



2018 Business of the Year Nominations

- **Batch at Roaring Fork Beer Company**

I nominate Batch/Roaring Fork Beer Company for their commitment to community, as well as quality. Always generous with product for so many nonprofits and community events, Aly and Chase Sanguilly go way beyond just in kind donations. Aly served on the Carbondale Creative District Governance Committee and has been involved in furthering the CCD over the last 4 years. They have also created a warm, entertaining gathering place for community members and bring a fresh, younger perspective to Main Street Business.

- **HighQ**

I would like to nominate High Q for Carbondale's for profit business of the year. It's always a great experience when stepping into the store - the staff is friendly and knowledgeable, the product is the highest quality cannabis on the market, and the owner Renee is one of the coolest characters in the Roaring Fork Valley! It's also exciting that High Q is collaborating with local entities, including Carbondale Arts on upcoming partnerships.

- **Ragged Mountain Sports**

With over 100 years of combined mountain experience, the staff at Ragged Mountain Sports is committed to serving the outdoor community in the Roaring Fork Valley and beyond. Each year, Ragged redistributes over 50,000 items, giving them a lifespan beyond one user and keeping quality gear active and out of the landfill. This business model reinvests 50% of revenue back into the consignor's pocket, stoking the local economy. Beyond the numbers, Ragged's outreach includes quarterly highway clean-ups, a bike building project aimed at getting all local 3rd graders on bikes and hosting an array of events that showcase individuals who are influential in the outdoor arena. A vote for Ragged Mountain Sports is a vote for an environmentally sustainable, fashion forward and community-oriented lifestyle.

- **Rainy Day Designs**

I nominate Rainy Day Designs and Craig Wheelless, who is helping to shape the Carbondale brand. Craig has served on the Carbondale Tourism Council, worked with the Chamber and currently sits on the Carbondale Creative District Governance Committee. He volunteers so much of his time to so many good causes and brings high quality, creative design to whatever he does.

- **True Nature Healing Arts**

True Nature Healing Arts has created a very beneficial business for both tourists and locals which focuses on wellness including a cafe with health giving organic food, daily classes for personal growth, spa services in a luxury setting, a free one acre Peace Garden open to the public 7 days a week, a gift boutique with socially responsible merchandise, a new Kiva space for retreats, seminars, workshops and ceremonies, bringing in people from all over the country. We provide work to over 30 full and part time people, and hired over 300 people in the building process over the last 6 years, most from the valley. We often hear that people are moving to Carbondale because of our business. We are working to become an international destination for personal growth. Our three primary values that make up our mission: creating inspirational spaces for community/connection and self-discovery. We are a unique business that incorporates six different sectors including the Peace Garden.