

Toronto Bruce Trail Club Board of Directors and Awards Nominations 2019.

Be part of something bigger than yourself

“Volunteering is the ultimate exercise in democracy. You vote in elections once a year, but when you volunteer, you vote every day about the kind of community you want to live in”.

~Author Unknown

It's that time of year when we look for volunteers to fill vacancies on the Club's Board of Directors. That's a good time to remind ourselves that each one of us can help bring about the future we envision for the Niagara Escarpment and the Bruce Trail. Being part of the Board of our local Toronto Bruce Trail Club is one excellent way to do that.

What does our Board do? It manages club affairs; it works with the BTC and other local Bruce Trail Clubs; it operates hiking, ski and snowshoe programs; it supports land stewardship, conservation and trail maintenance; and it helps raise awareness about the Niagara Escarpment and the BTC Mission.

Like every good team, our Board needs many different kinds of talents. There are specific roles that need to be filled, and we also need people to be Members at Large who can provide their support as needed. Here are this year's vacancies:

- Membership Director
- Director of Fundraising
- Treasurer
- Archivist
- Social Director

Job descriptions for these positions can be found in the members only section of our [website](#).

If you can help, please contact Peter Leeney, Chair of the Nominating Committee (peter.leeney@utoronto.ca). By the way, you may also want to volunteer to help with some of those roles, for example, Social Director or Archivist, without actually being a Board Member. Let Peter know either way.

This year, ask yourself - is it your turn to step forward and help our organization preserve that *ribbon of wilderness, for everyone, for ever?*

TBTC Volunteer Awards 2019



Do you know an outstanding Club volunteer? Are you looking for a way to show your appreciation? Now is the time to submit nominations for our two Volunteer Recognition awards, the **Nina Carlisle Award** and the **Todd Bardes Award**.

The **Nina Carlisle Award** is given to a longstanding volunteer (at least five years) who is actively involved in the activities of the Toronto Bruce Trail Club. Such volunteering could be in the areas of trail maintenance, hike leading, social event planning, communications, administrative tasks, fund raising and Board service. The award is not restricted to any one volunteer specialty.

Nina Carlisle Volunteer Award Recipients

2008 Nina Carlisle	2009 Frances Walker
2010 Malcolm Sanderson	2011 Stephen Kamnitzer
2012 Larry Haigh	2013 Paul Vanhanen
2014 Peter Leeney	2015 Grant Leigh
2016 Teresa Karolewski	2017 David Paape
2018 Wayne Crockett	

Todd Bardes Volunteer Award

In 2016 the Board decided to establish an award to recognize significant volunteer contributions over a shorter time span (the most recent one or two years). The first winner was Deb Brander, acknowledging her groundbreaking work in re-designing the Club's website. In 2017 the Award was given to Martina Furrer for her dedicated administration of the ski / snowshoe program.

Nominations for either award should include the name of the person, volunteer position(s) held, approximate number of years per position, and – most important – reasons why this person should be nominated for the award.

Send nominations to Peter Leeney – peter.leeney@utoronto.ca by March 20, 2019. The awards will be given out at the Club's Annual General Meeting on Saturday, April 13 at Kortright Conservation Centre.