

The RMF Presents: The James Wilcox Award: 2009 – 2010 Grant Funding to Honor the ‘Adventurous Spirit of Climbing!!’



James Wilcox was an outstanding and versatile climber, and friend to all who had the opportunity to cross his path. During the 1980's he was at the forefront of new route development in Connecticut, and his home was "climbing central" for the CT climbing community. Jim was involved with Connecticut's access and protection issues, and co-authored the guidebook to Chatfield Hollow. Jim was proud to serve on the Board of the Ragged Mountain Foundation (RMF.)

Jim was a man of diverse passions and talents - a true Renaissance man. Jim insisted on the best from himself, and inspired the best in others. His prolific climbing legacy includes ice climbing, alpine climbing, and mountaineering. However, he is best remembered for his love and reverence of big wall climbing and mountaineering. Following Jim's untimely death in June 2002, we honor his achievements through the creation of the James Wilcox Award: A living memorial to Jim's adventurous spirit and a catalyst for the future adventures of others, on big walls throughout the world.

Sponsored in partnership with The Ragged Mountain Foundation, the Annual James Wilcox Award is designed to support small teams tackling big dreams in the great mountains of the world – from New England to Nepal. Climbs proposed should present a significant technical or personal challenge, including, but not limited to: a first ascent, repeat ascent, or first alpine style ascent. Awards will be made to climbers whose plans best exemplify the spirit of adventure through modern, technical climbing, with special emphasis placed on 'leave no trace' ethics and best style of ascent. Grants of \$500 will be awarded each year to one RMF member / team.

*Applications accepted from July 1, 2008, through **May 31, 2009**
Awards for this period will be announced on June 18, 2009,
at the Annual Meeting of the Ragged Mountain Foundation.*

Questions may be submitted electronically to: jwilcoxclimb@aol.com

Climbs made by RMF members between July 1, 2009 and June 30, 2010 are eligible.

Terms of Award:

RMF membership is required. Teams and individuals attempting climbs between July 1, 2009, and June 30, 2010, are eligible. **Applications will be accepted through May 31, 2009.** (Refer to application for further information.) Awards for this period will be announced June 18, 2009, at the RMF Annual Meeting. Award recipients agree to document and share their adventure, through a trip report / article for the RMF website, and a slide and / or video program to be presented at the RMF Annual Meeting in June, 2010.

Applications for the James Wilcox Memorial Award are available on line, at www.raggedmtn.org

and should be submitted electronically to: jwilcoxclimb@aol.com

or via US mail to:

The James Wilcox Memorial Award c/o Julia Zaslow Wilcox, 109 Warrenton Avenue, Hartford, CT 06105

Please refer to additional information available on-line at: www.raggedmtn.org

Please contact The Ragged Mountain Foundation:

*Via website: www.raggedmtn.org or US Mail: PO Box 948, Southington, CT 06489,
to become a member, learn more about the James Wilcox Award, or
to submit a tax deductible donation in support of the James Wilcox Memorial Fund*