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## 2023 Tug Hill Sages Nomination Process Now Open

**WATERTOWN, NEW YORK** – The 12<sup>th</sup> round of nominations for Tug Hill Sages is now open as the NYS Tug Hill Commission celebrates its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Submission forms will be accepted from June 1, 2023, to August 15, 2023.

Tug Hill Sages were first designated by the commission in 1983. It is a distinction bestowed upon local individuals with vast knowledge of the Tug Hill region's heritage and environment and that have shown a lifelong involvement in the region. Individuals chosen as Sages have distinguished themselves by their strong historical knowledge of the region and by their actions that have directly contributed to improving quality of life on the Hill. The most recent Tug Hill Sage nomination process occurred in 2015, and to date, 36 individuals have been recognized as embodying the meaning of a "Tug Hill Sage".

For detailed information on qualifying criteria and instructions on submitting a nomination, visit the Tug Hill Commission's website: [tughill.org/about/tug-hill-sages/](http://tughill.org/about/tug-hill-sages/). Please use the Nomination Guidelines and Nomination Form to fill out an application. Applications can be mailed to the commission office at the Dulles State Office Building (317 Washington Street, Watertown, NY 13601) or filled out electronically and sent to Taylor McKinney at [taylor@tughill.org](mailto:taylor@tughill.org).

Please contact Taylor McKinney at (315) 785-2606 or at [taylor@tughill.org](mailto:taylor@tughill.org) with any questions.

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*Helping local governments and citizens shape the future of the Tug Hill region.*