



CULTURAL ADVISORY BOARD 2011 COMMUNITY RECOGNITION AWARD FOR HERITAGE & PERFORMING ARTS

MARY ROSSITER

Mary Rossiter has devoted her life to this community as a volunteer.

Thanks to the many hours of commitment Mary has given to Sault Ste. Marie, we are well known throughout Ontario and the United States. Mary, as our community's representative, serves on local, regional, provincial, and international boards.

Mary has been a volunteer for the Arts Council of Sault Ste. Marie & District for many years, most of that time on the Board of Directors. Every month she folds and distributes the Arts Council magazine "ARTiculations".

Mary sits on the Kiwanis Community Theatre Centre Board of Directors and is currently rewriting the policies and procedures for that organization. She is also responsible for booking ushers for productions held at the Kiwanis Community Theatre Centre.

She serves on the Sault International Arts Festival Board and is a representative on several committees associated with the War of 1812 event.

Mary is presently a Regional Director for the Genealogical Society, having served previously at the local, provincial and international level for this organization. As well, she has served on the local and district boards of the Sault Ste. Marie Horticultural Society.

Mary is a Life Time Member of the following organizations due to her commitment and years of dedication:

- Arts Council of Sault Ste. Marie & District
- Sault Ste. Marie Museum
- Art Gallery of Algoma
- Ontario Historical Society
- Sault Ste. Marie Horticultural Society
- Chippewa County Historical Society

Not only is Mary involved with the arts and culture of our city, she is a member of the Bi-National Public Advisory Council involved with remediation of the St. Mary's River.

As a volunteer in Guyana, South America, Mary assisted in building a school in the jungle, and later volunteered with CUSO as a primary school teacher for two years in Zambia, Africa.

She and her husband Jim volunteer for the Over the Rainbow Children's Entertainment Series. They sit on the committee and act as greeters during the various events. The couple typically wears a special hat for the occasion and some kids are even convinced that Jim is Santa Claus and Mary, Mrs. Claus.

Mary is well known as the Sault's Town Crier and opens many events including the International Bridge Walk, the Rotaryfest Community Day Parade and the annual Santa Claus Parade. She attends events, festivals and special occasions locally and throughout the United States and often heralds in dignitaries for various activities.

Mary volunteers as a fundraiser for at least 50 not-for-profit organizations and charities throughout Sault Ste. Marie. It is her dedication to the culture of this community that sets her apart from others.

MARY ROSSITER
Cultural Advisory Board
2011 Community Recognition Award Recipient