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These members of the Astronomical Society of Eastern Missouri (ASEM) - Jim Twellman, John Sgouros, Chuck Simms and Amy White, were among the many volunteers who received Outstanding Service Awards.

St. Charles County Parks and Recreation Department Recognizes Dedicated Volunteers

St. Charles County, Missouri –The St. Charles County Parks and Recreation Department recognized exceptional volunteers with an appreciation celebration held at the Lodge at Quail Ridge Park on Thursday, April 25, as part of National Volunteer Week. During the celebration, it was announced that in 2012, there were 539 volunteers who contributed nearly 3,800 hours of donated time to the St. Charles County regional parks system.

Parks Director Bettie Yahn-Kramer began the program by expressing her heartfelt gratitude to the volunteers and recognized the volunteer program that continues to grow. “Volunteering your time and talent is truly a gift,” said Parks Director Bettie Yahn-Kramer. “Our volunteers continue to make significant contributions to the growth of our regional parks system, and I am grateful for all their hard work and commitment to the St. Charles County Parks and Recreation Department.”

St. Charles County Executive Steve Ehlmann followed up with an additional welcome and thank you to the many volunteers in attendance.

Volunteers from several organizations were recognized individually with Outstanding Service Awards that were presented to them by St. Charles County Parks staff. The volunteers recognized were from the Astronomical Society of Eastern Missouri (ASEM), Barat Academy, Confluence Chapter of the Missouri Master Naturalists, Gateway Off-Road Cyclist, United Federation of Dirt, St. Louis Area Mountain Bikers,

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St. Charles County Disc Golf Club, the 11th Mississippi Volunteer Infantry Regiment and the Living History Company.

Volunteers of all ages and abilities assist the Parks Department with a variety of tasks throughout the year. These dedicated volunteers helped to beautify and manage our natural resources, as well as assist with demonstrations, re-enactments and interpretations at our Towne Park homestead and the County Heritage Museum, and much more!

Annually, more and more volunteers are signing up to help the St. Charles County Parks Department continue to build a legacy. Anyone interested in volunteering should contact (636) 949-7535, or visit www.stccparks.org for more information about opportunities.

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