

## 2022 CHAPTER ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

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Many awards were presented at the 2022 annual meeting of the Colorado Archaeological Society (CAS) banquet in Loveland. The Awards Committee would like to present the Chapter Achievement awards here for those who were not in attendance. The Chapter Achievement Award, sometimes known as the “Mini-Trowel” Award, was first given in 1996. It is awarded to persons who have made notable contributions at the state or chapter level of CAS. It may be given for an important contribution or for extended service to the organization.

Doug Baxter, Cheryl Damon, Judy and Bob Kilgore, and Katy Waechter were all recognized for contributions to their respective chapters.

### **Doug Baxter**

With a Chapter Achievement Award, CAS and the **Pueblo Archaeological and Historical Society (Pueblo Chapter)** recognized Doug Baxter for his role as Secretary (2010–2013), Vice President (2014–2015), and President (2016 – present). During that time, he used his extensive personal connections and first-hand knowledge of the Pueblo area to organize dozens of speakers for their monthly meetings as well as organizing numerous field trips to unique archaeological sites on private lands that would otherwise have been inaccessible. He led the Pueblo Chapter’s organization and hosting for the 2019 annual CAS meeting while also organizing youth outreach programs, charity auctions, and potlucks. Because his peers believe that he exemplifies the spirit of exploration, community connection, and knowledge-sharing that the Pueblo Chapter aspires to, the Awards Committee agrees that Doug Baxter is thoroughly deserving of a 2022 Chapter Achievement Award.

### **Cheryl Damon**

With a Chapter Achievement Award, CAS and the **Indian Peaks Chapter (IPCAS)** recognized Cheryl Damon. Cheryl has been a member of IPCAS since 1992 and has served as an IPCAS at-large board member, Secretary, Co-President (5 years), President (2008), and Treasurer (2001, 2018–2022) during over 30 years of service. Her participation in excavations, surveys, Passport in Time, and site stewardship projects on the Arapahoe Roosevelt National Forest and the Pawnee Grasslands also highlights her dedication to the stewardship of archaeological resources. Cheryl will be retiring as Chapter Treasurer at the end of the year and the current President (Larry Beidle) wanted it to be known that her steadfast supervision of chapter finances over the last five years will be sorely missed. Because her peers believe that she exemplifies the mission statement of the Colorado Archaeological Society, the Awards Committee agrees that Cheryl Damon is thoroughly deserving of a 2022 Chapter Achievement Award.

### **Judy and Bob Kilgore**

With a Chapter Achievement Award, CAS and the **Pikes Peak Chapter (PPC)** board of directors recognized Judy and Bob Kilgore for their long-term contributions to the PPC. Since at least 2001, Bob and Judy have continuously stepped up with a high level of volunteerism and dedication for the PPC. Judy has served as Membership Director, Newsletter Chair, Secretary, and enthusiastic Chair of the PPC Photo Contest/Calendar. Bob has served as Co-Vice President of Programs, field trip supervisor (sometimes ad hoc), President, and creator of “lithics trunk.” PPC recognizes the way in which both Judy and Bob have gone above and beyond with their time to continuously step up as steadfast high-level volunteers for the PPC. The entire PPC Board of Directors wants to recognize the efforts of Bob and Judy

to support PPC and believe that they have been the backbone of the PPC for over two decades. Because their peers believe that they both exemplify the mission statement of the Colorado Archaeological Society with their outstanding, long-term contributions and because they have ensured that the PPC receives enthusiastic public support, the Awards Committee believes they are thoroughly deserving of a 2022 Chapter Achievement Award.

### **Katy Waechter**

With a Chapter Achievement Award, CAS and the Indian **Peaks Chapter (IPCAS)** recognized Katy Waechter. Katy has been an IPCAS member for several years and has had an outsized role at IPCAS and the state CAS during that time. Katy has served as an at-large IPCAS board member, Vice President (2018, acting 2022), President (2019–2021), and Chapter Representative on the State Board (2022). Katy also serves as the Chair of the CAS Science Advisory Committee and as a member of the Long-Range Planning Committee. All of that highlights her commitment to advocacy for and protection of heritage resources. Katy also brings considerable IT skills to both IPCAS and CAS. She provided essential IT support during the first virtual state CAS annual conference in 2020 and continued to provide it through the hybrid live/virtual 2022 annual meeting. Katy has been the administrator for Member 365 and oversaw CAS's migration to Microsoft Teams. Because her peers believe that Katy is a committed advocate for public archaeology and the protection of heritage resources, the Awards Committee agrees that Katy Waechter is thoroughly deserving of a 2022 Chapter Achievement Award.