



Local Garden Expert Honored for Main Street Volunteerism

Teri Veysey, Garden Designer with Country Landscapes, has been named the Main Street Cultural District (MSCD) 2016 Volunteer of the Year.

“Many members of the community comment on how beautiful the flowers are on Main Street,” said Cindy Hicks, MSCD Executive Director. “We have Teri to thank for that.”

Teri is a life-long Ames resident and one of the driving forces behind the beautiful flowers in the planters on Main Street since 2010. She helps plan the annual planting in the spring, then comes downtown on a weekly basis, all summer, to care for the flowers. But while she doesn't mind doing the work, she isn't so quick to take credit.

“We are all in this together,” said Veysey. “It's great when you go to plant and there are people following behind you ready to help out. They are the ones you really should be thanking.”

But while Teri leads the group of volunteers on planting day, it is Teri who spends her early morning hours pulling weeds, pruning and mulching. She does it, not because she was asked to, but because she enjoys making downtown a beautiful place for the entire community to enjoy.

“Teri is an Ames treasure,” said Jim Mason, Landscape Designer at Country Landscapes. “Her plant knowledge is second to none and she will outwork anyone. We are lucky to have her in Ames.”

Veysey was recognized for her service, along with a list of 2016 Annual Ames Chamber of Commerce award winners, at a reception Wednesday, February 1, held at Ames Golf and Country Club.

BUSINESS PERSON OF THE YEAR

TOM POHLMAN, Ames National Corporation

The Chamber's Business Person of the Year Award recognizes an outstanding individual for his or her long-term commitment to their own business, as well as the business climate and quality of life in the community.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT AWARD

YVONNE KINZLER, Kinzler Construction Services

The Ames Chamber Community Involvement Award is given to an individual who has demonstrated personal involvement and enthusiasm in a variety of civic and/or service organizations and has shown effort in improving the quality of life in the community.

ENTREPRENEUR OF THE YEAR

KEITH ARNESON, Pinnacle Properties of Ames

Each year the Ames Chamber of Commerce recognizes an individual for his or her creativity and personal initiative in operating a successful venture.

ECONOMIC IMPACT AWARDS

CITY OF AMES

DITCH WITCH

IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY RESEARCH PARK

MARY GREELEY MEDICAL CENTER

STORY COUNTY

VERMEER

The AEDC presents Economic Impact Awards to area companies that have made significant contributions to the greater Ames and Story County area through business growth and job creation.

MSCD VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

TERI VEYSEY, Country Landscapes

The Main Street Cultural District's Volunteer of the Year Award is given to an individual who has performed above and beyond for the MSCD by volunteering their time and efforts to support the MSCD and their work.

CAMPUSTOWN ACTION ASSOCIATION VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

JUDI EYLES, Iowa State University

The Campustown Action Association's Volunteer of the Year Award is given to an individual who has performed above and beyond for the Campustown business district by volunteering their time and efforts to support the CAA and their work in Campustown.

AMES MAIN STREET FARMERS' MARKET CONTRIBUTOR OF THE YEAR

IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY

The Ames Main Street Farmers' Market Contributor of the year Award is given to an individual or business who has supported the market and helped it continue to prosper and grow.

AMES FOUNDATION DIFFERENCE MAKER

KATHY DUBANSKY, Workiva

The Ames Foundation Difference Maker Award is given to an individual who has gone above and beyond in their volunteerism and support of the Ames Foundation.

YOUNG PROFESSIONALS OF AMES: "4 UNDER 40" AWARD

LUKE JENSEN, RESGI

HEATHER JOHNSON, The Octagon Center for the Arts

TERA LAWSON, Iowa State University

JASON MORTVEDT, Kinzler Construction Services

The YPA '4 Under 40' Awards capture the spirit of extraordinary young professionals in our community by recognizing those individuals who take the mission of YPA to heart, which is to be leaders committed to improving the quality of life in Ames, and to establish a community of young professionals dedicated to building and fostering relationships through leadership development, professional development, philanthropic involvement, and cultural and social opportunities. These young professionals have demonstrated outstanding leadership, professionalism, and community involvement in Ames, Iowa.

The Main Street Cultural District is a nationally accredited Main Street Community and a member of Main Street Iowa since 2009. Its mission is to advance and promote downtown as the destination district in the heart of our community. To keep updated on MSCD happenings, become a fan of the Main Street Cultural District on Facebook, bookmark www.AmesDowntown.org, or contact our office at 515-233-3472. MSCD is an affiliate organization of the Ames Chamber of Commerce.