



**The Friends Network 2013 Volunteer of the Year Award  
Recognizing William Finn  
Mt. Tom State Reservation Advocacy Group**

**Nominee: William Finn, Chair (rotating) and Secretary, Mt. Tom State Reservation Advocacy Group**

**Nominated by: Elbert J. Bowler**



Bill Finn has developed and continues to maintain a volunteer trail maintenance program for the 20+ miles of trails at the Mt. Tom State Reservation in Holyoke, MA. Bill recruits and trains new volunteers and has been instrumental in developing the Advocacy Group's community profile. Through his volunteer efforts at the Mt. Tom Visitors Center, Bill has helped to promote the cultural and natural resources of the Reservation to the visiting public. His work with DCR and community partners to develop projects and programs, as well as to foster a sense of stewardship at the Reservation, has produced many successes. Bill's encouragement and leadership has resulted in a solid, ongoing and enthusiastic group of volunteers, not only from Hampden and Hampshire Counties, but throughout the Pioneer Valley and beyond.