Town honours top citizens

A spelling bee champion, a national creative writing contest winner, several mutli-medalled gymnasts and ballroom dancers were among the Halton Hills residents honoured by the Town on Monday at a Municipal Awards ceremony.

For more than 30 years, the Town has celebrated citizens whose accomplishments have brought honour to the Town through their achievements in education, arts, culture, sports and recreational pursuits.

Acton's Mikaela Telschow, 13, was honoured as a double winner at the Eastern Canadian Tumbling and Trampoline Championships at the University of Toronto. Telschow earned the individual Gold medal in tumbling and helped Team Ontario capture the 13 and over Level C team title.

Limehouse resident

Marc Gaudet de Lestard excelled at the 2010 Ontario Winter games. The 17-year-old Acton High School grad was part of the five-member Artistic team that captured the Gold medal. De Lestard earned the highest score in three of five events to propel his team to the top. At the 2010 Eastern Canadian Championships de Lestard earned an over-all Silver, with Gold on the high bar, and Silver on the floor and pommel horse.

The other Municipal Award winners include:

- members of the Ballroom Health Intermediate Dance Team who are the 2010 Canadian National Group Routine Champions
- Cassandra Hendry, 17, of Georgetown who won a nation-wide creative writing contest dealing with how ethnic diversity plays a role in Canadian history

• Harnoor Gill, a Grade 7 student in Georgetown who placed first in the Canwest Canspell spelling bee and represented Halton Hills at the finals in Toronto

•Christina Bedggood, 16, who represented Ontario at the eastern Canadian Gymnastics championships, earning Gold in both floor and beam exercises

- Eric Shieh, 13, of Georgetown who won an over-all Gold medal in Level four at the Eastern Canadian Gymnastics Championships, finishing first in floor and pommel, Silver in rings and Bronze in vault
- •Davis Sandro, 9, of Georgetown who garnered an over-all Silver medal at the 2010 Ontario Gymnastics Championship in Burlington. He also earned Gold on the parallel bars, three Silver medals on floor, pommel horse and



MUNICIPAL AWARDEES: Ballroom dancers, ace athletes, a spelling bee winner were among the Halton Hills residents honoured at a Municipal Awards ceremony on Monday at the Civic Centre. – Frances Niblock photo

high bar and Bronze on

• the Halton Hawks Squirt Fast Pitch team who earned a Bronze medal at the Provincial B championships. The girls also earned a Gold, Silver and three Bronze medals in tournament play

Before inviting the awardees and their proud parents to a reception, Mayor Rick Bonnette said, "I would like to take this opportunity to thank the coaches, athletes, teachers, individuals and their families for their ongoing dedication and support to continue to provide opportunities to be active and creative within our Town. Your commitment is commendable and the representation of our community is truly admirable."



ACE ATHLETES: Acton tumbler Mikela Telschow and Limehouse gymnast Marc Gaudet de Lestard were among the Halton Hills citizens honoured by the Town, and Mayor Rick Bonnette, at a Municipal Awards ceremony on Monday. – Frances Niblock photo



