

**Nominee:** Connie Jenkins

**Award:** Tourism Ambassador

**Statement of Nomination:**

People around here don't call Connie Jenkins the "Queen of Fort Benton" for nothing - she is just that and much more. For over 40 years, Connie has given freely of her time to organize, promote and actively participate in many organizations and events in Fort Benton and the surrounding communities. Her hand has been instrumental in initiating many of the following organizations, and actively chairing and serving on their boards: Chouteau County Performing Arts, Fort Benton Community Improvement Association, Chouteau County Cancer Support Group, River & Plains Society, Winter Celebration with Bridgeport Station, Summer Celebration (2008 Governor's Conference on Tourism Award for Event of the Year), and many others. Connie directly influences the events that spur people to visit Central Montana.

For the above reasons alone, Connie deserves recognition in the form of this coveted award. But recently, Connie has been diagnosed with an aggressive form of cancer, and despite the difficulties undergoing intensive treatments; she will not give up on her community or civic duty. She didn't give up back in 2002 during her bout with breast cancer. Connie literally lives and breathes for her Fort Benton Family. To be going through what she is going through, and still have the drive to continue her work in promoting all that this region has to offer, that goes above and beyond being the "Queen of Fort Benton." She's a Saint. There is nobody else more dedicated to their town, to their surrounding community, to their State, than Connie Jenkins.

**Website or relevant link:**

<http://www.kfbb.com/story/29428164/fort-benton-summer-celebration-ends-in-heat>

**Website or relevant link:**

[http://www.theprairiestar.com/news/regional/wind-down-the-chouteau-county-country-christmas-trail-of-cities/article\\_bb0f2c7a-93b4-11e5-b6b9-bfb482c30f61.html](http://www.theprairiestar.com/news/regional/wind-down-the-chouteau-county-country-christmas-trail-of-cities/article_bb0f2c7a-93b4-11e5-b6b9-bfb482c30f61.html)

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<http://lastbestnews.com/site/2014/06/living-and-breathing-history-in-fort-benton/>

