

The Santa Fe Trail Association announces award winners for 2021:

Awards of Merit have been presented to the following:

- **Bent's Fort Chapter** of the Santa Fe Trail Association in recognition of their outstanding efforts in hosting the Santa Fe Trail Association Symposium for the 200th Anniversary of the Santa Fe Trail
- **Symphony in the Flint Hills** for the promotion of the history and the 200th Anniversary of the Santa Fe Trail at their signature event, June 12, 2021
- The **Daughters of the American Revolution** for preserving the history of the Santa Fe Trail and the promotion of the Santa Fe Trail 200th Anniversary
- **Dave Kendall & Prairie Hollow Productions** in recognition of the production of the documentary *The Road to Santa Fe: Convergence of Cultures – the History of the Santa Fe National Historic Trail*
- **Christina Hayes**, Great Bend CVB, for her outstanding contributions to the Quivira Chapter and the Santa Fe Trail Association during the 200th Anniversary of the Santa Fe Trail
- **Jackie Fleming**, for her video, *The Santa Fe Trail – A Personal Journey*, documenting the Santa Fe National Historic Trail in New Mexico, available at:
<https://intotheshadowlands.net/>
- **Douglas County Chapter of the Santa Fe Trail Association** for their efforts in creating a public interpretive site at Black Jack Park in the Ivan L. Boyd Memorial Prairie Preserve located near Baldwin City, Kansas

The Paul F. Bentrup Ambassador Award was presented to Rich Lawson, in recognition of his fundraising efforts for the Santa Fe Trail Association and the Santa Fe Trail 200th and for providing public access, education and interpretation of his property at Arrow Rock Ferry Landing

The Jack D. Rittenhouse Memorial Stagecoach Award was presented to Marc Simmons, for his lifetime achievement in research and writing about New Mexico, the Southwest and the Santa Fe Trail

The Pete & Faye Gaines Memorial Heritage Preservation Award was presented to Della Orton, for providing public access to the Rock Creek Crossing Trail on her property located east of Council Grove, KS on the Santa Fe National Historic Trail

The Ralph Hathaway Memorial Heritage Preservation Award was presented to the Dan and Carol Sharp Family for the preservation of, and allowing public access to the historic landmark and first certified site on the Santa Fe National Historic Trail known as Autograph Rock located on the Cimarron Route

The Ralph Hathaway Memorial Heritage Preservation Award was presented to Douglas County, KS for their support of the preservation and access of Black Jack Park in the Ivan L. Boyd Memorial Prairie Preserve located on the Santa Fe National Historic Trail near Baldwin City, Kansas

The Educator Award was presented to Troy Mayhew for his innovation and enthusiasm for history in the classroom, and the use of the SFTA Teaching Trunk.

The Louise Barry Writing Award was presented to David C. Beyreis, for his book, *Blood in the Borderlands: Conflict, Kinship, and the Bent Family, 1821-1920*.

The David Clapsaddle Memorial Chapter Award was presented to Diane Miller for her efforts in securing grants and for promotion of the Quivira Chapter activities associated with the 200th Anniversary of the Santa Fe Trail.

A Special Recognition Award was presented to Michael Martin Murphey for serving as the Honorary Chair of the Santa Fe Trail 200th and for the promotion and preservation of the historical legacy associated with the Santa Fe National Historic Trail