

Wally Wood Award, 2013

You see her quarterly columns all the time, “Name That Map” and “End-to-End Update” in every issue of the Finger Lakes Trail News. In both that magazine and in the North Country Trail Association’s North Star, you see her name on many photo credits, including two covers for each one, no small accomplishment.



Many of our Alley Cat crews have been able to count on good meals she has planned, shopped for, and cooked, a great relief after exhausting work all day outside. She planned, organized, and brought to fruition our 50th anniversary celebration at Keuka College last year as chair of the event, and was instrumental in planning the Sidote 90th Birthday Bash fall weekend five years ago.

Operating under some unknown inspiration, she began scanning and archiving every old picture related to the FLT that she could get her hands on, and has organized them well enough that a simple request for something pertinent to some current project is almost instantly fulfilled. She also is constantly taking pictures of a great variety of current events ... meetings, group hikes, trail work crews, new constructions, special events... so quality pictures of a great variety of types are also instantly available upon request. She has supplied many a picture to the FLT News editor when nobody else had thought to send any, and again, seems to have them organized well enough that she can quickly find just what is needed.

Outreach is high on her list of goals, so you’ll see her staffing several of our regular outdoor show displays, and she has created several PowerPoint programs from her collections of pictures. She has willingly driven all over the state to present programs to groups ranging from children to seniors. In her role as End-to-End Coordinator she makes attractive certificates for those who finish the trail, and maintains the Car Spotter List.

Jacqui Wensich contributes to our organization’s well-being in ways plentiful and various, and always willingly. Such steady generosity inspired the Recognitions Committee to honor her with the highest FLTC annual award, the Wallace D. Wood Award for Distinguished Service, named for the founder of the trail.

Recognitions Committee: Mary Zuk Domanski, George Zacharek, Steph Spittal, Irene Szabo Larry Telle Pat Monahan, President of the Board, presents Jacqui with her Wally Wood Award hiking stick during the spring weekend at Alfred University.