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HOME MUDGETT AWARD

## Mudgett Award

The Jim Mudgett Trail Pioneer Award was created to honor and pay tribute to individuals who have shown leadership and passion for our local trails. The award is given annually at TART Trails' Oktoberfest dinner party.

### 2016 – Jim Heffner & Rick Antosh



Two longtime trail luminaries who have dedicated so much to TART Trails are the 2016 Jim Mudgett Trail Pioneers Awardees- Rick Antosh and Jim Heffner. Both men have deep roots in trail planning, development, and stewardship. Jim Heffner and Rick Antosh have both contributed greatly to the network of trails that define our region and have given tirelessly of themselves so that others can enjoy the many benefits of trails and healthy living.

Rick Antosh was a founding member of the group, 'Citizens for a Better Way' which is responsible for getting the trail on the ground from Traverse City to Acme Township. He is credited with coining the name TART and is widely admired for his early vision of what the trail network would someday become.

Jim Heffner's connections with TART Trails go back to his help with the development of the Vasa Pathway along with a pioneering group of volunteers whose work has resulted in year-round enjoyment for so many people today. Jim is still very active as a trail Ambassador on the Boardman River Trail and is responsible for developing the Vasa Snowshoe Trail.

The leadership and passion for supporting local trails that both Antosh and Heffner have demonstrated make them well deserving of this prestigious award that honors the life of Jim Mudgett.

The Jim Mudgett Trail Pioneer Award honors those who give of their time, talent, and treasure to support TART Trails mission of enriching the Traverse region by providing a network of trails, bikeways and pedestrian ways; and encouraging their use. Jim Mudgett was a founding board member of TART Trails whose vision of happy, active people enjoying a world class trail system lives on through this award.

### Past Mudgett Award Recipients:

#### 2015 – Jerry Glenn & Jim "Woody" Woodburne



Two men with long histories of involvement with TART Trails are this year's Jim Mudgett Trail Pioneers Awardees- Jerry Glenn and Jim "Woody" Woodburne. Both Jim and Jerry have worked for years on the Vasa Pathway and the North American Vasa ski race. They are avid cross-country skiers and enjoy giving back to the ski community.

Jerry coordinated the replacement of the bridges along the TART Trail. He secured funding from Home Depot, recruited volunteers and even designed a tool for the removal of the old bridge decking. His volunteer work crews completed the work ahead of schedule and had fun too!

Woody is passionate about removing invasive species along the Leelanau Trail corridor. He organized volunteer groups to tackle the problem of phragmites. Jerry and Woody exemplify living healthy active lifestyles.



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TART Trails  
14 hrs

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