



Owen Sound Cultural Awards



Nomination Guidelines

The Owen Sound Cultural Awards were created by the City of Owen Sound Cultural Advisory Committee to celebrate excellence in the arts, culture and heritage in the greater Owen Sound area. These awards serve to underline the importance of culture to Owen Sound residents, and to recognize groups and individuals for their outstanding achievement and contributions to the area's cultural vitality.

The City of Owen Sound hosts an annual celebration where nominees are recognized for their contributions and an original work of art is given to the winner in each category. This year each winner receives a handcrafted duplicate of Diane Edwards' inlaid marquetry box "Georgian Bay Shore". Every approved nominee receives a Certificate of Achievement and a free ticket to the awards ceremony.

Anyone living in the greater Owen Sound area, or who is deemed to have made a significant cultural contribution having an impact on local residents, is eligible to be nominated for an award. However, current employees and elected officials of the City of Owen Sound are not eligible to be nominated. Anyone may submit a nomination.

Except where noted, nominations may be for individuals or groups, including not-for-profit organizations, associations, businesses, schools and collectives. Group winners receive one award for the group and certificates for individual members.

Award Categories

Creation Awards

- Literary Award: Includes all forms of creative writing, fiction, non-fiction, poetry, prose, etc. *Presented by The Ginger Press Café & Bookstore*
- Visual & Media Arts Award: Includes the traditional fine arts and crafts as well as multi-media, film, video, photography, new media, etc. *Presented by The Sun Times*
- Theatre Award: Includes production, direction, acting, design, etc.
- Dance Award: Includes performance, choreography, design, etc.
- Music Award: Includes performance, composition, conducting, etc. *Presented by Bruce R. Price, Chartered Accountant*
- Emerging Artist Award: Open to aspiring artists of any age in any discipline entering into or continuing in a field of study relating to their discipline (individuals only) *Includes \$500 cash prize*
Presented by Investors Group Financial Services

Cultural Pillar Awards

- Patron Award: Includes arts or heritage supporter, donor, volunteer, sponsor, educator, innovator, etc.
- Cultural Heritage Award: Recognizes contributions to built heritage including but not limited to restoration, adaptive re-use, heritage features in a new building or addition; may also include heritage displays, exhibits, installations, education, public service, etc.

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- Architectural Design Award: Includes architectural elements in new or renovated buildings, environmental considerations, use of open space, etc.
- Lifetime Achievement Award: Recognizes individual contributions that have had a significant impact on local arts, cultural organizations, and the community as a whole. *Presented by The Community Foundation Grey-Bruce*

Awards will not necessarily be presented in every category every year.

About the Committee and Jury Process

The Cultural Advisory Committee is a standing committee of Owen Sound City Council. Its members include two City councillors, representatives of local cultural institutions, and community volunteers. The Cultural Awards are a high-priority action item from Owen Sound's Cultural Master Plan.

The Cultural Award winners are selected by juries of peers. Jury members are appointed by the Cultural Advisory Committee and represent a broad cross-section of the community including peers and experts in the various disciplines corresponding to the award categories.

Nomination Criteria

Our aim is to create a public forum in which the community recognizes its cultural strength and diversity. This informs the nomination process. The integrity of the Cultural Awards is maintained by the following criteria and nominees are assessed by the jury based on:

- Artistic excellence or achievement in an artistic discipline or heritage
- Sustained participation over a minimum of three years in the Owen Sound area
- Impact on the community, including volunteer involvement

The jury reserves the right not to present awards in every category. The jury also reserves the right to reallocate submissions into categories which they deem to be more appropriate.

Nominations can be for individuals, groups, associations or businesses.

Please note the following changes for the 2010 nomination process:

1. Please select only one award category per nomination;
2. Cultural Award winners are ineligible to win in the same category in two consecutive years. See website for a list of 2010 award winners;
3. If you submitted a nomination and supporting materials in 2009, your nominee was not selected as a winner and we did not return your supporting materials to you, we will require a 2010 nomination form but do not require additional supporting materials unless you have new materials you would like to submit on your nominee's behalf.
4. Nominees may be asked to provide samples of their work, which may be selected for public display in the Roxy Theatre lobby during the month of October.



"Georgian Bay Shore" designed by Diane Edwards

Nomination Requirements for the Jury Review

A nomination will be considered complete when the following have been submitted.

- Nomination form (signed)
- Description of nominee's accomplishments, and of the reasons the applicant is eligible to receive the award.
- Support documents, such as certificates, newspaper articles, photographs, etc., a maximum of 3 pages (or 5 minutes for performing arts)
- Self addressed return envelope for the return of material (if you would like your support materials to be returned)

Nominations for the Owen Sound Cultural Awards must be completed and submitted by 4:00 pm on September 15, 2010 to the address below.

Submissions can be mailed or dropped off in person to:

Owen Sound Cultural Awards
City of Owen Sound
808 2nd Avenue East
Owen Sound, ON N4K 2H4
Phone: (519) 376-4440 ext. 1251
Email: dcleverley@owensound.ca
Website: www.owensound.ca/culturalawards

All nominees will be contacted by a representative of the jury to confirm their acceptance of the nomination. Each nominee will receive a Certificate of Recognition.

2010 Cultural Awards Ceremony & Celebration:
October 14th • 7:30 pm • Roxy Theatre • Tickets: www.roxytheatre.ca



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Nomination Form

Person/Organization being nominated

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Postal Code: _____

Email Address: _____

Email address will be used solely for future correspondence regarding the Cultural Awards.

Telephone Number: _____
Day Evening

Please check the Award Category for this nomination (see Criteria for descriptions):
Check one box only per nomination.

Literary Arts

Emerging Artist*

Visual & Media Arts

Patron

Theatre

Cultural Heritage

Dance

Architectural Design

Music

Lifetime Achievement*

*Individuals only

If not included with this form, the nominee will be asked to supply supporting materials.

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Would you prefer to remain anonymous? Yes No

Nominator's Signature: _____

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