada!

48 Stewardship Projects

428 Volunteers

5,664 Volunteer Hours

$218,079 Total In-Kind

- 7.8 Miles of Trail Maintained
- Removed 1.16 miles of Fence
- Cleaned-up Hundreds of Pounds of Trash
- Removed Graffiti along 6.8 miles of Trail
- Monitored 111 Springs
- 104 Mining Claim Markers Knocked Down
- Protected Cutthroat Trout Habitat
- 28,693 Invasive Plants Removed
Volunteer of the Year
Bob Ralston

Bob has a tool box full of knowledge of backcountry Nevada, stories of far off travels, and the actual tools for any occasion. As the 2022 Volunteer of the Year winner, Bob has shown up and contributed on all (but one) of the overnight stewardship projects this year in Northern Nevada. Before we crunched the total number of hours, we knew Bob would be in the lead. With over 150 hours volunteered this year, Bob has now volunteered more than 500 hours with Friends! He will open up an atlas and show you his best spots, invite you to his favorite Mexican restaurant in Fallon, and always has the weird random tool you didn’t know you needed. Our Volunteer of the Year is a big Award, and we’re so proud to be giving it to Bob this year, congrats!

Photo by: Meg Tait

Friends of Nevada Wilderness Board

Roger Scholl - Chair and Founding Board Member
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Tom Myers - Board Member
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Jose Witt - Board Member

2022 Award Winners

Blue Helmet Awards
Thirty hours of service or more in 2022

Senator Dean Heller
Lynne Heller
Brian Wilkerson
Erika Nielsen
Terah Tamburelli
Liz Wilson
Alisha McCoy
Andrew Hebert
David Pritchett

Robin Novak
Marissa Elquist
Warren Harding
Ellen Wilson

Multiple Blue Helmet Awards

Jerry Williams
Bob Ralston
Jeff Lock
Dan Johnson
Kirk Hastings
Danny Riddle
Vikki Riddle
William Payne
Jason Weiss
Karen Boeger
Larry Fenkell
Terry Graham
Charlie Riou

Sharon Marie Wilcox
Lisa Godenick
Lou Bubala
Bryce Pollock
Tom Johnson
Cathy Schmidt
Corporate Sponsor of the Year
NV Energy
Friends of Nevada Wilderness has been the recipient of NV Energy Foundation awards for over a decade, and they have recently expanded their support to both our Northern and Southern Nevada stewardship programs. This year, they blew our expectations out of the water with a generous grant that has helped fund a variety of on-the-ground volunteer stewardship projects, as well as our Wild and Scenic Film Festival in Southern Nevada, and this year’s Wilderness Wingding! Thank you, NV Energy for your incredible support.

Champions of Northern Nevada Stewardship
Lucy Moreton-Hall and David Book
Lucy and David are long time members with an extremely generous streak for supporting our Northern Nevada Stewardship Program. They like their gifts to go to concrete things that will get volunteers safety out on the ground, especially in their beloved Black Rock Desert. This year they made a large gift ensuring we were able to meet our matching grant to buy a new northern Nevada stewardship truck. We couldn’t have done it without you Lucy and David! Thanks for caring about volunteers and wild Nevada.

Agency Partner of the Year
Kathy Torrence
As the Wilderness Specialist for the Bureau of Land Management Black Rock Field Office, Kathy certainly has her work cut out for her. This year, Kathy was an exceptional partner and facilitated multiple volunteer projects in the Black Rock NCA. The commitment that Kathy has shown for Wilderness and public lands has been crucial to the outcome of big yearly events such as the Black Rock Rendezvous, National Trails Day and National Public Lands Day. Kathy is a strong leader and runs these projects with great knowledge and passion for these areas. Kathy also brings a bright and contagious energy to these projects with funny anecdotes, great fried rice, and a heartwarming smile.

Above and Beyond Award
Jason Weiss
Jason has shown commitment and passion throughout this season volunteering with us and really went above and beyond this year. Beyond participating in many overnight projects, Jason was constantly staying late at the warehouse to help clean up, keeping great conversations on our truck rides, and working hard on all types of projects. Jason is a jack of all trades when it come to personal hobbies (you’ll have to ask him about his amazing repertoire) and volunteering.

Above and Beyond Award
Dan Johnson
Dan has helped the Stewardship Team and Friends of Nevada Wilderness in a big way this year. He was a wonderful help as our liaison between the Stewardship Team and the Patagonia Employees to coordinate 5 different projects this season. He was able to recruit and organize employees from different departments of Patagonia and their carpools out to Soldier Meadows and Mt Rose, making the projects a big success, and getting a few flat tires along the way.

Marge Sill Wilderness Legacy Award
John Drakulich
John has been taking care of Friends of Nevada for over 20 years, handling all our insurance and retirement plan needs with a very personal touch. From ensuring our health plan covers what we need to meeting with new staff to set up their retirement contributions, John and his team have been integral in the success of Friends by helping us take care of the people behind the work - just like the late, great Marge Sill did. John is also a generous financial supporter, and keeps us stocked with Farmers Insurance cups, pens, sticky notes and the cherished annual winter holiday basket in addition to the giant, delicious salami he brings by the office every year.