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The ACLD Foundation recognized the most recent Guy Hudspeth Award recipient and eight others in their annual Katherine's Tree award ceremony.



Melanie Aultman, Guy Hudspeth,
and ACLD Director Shaney Livingston

On Sunday, March 13th, the Foundation held its fourth annual ceremony to recognize the previous year's Katherine's Tree leaf recipients. Melanie Langsdale Aultman, Senior Library Specialist at the Waldo Branch Library, was the 2016 recipient of the annual Guy Hudspeth Award. She joins past Hudspeth Award recipients Guy Hudspeth (2007), for whom the award is named, Memree

Stuart (2008), Martha Roberts (2009), Phillis Filer (2010), Ike Welch (2011), Darba Owens-Simmons (2012), Bruce Stewart (2013), Anita Jenkins-McCarter (2014), and Kathi Harris (2015) with having a leaf placed on the Tree in her honor.

Two other leaves honored the exceptional volunteer work of Sandy Mann and Sue Roland for the Friends of the Library. [ed. note: They are pictured elsewhere in this issue.] Among other responsibilities, Sandy has



Foundation Chair Pushpa Kalra, Melanie Aultman,
ACLD Director Shaney Livingston, Guy Hudspeth, and Phillis Filer

served as Publicity Chair and prepared computer graphic signs. Sue, known for her friendliness and upbeat nature, has spent many years opening and closing the Bookhouse.



Foundation Vice Chair William Burger, Cecilia and Donald Caton,
and Foundation Chair Pushpa Kalra

Also honored with leaves placed on the Tree were Foundation Board Vice Chair William Burger and his wife Celia, Board member Donald Caton (given by his wife Cecilia) in honor of his 80th birthday), and Foundation associates Brian and Linda Gendreau. Eileen McCarty Smith gave a leaf in honor of her grandson Connor Brendan McCarthy, as she has done for

her other grandchildren; and Ida Little gave a leaf in honor of Sagan and Tycho Williams, "two little boys we have come to love." Joy and Michael Avery gave a leaf in honor of Joy's mother, Lydia Vanoli Aggio, "for all she has done for us and for future generations." In all, nine new leaves have been placed on Katherine's Tree this past year.

"Katherine's Tree is a wonderful and fitting way to recognize the generosity of so many individuals, the Kosman Foundation and the Quinn Family Charitable Foundation, and the Friends of the Library in support of our mission," said Foundation Board Chair Pushpa Kalra. "Libraries have played a meaningful role in the lives of the individuals these gifts have honored or memorialized with leaves on the Tree."

Each leaf on the tree represents a gift of \$2,000 to the Alachua County Library District Foundation to help advance its support of the Library.