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*Scheuer award recipient Richard McNally (right) and Mohonk Preserve Board member Joe Bridges.*

## Mohonk Preserve honors supporter at climbing festival

**O**n October 6, the Mohonk Preserve presented the Thom Scheuer Land Stewardship Award to Dr. Richard McNally, chairman of the pathology departments at The Kingston Hospital and Benedictine Hospital and a dedicated supporter of the Preserve. The award was presented at the ninth annual New Paltz Climbing Film Festival, held at SUNY-New Paltz.

"Richard is extraordinarily dedicated to the protection of land and natural resources in our region," said Glenn Hoagland, the Preserve's executive director. "As an avid runner and bicyclist, he appreciates outdoor recreational opportunities and over the years has supported the Preserve financially, as well as more recently through his tremendous skill as a stoneworker."

One of Dr. McNally's greatest contributions to the Preserve has been helping to design and build a large retaining wall in the popular Trapps climbing area to protect fragile soil and plants. Earlier this past summer, he was a lead supporter of the Preserve's Native American Longhouse restoration project for school children and built a stone entrance to the site.

"This award is a tremendous honor for me," said Dr. McNally. "The Mohonk Preserve has given me many hours of pleasure and peace, so I am very happy to be able to contribute some time in supporting and, hopefully, enhancing it. I greatly admire the organization's mission, staff and dedicated volunteers."

The Preserve's Stewardship award is named for Thom Scheuer, one of the Preserve's first rangers and the first director of stewardship, who worked tirelessly at the Preserve for over 27 years until his sudden death in 1999. Prior award recipients include Rich Gottlieb, owner of Rock & Snow in New Paltz (2006), Dr. Heinz Meng (2005), the Gardiner Fire and Rescue Department (2004), the Access Fund (2003), John Stannard (2002), Dick Williams (2001), Dr. Ed Reppert (2000), and Joe Bridges (1999).

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