

2016 SHERPA AWARD WINNERS

PAM SAUNDERS

This Sherpa came into our lives in 2010 bringing her charm and marketing talents to our Board of Trustees. She proceeded to jump in with both feet by serving on Fundraising, Fair and Membership committees. In 2013, she served as the Board's Secretary. She was continually searching for new ways to bring more supporting members to Piedmont Craftsmen. She has opened her home for supporting membership drives, organized events at the Gallery and started a Board competition to see who could bring in the most new memberships. Guess who won? She was there for auctions, galas and any event to raise funds and awareness. Recently, she chaired a "thank you" cocktail party for our donors. In order to cut costs for special events, she is always finding donations, whether money, food or wine. When she rolls off the Board at the end of this year, she will be missed for far more than just her skills and talents. Her love and support of the organization and the staff will never leave.

We are pleased to honor Pam Saunders with a 2016 Sherpa Award.

WARREN MOYER and RACHEL SMITH

These next two recipients are both dedicated exhibiting members who have served on the board and support our education and Fair programs. Each has been working in the background to make our clay demonstrations at the Fair possible. For the past ten years one has graciously provided the potter's wheel and the other has supplied the bags of clay. This constant support of Piedmont Craftsmen is why they are both receiving a Sherpa Award

With great pleasure we present Warren Moyer and Rachel Smith 2016 Sherpa Award.

KARL YENA

This Sherpa has been a close friend and supporter of Piedmont Craftsmen ever since he came to our rescue in the mid-90s. He brought with him a tool box of wisdom and charm. He worked with the Board of Trustees to build a stronger organization and develop a much needed long range plan. In fact, he has been on four of Piedmont Craftsmen's strategic planning committees over the years. Over the years, he has served on Board and provided the staff with HR support and guidance. For about three decades, he is has volunteer at the information booth at the Craftsmen's Fair. We can't thank him enough for all he has given to us, but we will keep trying.

It is with great pleasure that we present a 2016 Sherpa Award to Karl Yena.