

# AWA's Annual 2024 Martha Kostuch Annual Lecture and Wilderness Defender Award

## Congrats to Clint Docken!

Alberta Wilderness Association recognized Clint Docken, a long-time Alberta Wilderness Association board director with the Wilderness Defender Award last November. Clint has been practicing law in Calgary for over 50 years and has been involved in many significant environmental law cases.

As part of this award, AWA invited Clint to deliver the annual lecture that evening. The audience heard his "Stories From The Trenches" which consisted of his successful conservation campaigns over the years. With his great sense of humour, the stories were both interesting and entertaining.

As Clint's younger sister, I am able to report on our childhood which started in Saskatchewan where our parents were born but took us across Canada following our dad's career as an engineer. Living in Toronto, our parents were avid outdoor enthusiasts and there was no shortage of summer adventures and road trips exploring Ontario: we camped, hiked, swam and skated. Our large extended family of grandparents, cousins, aunts and uncles were farmers in Liberty, Saskatchewan, so summers were spent on the farm. We were always outside. Sunrise to sunset.

When we moved back to Saskatchewan, Clint finished high school in Moose Jaw and was accepted into law at the University of Saskatchewan. While he was at university we were transferred to Edmonton and a whole new adventure started. There were mountains!

Clint finished his degree and landed an articling job in Calgary. Not wanting the city life and because he adored the new scenery, he moved to Bragg Creek and has lived there now since 1974. He found the perfect balance between practicing law in the city and coming home each day to 20 acres of paradise. He and his wife Julie raised their two kids there and now have their first granddaughter who will learn to love the wilderness.

With his passion for getting involved and encouraging people to fight for what they believe is right for the environment, he will continue to be an important influence in the province.

- Gail Docken, AWA Board President



Clint Docken  
with his grand-  
daughter.  
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Clint Docken during a  
mountain climbing  
adventure.  
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