

Green Mountain Conservation Group

GMCG is a nonprofit, 501(c)(3) organization established in 1997. Our mission is to promote an awareness of and appreciation for clean water and the wise use of shared natural resources across the Ossipee Watershed and advocate strategies to protect them. The primary towns we serve are Eaton, Effingham, Freedom, Madison, Ossipee, Sandwich and Tamworth in NH, and Porter and Parsonsfield in Maine. Our watershed lies above the Ossipee Aquifer, the largest stratified drift aquifer in New Hampshire and the sole source of drinking water for over 80% of the region's population.

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We dedicate our 25th Anniversary Celebration to you and to the hundreds of other donors and volunteers who, since 1997, have been so generous with your time and with your gifts. Your belief in our mission and your devotion to our work has brought us this far and will carry us forward. Thank you!

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With enduring gratitude to our 1997—2019 Founding Executive Director Blair Folts!



Green Mountain Conservation Group 25th Anniversary Celebration



Tuesday, August 16th, 2022

4:00 to 6:00 p.m.

The Preserve at Chocorua



"In nature, nothing exists alone." - Rachel Carson



Cover art and photo by Moselle Spiller. Aerial photo taken from Bob Pustell's 1948 Stinson 108-3 airplane looking across Ossipee Lake to the White Mountains on May 1, 2022..

Agenda

- 4:00** — Social time. Light fare and beverages served. Silent auction bidding and raffle tickets on sale.
- 4:50** — Welcome remarks. Knute Ogren, Board Chair and Matt Howe, Executive Director.
- 5:05** — Volunteer recognition. Program Coordinators Jill Emerson, Tara Schroeder and Moselle Spiller acknowledge and thank volunteers and AmeriCorps Members Madison Martin, Brittney Semone, Bethany Mestelle, and Caitlin Noseworthy.
- 5:15** — Awards
- High Watch Volunteer Award presented to Mark Longley by Tara Schroeder
 - 25th Anniversary Award presented to Tara Schroeder by Peter Zack
 - 25th Anniversary Award presented to Noreen and Dave Downs by Moselle Spiller
- 5:40** — Raffle prize drawing
- 5:45** — Closing remarks by Knute Ogren
- 6:00** — Close

Special appreciation to our raffle and silent auction donors **Karen Burnett-Kurie (gift baskets)**, **Bob Pustell (watershed flyover)** and **Clay Groves (Silver Lake cruise)**.

Annual High Watch Award Recipients since 1999

- 1999 - Jennifer Van Cor; Bill Piekut; Susan Slack for help in forming GMCG.
- 2000 - Harry Merrow; Alice Amero
- 2001 - Toby Page; Larry Leavitt; Effingham Conservation Commission
- 2002 - David Little; Brianne Fowler
- 2003 - Jennifer Molin; Noreen Downs; Ed Reed; John Hogan
- 2004 - David Smith; Susan Lee; Jill Piekut
- 2005 - Katy Thompson; Willie Farnum
- 2006 - Kamal Nath; Theresa Swanick
- 2007 - John Shipman; Lee Polluck
- 2008 - Chele Miller; Katie Callahan; Scott Aspinall
- 2009 - George and Marcia Forrest; Danielle and Jerry Dugas
- 2010 - Sally and Bill Stoops; Walter Baily
- 2011 - Justin Chapman; Jay Buckley; Richard Lover; Dennis Gould
- 2012 - Pat Jones; Carolyn Hemmingway
- 2013 - Stephanie Barnes; Lynn Clarke
- 2014 - Brian and Carol Taylor; Rick Klausner
- 2015 - Ed Green; Timothy Otterbach; Jason Earle; Bill Huckins
- 2016 - Jim McElroy; Paul Ellie; Corey Lane
- 2017 - Anne Cunningham; Hannah Rousey
- 2018 - Kingswood Regional High School; Richard Fahy; Sabin Beckwith; Tim White
- 2019 - Tom Howe; Tom Masland; Amanda Stone; Cheryl King-Fischer
- 2020 - Dr. Robert Newton; Karen and Victor Vitek
- 2021 - Timothy Otterbach

2022 Award Recipients

Annual High Watch Award



The 2022 High Watch Award for exemplary volunteer service is presented to **Mark Longley** of Sandwich for his commitment to groundwater monitoring and protection, and his dedicated service on several GMCG committees and our Board of Directors.

25th Anniversary Awards



GMCG Education Coordinator **Tara Schroeder** of Tamworth is honored for her years of service to the organization, during which she has been instrumental in the passage of several municipal groundwater protection ordinances, as well as the design and implementation of GMCG's highly regarded environmental education curriculum.



Noreen and Dave Downs of Madison are recognized for their two decades of participation and leadership in nearly every facet of GMCG's work including land conservation, water research, fundraising, board leadership and the development of the organization's technological infrastructure.

Read more about past award recipients and their accomplishments at www.gmcg.org/volunteer-awards