

## **NORA ANN HARRISON**

### **Co-Recipient Cultural Advisory Board Community Recognition Award 2006**

Nora is involved and dedicated to contributing to and promoting a variety of cultural activities within the city. She is presently the President of the Algoma Art Society and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President of the Arts Council of Sault Ste. Marie & District, and was the Co-Chair of the Algoma Fall Festival of the Arts. Ms. Harrison encourages, directs and works with local artists on each of the aforementioned events. She is an award winning artist and a retired elementary/secondary school art teacher of fifty years. She continues to teach, tutor and do workshops in the visual arts to adults, teenagers and children.

To this day Ms. Harrison continues her involvement with students in the production of school events such as the Santa Clause Parade floats, school teas and other ethnic and musical events. She inspires and encourages young people to use their talents be it artistic, musical or dramatic. Ms. Harrison generously offers her time and talent to the young and old alike. Her greatest gift is that she encourages, acknowledges and supports individuals in the development of the arts. Her passion, enthusiasm and willingness speaks of dedication above and beyond any personal gain.

Ms. Harrison's accomplishments include:

- ◆ She started and developed a superior Art Department at Mount St. Joseph College;
- ◆ She has been a member of the Board of Directors and member of the Sault Symphony, music director of church Youth Folk Groups and a Secondary School Folk group;
- ◆ She has worked in the development of a TV award winning show;
- ◆ She has helped with stage production props for student theatre as well as a CBC film production;
- ◆ Her involvement with Girl Guides of Canada ranged from Captain to District Commissioner, Division Commissioner and Area Secretary.

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