

2009 Awards Ballot Taijiquan Enthusiasts Organization

Vote for One	Instructor of the Year
	Betsy Chapman is one of the best teachers around. In addition to focusing on the art of teaching as well as the martial art, Betsy has learned from the top, spending time in China to learn the Sun form from Madam Sun and becoming certified in judging from both the International Wushu SanShou Dao Association and the Wu Kung Federation.
	Julian Chu is a truly dedicated teacher and unselfish practitioner of Tai Chi. He is a master instructor of the Cheng Man Ching form, push hands, Tai Chi sword, saber, and staff. He is generous with his time and talents, and has promoted many tai chi push hands meets in the Washington DC area.
	William CC Chen - he has devoted his life to the study of body mechanics and the effects of Tai Chi Chuan for art of self-defense as well as on physical health, and to the application of the principles of Tai Chi Chuan. His approach is to make Tai Chi Chuan simple, easier, natural, enjoyable and productive. His workshops are fascinating and never boring.
	Steve Higgins is one of the most prolific Tai chi teachers, historians, and organizers. In addition to teaching, Steve travels far and wide, supporting and presenting at many events in the United States as well as his home in Canada. One of the original founders of the Canadian Taijiquan Federation as well as one of the first guiding voices for the Taijiquan Enthusiasts Organization.
	Yang Jwing Ming has been a noted teacher, author, and Taijiquan promoter for many many years. He recently opened up a mountain top retreat and is working toward attracting dedicated disciples to learn his art.
	William Ting has been teaching Tai Chi in the South Jersey area for 22 years and has taught a class at Medford Leas for a decade. He also teaches a free class at the Mount Laurel Library. He teaches people of all ages from teens to seniors. He is an excellent teacher who communicates well regardless of your level of experience. People come in from Canada, Ohio, California for just a 4 hours seminar for him! We have met people from Texas and lots of other places; he is really phenomenal. He teaches principles, and he has made our taichi so much better.
	Christopher Viggiano has been doing seminars in Riverside NJ, and he is somebody who can really relate and explain to the students. He works with each individual student at their level. He will have several students who study under him, and they are all constantly trying to whet your appetite for higher levels of learning and your practice. They don't tell you they know it all - they are all still studying. They provide us with excellent knowledge and understanding.
	Chen Xiao Wang - grandson of Chen Fa-ke, a living legend in Beijing during his lifetime, who left an inspirational mark on him and thrust on him the taiji legacy he was born into. Highly accomplished, world renowned for his skill in Chen style.
Vote for One	Tai Chi Event Promoter of the Year
	Bill Douglass , the father of World Tai Chi and Qigong day, will go down in history as one of the most prominent promoters of the art. Bill involves media, research, and has invested quite a bit of his own time and money to ensure that the benefits of Tai Chi and Qigong are spread as far and wide as possible.
	David Elston-Phillips is an incessant and strong promoter not just of the Health and Martial Arts Festival, but of all the Philadelphia area events including the fall Picnic, the winter Chinese New Year's dinner, and all of the workshops and events in the area.
	Kirsten Erwin - for years Kirsten was the Festival Director - spending all the hard work and energy to ensure that the Festival happened and that everyone had fun. I wish to honor her for her past devotion to this art.
	Pat Rice started "A Taste of China" in 1983, and added the USA All Taijiquan Championships in 1998. Not only has she been one of the most prominent women in a sport that is often filled with testosterone, but the quality of her workshops and tournaments are legendary. While the size and scope of "A Taste of China" has diminished recently, the quality of the events have just gotten that much more concentrated and valued.
	Lee Scheele , one of the founders of the Taijiquan Enthusiasts Organization, is one of its strongest promoters. Lee Scheele, however, also has a unique place as a long-lived promoter of Tai chi Chuan through his on-line notebook, web page, and administrator of a high-volume email distribution list, TCCList@yahoogroups.com. Lee also travels far and wide for Taiji events, both national and international.
	Nick Scrima has done more to promote high quality tai chi competitions in the US than anyone else. He has been teaching Chinese Martial Arts for over twenty five years, and is one of the first to run tournaments within the United States. He is currently working on expanding the number of tournaments both in the United States and throughout the world.

Only paid members in good standing may vote. Ballots must be received by June 1, 2009

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