

presents the **Western Ski Heritage Prize** to

***Jane Jackson**— author “Echoes of the Peaks”*

Volunteerism is a key word in the history of Arizona Snowbowl. Volunteers from Flagstaff and Phoenix Ski Club built Agassiz Lodge and installed the first 2-seater Riblet chair lift. Volunteers used to foot pack trails in the morning to earn lift tickets.

The US Forest Service (USFS) has also played a major role in Snowbowl's development beginning with forester Ed Grosbeck who supervised Civilian Conservation Corps projects and set some of the first ski runs. Today, Forest Service volunteers provide interpretive talks at the top of the summer lift ride on weekends.

In the summer of 2005, **Jane Jackson** began volunteering in Flagstaff with the USFS/NPS Interpretive Partnership. Volunteer duties included talking to visitors at the top of the Arizona Snowbowl summer scenic lift ride.

After meeting Jimmie Nunn and visiting his Arizona Ski Museum, she prepared a program on the beginnings of Snowbowl looking at the involvement of the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) in the 1930s. The CCC constructed the road up to Snowbowl and built the original Hart Prairie Lodge.

Next came interviews with Jimmie and many other early skiers which eventually led to the production of “*Echoes of the Peaks: An Early History of Skiing in Northern Arizona.*”

Once again keeping it local and almost totally volunteer, businesses had fundraisers and the newspaper had an article about the research leading other locals to call with stories and pictures.

NAU student Gavin Boughner was director and editor and an original music score was written and performed by NAU student, Jessie Bouvier. Jackson continues to volunteer at Arizona Snowbowl in the summer and to enjoy skiing in the winter.

“I started learning to ski in Virginia in 1974 but didn't do anything more until the 1990s at Flagstaff and then Sunrise,” Jackson said.

“In 2002, I joined Sunrise Courtesy Patrol. Dispatch at that time was usually done on the top of Apache Mt. by old-timer Willie Lump who had been in the Phoenix Ski Club and skied Flagstaff from the 1950s. On slow dispatch days, he would sometimes entertain us with stories of the old days always including mention of Jimmie Nunn.”

Career Highlights:

Courtesy patrol at Sunrise Park Ski Resort, 2000-2002

Auxiliary patroller, Sunrise Park 2002-2009

Auxiliary Patroller of the Year, 2004-05

Region 9 Awards Advisor, 2005-2008

Volunteer, USFS/NPS Interpretive Partnership, Flagstaff, 2005-present

Seasonal park ranger, Walnut Canyon National Monument, 2008-2011