

Betty Blashill Environmental Prize 2009 Nomination Form

We are pleased to invite nominations for the Betty Blashill Environmental Prize. While Betty and her positive, passionate, and tireless environmental work are missed sorely since her death in 2006, we know others are taking up the torch to work hard towards improving Hamilton. We hope to encourage others who work behind the scenes like Betty. The cash prize that accompanies this award may be used to advance the recipient's environmental efforts and knowledge or his/her efforts to minimize his/her ecological footprint. We wish to recognize one of those good people each year for as long as the funds will allow.

Betty Blashill

Betty Blashill is truly an example of someone who lived out their beliefs in their day to day life. She was a passionate advocate for a better environment. However, she preferred to protect nature in her own quiet, modest and steady way, far from the limelight, and never seeking recognition. She was not in the foreground of environmental battles; she was not in the news; Betty did not feel the need for public validation of her environmental contribution. Having the opportunity to espouse her philosophy and dedicate her life and work to making a difference was reward enough. Betty lived according to her favorite motto that originated from Mahatma Gandhi: "Live simply so that others may simply live".

To honour Betty's spirit and contributions to the environmental cause, the Betty Blashill Environmental Prize was created. It is given to an individual whose work has contributed to improvements in Hamilton's quality of life. The award comes with a cash prize, which we hope will allow the recipient to further their efforts through training, research, or through the purchase of software or products that the recipient views as appropriate to furthering their own espoused values and volunteer activities.

Who can be nominated?

This award is intended to support Hamiltonians who have gone above and beyond in their volunteer efforts to improve the natural and/or social environment. Recipients of the prize will have demonstrated extraordinary efforts leading to an improvement in quality of life of Hamiltonians and/or others.

Selection Criteria

Nominees will be evaluated in terms of their long-term efforts, resolve, and effectiveness supporting organizations or projects that improve or protect the social or natural environment. Additionally, the selection committee will consider aspects of that nominee's everyday life and interactions that benefit the environment.

Nomination Materials

The selection committee looks forward to evaluating nominations based on Nomination Form materials and personal testimonials described below.

The Awards Presentation

The 2009 Betty Blashill Environmental Prize will be presented at the 31th Annual Environmentalists of the Year Awards Dinner. This dinner is held during Environment Week, and will take place at Michelangelo's Banquet Centre on Upper Ottawa Street, Hamilton at 5:45 p.m. on Wednesday June 2, 2010. We are grateful to the EOY Committee for inviting us to present at their celebration of Hamilton's environmentalists.

Submitting a Nomination

If you would like to nominate an individual for the Betty Blashill Environmental Prize please complete the nomination form (below) and provide details and documentation regarding the criteria noted on the form. The nomination should describe the personal contributions of the nominee and the specific goals and accomplishments of his/her efforts. Please also provide in some detail aspects of the nominees daily activities that may reduce their ecological footprint. Supporting material such as letters of reference and additional information and documentation should be included with this nomination.

Please provide all the materials that you wish the selection committee to judge. We will evaluate nominations based only on what is provided in the nomination package.

Please forward nominations to:

Environment Hamilton
1130 Barton Street East, Suite 207
Hamilton, ON, L8H 7P9
or by e-mail: contactus@environmenthamilton.org

NOTE: Nominations must be postmarked by April 1, 2009.

If you have additional questions, please contact:

Don McLean (905-664-8796: don.mclean@cogeco.ca) or

Jim Quinn (905 528-6121: quinn@mcmaster.ca)

This nomination package can also be requested by contacting Environment Hamilton by e-mail at contactus@environmenthamilton.org or by calling EH at (905) 549-0900.

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(please submit this page with your nomination)

Name of Nominee: _____

Mailing Address of Nominee: _____

E-mail Address of Nominee: _____

Telephone number of Nominee: _____

Nominator's Name: _____

Nominator's Mailing address: _____

Nominator's E-mail address: _____

Nominator's Telephone Number: _____

Signature of Nominator: _____

Date: _____

Please provide information about the Nominee to address all of the following questions. Add additional sheets if needed and remember to include in the Nomination Package all associated materials such as supporting letters. Please note that the following section of the nomination should be no more than 3 pages long. We request this so that the selection committee is spared sifting through the less important aspects of the nomination.

1. Please provide a brief history of the nominee's environmental and social justice activities.
2. What organizations and campaigns or issues did the nominee serve (include time and roles of the nominee)
3. Please outline briefly the impacts of the nominee's efforts. How has he/she improved the quality of life in Hamilton? (Please be specific and give concrete examples)
4. Please explain how the nominee has limited his/her personal ecological footprint. (Please be specific and give concrete examples).
5. Please explain briefly how the nominee has promoted social justice in his/her own life. Include the nominee's name on each page.