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RECYCLE UTAH ANNOUNCES 2011 RECYCLING AWARD WINNERS

PARK CITY, UTAH – Summit County residents and businesses are fantastic recyclers. “However,” said Insa Riepen, Recycle Utah’s Executive Director, “there are members of our community that deserve special attention for their efforts.”

These outstanding people were recognized at Recycle Utah’s annual meeting and award ceremony held Tuesday, November 15th. The ceremony was hosted at Treasure Mountain Inn, a previous Business Recycler of the Year winner. Thank you to Andy and Thea at TMI for the beautiful venue.

More than 40 recyclers and local celebrities turned out to support the local non-profit drop-off recycling center and to celebrate the eight proud award recipients. This year’s trophies were once again created by our very own Phantom Sculptor, and were the most outrageous and incredible creations we have seen yet. All trophies, of courses, were made from recycled materials.

Recycle Utah honors four categories for the Recycler of the Year – an individual, a business, a county and city employee, and a local educator. Linda Karz received the individual Recycler of the Year award. Her contribution has been outstanding and on-going. She has helped run the native plant sale since its inception 10 years ago in addition to participating in the native garden tours. Recycle Utah is honored to know that she is now on our board.

Jana and Gary Cole from Cole Sport were awarded Business Recycler of the Year. Thanks to Gary's zero-waste goals, his business brings a truckload of materials to Recycle Utah every day. Cole Sport has been a bin sponsor for many years. They have also been instrumental in making the connection between Recycle Utah and Snowsports Industry America (SIA), making snowsports equipment recycling possible in Park City.

Ashley Koehler, the Summit County Sustainability Coordinator, was recognized for her passion for all things Earth. She is a delight to work with. She cares deeply about her work and we value her commitment.

Pace Erikson of Park City's Public Works department was recognized for working with us on Dumpster Days, a new program. The event is supervised by Recycle Utah, featuring blue garbage and green yard waste bins. Next year's program will continue at the end of every month, April through October. This program will replace the City's annual 2-week collection event in the spring, making Dumpster Days more frequent and convenient.

Michele Dieterich, the art educator at Treasure Mountain International School, was presented with the Local Educator award. Her students worked with Recycle Utah to create posters for Earth Day; the environmental movie, *Gasland*; and Recycle Utah's 20th Anniversary Celebration at PCMR. The posters were a wonderful contribution to Recycle Utah's art collection, and were featured decorations at the event.

Linda Thomas was awarded the Volunteer of the Year award for her abilities to keep our office neat and organized, to plan our parties, and to make a darn good cup of coffee. As our go-to "Party Girl," her time spent at Recycle Utah is priceless.

Special recognition was given to F. Marc Estabrook as the longest-standing Recycle Utah board member ever. He was initially our treasurer, then our secretary. His exquisite skill for taking minutes was noted and his historical perspective was always appreciated.

Shannon Beglin also received special recognition as a surprise to honor his 10 years of

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employment at Recycle Utah. He keeps our operations running and in good order. Aside from being awarded his favorite beer, Shannon also received the largest trophy we've ever had the pleasure of giving out.

Recycle Utah is also happy to welcome Maren Bargreen Mullin as a new board member. Maren is the owner of Gallery MAR on Main Street.

Recycle Utah is Park City's only non-profit community drop off recycling center providing resource re-allocation for more than 50 different items and a variety of conservation and educational programs for Summit and Wasatch Counties. For more information on how you can become a donor, bin sponsor, or volunteer please call Recycle Utah at 649-9698 or go to www.recycleutah.org.

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