

## **SIERRA CLUB CIMARRON GROUP 2018-19 VOLUNTEER AWARDS**

### **2018 Sierran of the Year – Rachel Giles**

#### **Top award for leadership and work accomplished for the Cimarron Group**



Over the past several years, Rachel Giles has become more and more involved in various areas of Sierra Club. She isn't the most talkative person at the table but she listens and when leadership is needed, she frequently steps up and volunteers. Rachel organized the Sierra Club booth at the Wildlife Expo, a 3-day event at Lazy E Arena where more than 25,000 people stopped by the booth to learn about pollinators and the Sierra Club.

As Cimarron Group Communications Chair, Rachel is responsible for preparing the monthly Cimarron Group Enews as well as adding events to Meetup and news to Facebook. At the meetings she helps with setting up Facebook live. She patiently assists technologically challenged leaders navigate the social media world we now live in. Rachel was also part of the team that organized the Oklahoma Sierra Club Connect the Dots training weekend last fall for leaders statewide.

We are extremely grateful for her valuable work and proud to call Rachel Giles our Cimarron Group Chair for the year of 2019!

### **2018-19 Distinguished Service Award - Holly Hunter**



Holly Hunter has amazing compassion and energy for a cause of great importance, both to her and to our environment. She has become the "Pollinator Queen," spending countless hours starting pollinator gardens for monarchs. She is responsible for installing and maintaining these gardens at several public libraries in the OKC area. Whenever someone has questions about monarchs or pollinator gardens, she is the "go to girl". Holly helped with the 2018 Wildlife Expo by providing butterflies in cocoons so

people could watch some of them emerge. She educates about how to care for the chrysalis and which plants are best for our pollinator gardens.

(Photo: Tara Barker, 2018 Group Chair, presents the award to Holly at the 2019 Spring Fling.)

Holly attends and brings snacks to almost every Cimarron Group monthly meetings and took the initiative to sign up people to whom she sends email reminders of the monthly Cimarron Group meetings. She has also volunteered to take over serving as Cimarron Group Treasurer, a big job indeed.

We are honored to have Holly Hunter involved at so many levels of Cimarron Group and hope she continues to be a part of the leadership team!