



CULTURAL ADVISORY BOARD COMMUNITY RECOGNITION AWARD

ROY SUTTON

Roy Sutton has been a true supporter of the arts in Sault Ste. Marie for the past forty years. He has served on the Executive of the Musical Comedy Guild - as a founding member of the Community Theatre Board and as President of the Arts Council of Sault Ste. Marie and District for six years. His judgement and leadership are without parallel.

Roy served as the President of the Arts Council in the 1980's and wrote a history of the organization as that time. He also served as the secretary of the Community Theatre Board for many years and in doing so has left an archival record of that Board from 1988 to 2002.

Quotes From His Peers

"In any voluntary organization there is an ebb and flow of energy as various members join or leave the company. During low periods, Roy was always willing to step in and become an executive member (secretary) or to serve in an advisory capacity until other personnel accepted leadership roles."

"He was particularly effective as the Guild's representative to the Arts Council of Sault Ste. Marie & District where he not only promoted the interests of the Guild, but also of the total arts community."

"He was a valued member of the fundraising committee for the renovations to the auditorium of White Pines Collegiate which became the Kiwanis Community Theatre Centre. Following its completion, he continued to serve on the Theatre Board of Directors, assisting to implement the partnership agreements between the Theatre Board, the user groups and the Board of Education."

"Roy is not a person to seek 'centre stage'; he goes about his duties quietly, efficiently and effectively with little fanfare or desire for the limelight. He has been a rock of stability for whatever organization he has worked for..."

"Quiet effective people like Roy Sutton deserve recognition."

Roy has a doctorate in forest technology and is presently Professor Emeritus at the Great Lakes Forestry Centre. Although officially retired, Roy continues to work daily at the Forestry Centre.

Dr. Roy Sutton - Cultural Advisory Board Community Recognition Award Recipient for 2005.