

# Local citizens receive Arts Alive Awards

By JANE FOGAL

*Halton Hills Cultural Roundtable*

A large and enthusiastic crowd gathered on Friday, Jan. 20 at the beautifully restored Acton Town Hall to celebrate the contributions of a host of Halton Hills community super stars.

The Arts Alive Awards are presented every five years to individuals and organizations that have significantly affected arts, culture and heritage in Halton Hills and are administered by the Halton Hills Cultural Roundtable. The awards were presented by Mayor Rick Bonnette.

Award winners included:

Roper Galloway, *Arts Alive Award for Visual, Performing and/or Literary Arts*, for his vision and commitment towards establishing the Halton Hills Concert Band

Linda Leask, *Arts Alive Award for Visual, Performing and/or Literary Arts*, recognizing her award-



Arts Alive Award recipients were: (in front, from left) Mary Lou Brock, Carolyn Martin, Gerry Kentner and Marilyn Serjeantson. Second row, Virginia Bancur, Linda Leask, Lois Fraser, Mary Bilik Udell, Hazel Armstrong, Jane Fogal, Ann Lawlor. In back, Doug Brock, John Miller, Mark Rowe, Al Fraser, Ron Birrell and Roper Galloway.

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winning contributions to set design and painting for local theatrical productions

The Acton Agricultural Society, *Arts Alive for Culture*, for its 97 suc-

cessful years presenting the Acton Fall Fair

Doug and Mary Lou Brock, *Arts Alive for Culture*, for their loving restoration of several heritage buildings in Glen Williams and the subsequent creation of the Williams Mills Visual Arts Centre

Jane Fogal, *Arts Alive for Culture*, for her support of a wide spectrum of community cultural initiatives, particularly the Old Seed House Garden

Mark Rowe, *Arts Alive Award for Heritage*, for his many books capturing local history and his devotion to the preservation of our heritage treasures

Ann Lawlor, *Arts Alive Award for Heritage*, for her commitment to preserve local heritage and particularly her leadership in the Devereaux House project

Heritage Acton, *Arts Alive Award for Heritage*, for their successful restoration of the Acton Town Hall Centre and contribution to the cultural vibrancy of Acton

Mary Bilik Udell, *Arts Alive Ralph Ursel Award for Volunteerism*, for decades of fabulous costume design and production and 17 consecutive years of stage appearances with Globe Productions

Sam Hancock, *Arts Alive Kenneth R. Harrison Award for Youth Mentorship*, for his years of inspirational work with youth in theatrical productions and for writing and producing "The Georgetown Boys".

Lois and Al Fraser, *Arts Alive Award for Patrons of the Arts*, for their ongoing participation in the arts and their generous financial support for numerous arts, culture and heritage groups

Paul Armstrong, *Arts Alive Award for Local Business Partner*, for the financial support that his business, Paul C Armstrong Insur-

ance, has provided to a wide variety of cultural groups as well as his personal enthusiasm for local initiatives

Light Up The Hills, *Arts Alive Award for New Arts, Culture and/or Heritage Event or Group* as a new organization created in the past five years that has added to the vibrancy of the community

Georgetown Little Theatre, *Arts Alive Award for Established Arts, Culture and/or Heritage Event or Group*, for their 50 years of providing quality, award winning community theatre

Two special awards were also given out: A *Special Lifetime Achievement Award* was presented to Barbara Halsall, posthumously, for her tenacious support for the preservation and improvement of our natural heritage; and a joint *Special Recognition Award* to Head Librarians Jane Diamanti and Betsy Cornwell for their unflag-

ging efforts in advocating for adequate resources for our community's library needs resulting in this year's dual construction projects.

Honourable Mentions included: Paul d'Entremont, Ted Brown, Ron Stiel, Kay d'Entremont, Kellen & the Acton Roxy, Alex Colthart, Diane Murray-Charett, Eleanor Wallace, the Shepherd's Crook, Glen Oven Bakery, Johnson & Associates Real Estate, Centre Stage School of the Arts, Beyond the Stage, Acton Farmers' Market, Halton Hills Sports Museum, Georgetown Bach Chorale, 1st Acton Scouting, Christine Eagles and The Friends of the Old Seed House Garden.

The awards evening was part of the third Cultural Symposium organized by the Halton Hills Cultural Roundtable which provides support and networking opportunities for local arts, culture and heritage groups. More information is at [www.hhculturejourney.com](http://www.hhculturejourney.com).



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