



## **CULTURAL ADVISORY BOARD COMMUNITY RECOGNITION AWARD PERFORMING ARTS**

### **GAIL NELSON**

Gail is involved and dedicated to contributing to and promoting a variety of cultural activities within the City. She is presently an Advisory Board member of the Arts Council of Sault Ste. Marie & District, and Publicity Chair for the Sault Theatre Workshop and Stage 1. Ms. Nelson is a walking, talking champion of the arts. She is a volunteer for most of the cultural events in this City. You will see her ushering at the Fall Festival Events, Family Life Theatre, etc. She is behind the counter and helping with box office for the Sault Theatre Workshop throughout the week long production.

Every month you will find Ms. Nelson hand delivering the Arts Council's magazine ARTiculations throughout the downtown core. This is after she has dedicated several hours to proof reading the magazine, calls for volunteers to assemble the magazine, and delivers to the post office the ones too far away to hand deliver. She is in the office daily to proof read, do the banking, send out Public Service Announcements for a variety of Community groups, and in general will do anything required to help out all arts organizations to run efficiently including putting up posters (sometimes for three different groups at the same time) throughout downtown. She is very vocal in her commitment to the Arts and is always letting you know what is taking place in our City, where, when and what time the event will be taking place.

Ms. Nelson's accomplishments include:

- Being a past treasurer of the Arts Council of Sault Ste. Marie as well as a Board Member for over 15 years.
- At the present time she is the Publicity Chair for the Sault Theatre Workshop but has held several other positions on the Board including Business Manager
- She is the representative of the Sault Theatre Workshop on the QUONTA Drama Region Board and on the Board for the QUONTA Drama Festival 2009 being held here in Sault Ste. Marie.
- She is a season ticket holder or volunteer for the Sault Symphony Orchestra, Algoma Conservatory of Music, Algoma International Film Association, Fall Festival, QUONTA Drama Festival, Art Gallery of Algoma, Hilton Beach Old Town Hall Series, Family Life Theatre, Chamber of Commerce Take 5 to name a few.
- Gail's belief that volunteering for these organizations helps make Sault Ste. Marie a vibrant community with a lot to offer visitors and new residents to the City.

***Gail Nelson***

***Cultural Advisory Board Community Recognition Award Recipient***

***- Performing Arts for 2008***