



## A.T. MUSEUM HALL OF FAME

On June 17, the year-old Appalachian Trail Museum held its first Hall of Fame Banquet and announced the names of the six recipients (with no surprises) inducted as Charter Members: Myron Avery, Benton MacKaye, Earl Shaffer, Gene Espy, Ed Garvey, and Arthur Perkins. Representatives received the awards (a special hiking stick), with the exception of Gene Espy, the second man to thru-hike the AT, who was himself present to accept the hiking stick award.

A special certificate and recognition was given at the banquet to MCM member and past president, Thurston Griggs, for his life-time service to the Appalachian Trail.

Laurie Potteiger (ATC Information Services Manager) was overhead to say: "Thurston is as much a part of the Maryland AT as the trees and blazes."

And in July, at the biennial conference, Thurston was one of eight to receive a Gold Service Award from the National Park Service and the USDA Forest Service recognizing 50 years of service. Congratulations to our two-time MCM president and Ridge Runner extraordinaire.

*Thurston Griggs passed away on Oct. 14, 2011 at age 95.*



*Recipient of an A.T. Museum Hall of Fame special award, Thurston Griggs, past president of MCM, displays the plaque.*



*Gene Espy, the second man to thru-hike the AT, with his hiking stick award.*



## Honorary Membership for Elders

Wayne Lipscomb

While standing around the campfire on an early spring canoe trip at Merchants Mill Pond, a discussion about how we could honor members occurred between several MCM members. Even though we have had an Honorary membership category for many years, no one knew how one became an Honorary member, or if we had ever had any Honorary members. After some research, it was learned that there were a few members in the Honorary category between 1999 and 2003. None of the Club council knew how they got to be Honorary members. So the discussion group decided that it would be nice to honor members that had reached the age of 90 and been members in the Club for at least five years. A proposal to that effect was put before the May 2011 council meeting, and it passed.

### **Following is the proposal:**

All MCM members who are 90 years of age at the time of the annual MCM membership renewal, and who have been Club members for a minimum of 5 years prior to their 90th birthday will become Honorary Members of the Mountain Club of Maryland. As an Honorary Member, these elders will not have to pay membership dues for the remainder of their life and will maintain full MCM membership privileges as long as they continue to sign, complete and return the annual membership form.

This membership category becomes effective with the 2012 MCM membership renewal.



## You're Invited

We hope that everyone will be able to join us on

**Saturday, December 10**, from 6:00-8:30 PM for our  
Holiday Party at the Oregon Ridge Nature Center.

See the trip schedule for directions to the lodge.

Please bring a dessert or appetizer such as cheese  
and crackers. Hot drinks and soda will be provided.

Guest speakers from 7:00 to 8:00.

Come and join your fellow hikers for some holiday fun!

**Volunteers to help with setup and cleanup are  
welcomed...please call or email Ann Roberts at 410-299-8833  
or [anmisc@verizon.net](mailto:anmisc@verizon.net).**

# MCM Holiday Party

## NATIONAL TRAILS DAY— JUNE 5

According to MCM President Reuben Dagold, the club was involved in a variety of activities: Mike O'Connor was doing good works at Catocin, Larry Katz with Christie Hoover and Mike Jenkins represented the club at the annual Foundry Day at Boiling Springs, PA with other Mid-Atlantic ATC hiking club partners, Peter Johnson's shelter work crew re-roofed the Alec Kennedy Shelter, John and Sally Heyn lead a family hike, and Reuben himself lead a 10-miler hike in Gwynns Falls/Leakin Park.

## SPECIAL THANKS...

...go out to MCM members Larry Katz, Christy Hoover, and Mike Jenkins, who represented MCM at the annual June Foundry Day in Boiling Springs, PA on June 5th. Volunteers like Larry, Christie and Mike contribute to the success of the club as it reaches out to potential new members, shows our support and participation in the Mid-Atlantic region activities, and strengthens our public image. We ALWAYS need volunteers to represent Mountain Club of Maryland at many events.



*MCM REMARKABLE VOLUNTEER WORK CREW... (l. to r.).David Yanosuk, Jim Koury, Rosie Suit, Duncan Crawford, Diane Summerhill, Gwen Mahoney, Don Lears, and MCM Shelters Chair Peter Johnson, with a newly re-roofed Alec Kennedy Shelter on South Mountain, PA.*

*Using material previously carried up the mountain and stored under the shelter, the crew assembled a temporary scaffolding, scrubbed moss off the old roof, lay-nailed-trimmed the new shingles, de-constructed an old and abandoned privy building, and cleaned up the shelter area before carrying tools down trail. Section-hikers came through on occasion...expressing thanks for the trail and shelter maintenance.*

It is this type of volunteer work that convinces Congress to continue to give monetary support to the AT through the NPS budget portion of the Federal Budget Process. Volunteer hours mark projects and programs that are important to the constituency...and congresspersons tend to give them more favorable monetary support.

**YOU SEE—VOLUNTEERS ARE IMPORTANT. TRY IT—IT’S FUN !!**

## First MCM Family Hike



*Young hikers who enjoyed their day hiking woodland trails on the FIRST Family Hike.*



*John and Sally Heyn, leaders of the MCM inaugural Family Hike.*

## Pictures from Annual Picnic/Meeting



*Jim Koury was the 2011 recipient of the MCM Outstanding Trip Leader Award. Reuben presented the plaque, which reads: "In recognition of your outstanding trip leadership. Your hikes are always well-planned, varied, interesting, and fun. You generously share your hiking and leadership experience with others. You make fellow hikers feel welcome and at ease, especially guests and new members. You recruit new hike leaders and mentor them."*



*President Reuben Dagold presents John Breivogel with the 2011 Rookie of the Year Award. The plaque reads: "In recognition of your contribution to the club in your first year of membership. As a new member to our club, you stepped up and volunteered to serve in the important role of hike leader. At one point during this past year, you took the initiative to lead a substitute hike when a scheduled hike was cancelled. We welcome your participation and leadership in the club."*



*President Reuben Dagold instigated a new twist at the annual picnic/meeting—the Swap Meet Table. Members brought hiking/camping/backpacking items they no longer wanted that were placed on the Swap Table...to be sought/traded/bought by members who wanted them. Though the beginning effort was small, it was considered by all a great success. LOOK FOR A LARGER SWAP TABLE NEXT JUNE.*

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