

## 2012 SHERPA AWARD WINNERS

### CHUCK HEATH

During the early 2000's Piedmont Craftsmen was having a few growing pains and accomplishments. The organization had taken on a large debt by purchasing a space in the Downtown Arts District. We need leadership and vision to guide the organization with fundraising for the project, construction and most importantly having a variety of people – both artists and business types – effectively work together on this project.

In Chuck Heath we had the right combination. He had spent his employment years working with the “suit types”, but his leisure time was with his wife Sue and their enjoyment of bird carving. Chuck lead by example as an Exhibiting Members. When it was decide that an art auction would be the best way to raise lots of money for the renovation of the new gallery, Chuck and Sue were among the first artists to donate one of their beautiful pieces. He knew for this project to succeed, both the artists and the supporters would need to be engaged.

Chuck served on the Board for six years and as the Chairman in 2004. He respected those he served with and in returned gained their appreciation and admiration.

### PAT MAUCK

Once upon a time, long ago, phones were not smart, the internet required a noisy modem connection and very few craftsmen had their own merchant service providers, so Piedmont Craftsmen processed charge for them using a Hypercom terminal. The Fair volunteers that manned the charge card booth need to be a hardy lot, led by someone with a good head for numbers, an unshakeable calm nature, a sense of humor, and the patience of a saint. For nearly ten years, we had such a chair. She round up and scheduled her volunteers, she was the first to arrive in the morning and the last to leave after batching out the charge sales each evening. As technology changed, she unflappably weathered the digital vs. analog Hypercom crisis of 2009, the unchangeable battery debacle of 2010, and the bad-cell-signal scandal of 2011. Even though she has stepped down as chair of our Charge Card Volunteers, she still volunteers, and this year cheerfully made the leap to wireless internet credit card processing, declaring happily “Oh! This is EASY!”

And, on top of that she loans us her husband for 5 day every November.

Charge on, PAT MAUCK!

### JOANNE VERNON

This Sherpa has been a member of the Piedmont Craftsmen's board for almost seven years. Among her most recent contributions, she took a leading role in our efforts to update our legal documents and organizational by-laws. We spent more than a year going through these old documents, cleaning them up, updating the language, revising them... and revising them gain and meeting.... and revising them... and meeting again. The result was an elimination of inconsistencies within the documents, bringing them up-to-date and in alignment with each other.

This marketing professional has business savvy with an entrepreneurial spirit and the know-how to get things done. She has a breadth of knowledge that proved just right for the time and was much needed to move us forward.

She has served on and led various committees throughout her tenure on the board, and was willing to serve as a 2-term board chairperson.

Everything she lends her hands to really is "Practical Magic".

And though she has left us to move onto her next adventure, we know she will continue to support PCI.

It is my honor and privilege to present this 2012 Sherpa award to my mentor and dear friend, Joann Vernon.