

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Environmentalists of the Year Awards Committee Seeks Nominations for the 2009 Hamilton Environmentalists of the Year Awards

The Awards Program

Hamilton's **Environmentalists of the Year Awards** have been held each year since 1979, to honour individuals and groups who have made a significant contribution to the protection and/or enhancement of the environment in the City of Hamilton. Past recipients include: Dr. Victor Cecilioni, Dr. Ray Lowes, Gil Simmons, Dr. Jack Vallentyne, Don McLean, Dr. Lynda Lukasik, Ian Reid, Dr. Brian McCarry, Dr. Mark Sproule-Jones and Alison Healing. The 31st Environmentalists of the Year Awards are sponsored by the Conserver Society of Hamilton and District, the Hamilton Naturalists' Club, the Hamilton Conservation Authority, the Bay Area Restoration Council, Environment Hamilton, the United Nations Association in Canada- Hamilton Branch, Friends of Red Hill Valley, the Iroquoia Bruce Trail Club and Royal Botanical Gardens.

Who can be nominated?

Individuals, groups, students or businesses can be nominated for the Dr. Victor Cecilioni Environmentalist of the Year Award, or an Award of Merit. In addition, the Student Bursary for Environmental Conservation is presented annually by the Hamilton Conservation Foundation, and the Betty Blashill Environmental Prize is presented by Environment Hamilton.

Selection Criteria

The **Dr. Victor Cecilioni Environmentalist of the Year Award** is presented to an individual, group or business in recognition of an outstanding contribution to environmental activity and leadership in Hamilton. The nominee should have demonstrated a long-standing, significant commitment to the environment, which may have been expressed in both professional and voluntary efforts. Normally this award is presented to recognize efforts spread over a period of years, however, a single outstanding achievement may be considered.

The **Environmentalists of the Year Award of Merit** is presented each year to recognize excellence in environmental effort in the Hamilton area by individuals, groups, students and businesses. This may include a sustained effort over a number of years, or particular projects that have taken place over a shorter period of time. More than one Award of Merit may be presented.

All nominees must have made their contribution in the City of Hamilton, or have had a significant connection to the City. Previous nominations may be resubmitted and past awards recipients may be nominated for a different award as well. **Nominations must be submitted by March 31, 2010.**

In selecting the recipient(s) of the awards, a panel of judges will consider the nature of the environmental activities undertaken by each nominee and the resulting achievements, using the materials submitted to support the nomination form.

The Awards Presentation

The awards will be presented at the 31st 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.

Submitting a Nomination

If you would like to nominate an individual, group, student or business to receive an award, please download the nomination package at www.eoyawards.org and provide details and documentation regarding the criteria noted on the form. Nomination forms are also available by calling (905) 547 5116. The nomination should describe in detail the nature and purpose of the environmental activity undertaken by the nominee, the resulting achievements, and the reasons you believe the nomination to be of merit. Supporting material such as letters of reference and additional information and documentation must be included with this nomination. We regret that the judges can consider only nomination submissions completed in full.

Nomination forms for the Student Bursary for Environmental Conservation can be downloaded at www.conservationhamilton.ca. Contact Environment Hamilton at contactus@environmenthamilton.org for nomination forms for the Betty Blashill Environmental Prize.

Please forward nominations to:

2009 ENVIRONMENTALISTS OF THE YEAR AWARDS
269 Wexford Ave. S.
Hamilton, Ontario L8K 2P4

NOTE: Nominations must be postmarked by March 31, 2010.

For additional information

If you have additional questions, please contact:
John Struger – (905) 547-5116 (home); (905) 336-4966 (office).

A copy of the nomination package and background on the awards and past recipients is posted on the web at www.eoyawards.org/. Nomination packages can also be requested by contacting John Struger at john.struger@sympatico.ca

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- Nomination for the Dr. Victor Cecilioni Award
- Nomination for Award of Merit

Please note that the judges may reassign a nomination to another category at their discretion.

NOMINEE'S NAME:

MAILING ADDRESS OF NOMINEE:

TELEPHONE: HOME:
WORK:

NOMINATION SUBMITTED BY:

MAILING ADDRESS OF NOMINATOR:

TELEPHONE: HOME:
WORK:

SIGNATURE OF NOMINATOR: _____

To help the judges evaluate your nomination, please answer all questions in depth (feel free to attach additional sheets should you need more room), and attach relevant materials and documentation that will support this nomination, including letters of support.

4. How have the nominee's efforts contributed to educating local residents about the environment?

5. How unique or innovative have the nominee's efforts been?

6. How has the nominee demonstrated continuing commitment to environmental issues in our City?

7. Please list letters of support that have been included with this nomination.

8. Please describe what other documentation has been included with this nomination.