



**CULTURAL ADVISORY BOARD  
2013 COMMUNITY RECOGNITION AWARD  
FOR VISUAL ARTS**

**RUSSELL MASON**

Russ Mason is a retired elementary school teacher. He has extended his teaching skills into the arts community for more than 40 years. He is well-respected both locally and provincially.

Russ has generously shared his expertise as a weaver/small business operator, introducing many people to his world of fabric through exhibitions, workshops and more recently, leading tours to India. During exhibitions he educates everyone (artists, citizens, tourists) about the importance of craft in general, and his work specifically, thus benefiting everyone by encouraging people to support the local economy.

Russ has tirelessly volunteered his time to many arts events and organizations, providing leadership and resources that have benefited both the arts sector and the broader community. Specifically, for many years he was highly involved in the Sault Craft Association, The Fall Festival of the Arts, The Art Gallery of Algoma, and the Ontario Crafts Council when it was active in Northern Ontario. He remains very prominent in the Handweavers and Spinners Guild, having been the local and Provincial Chair at various times. His dedication to local organizations and events has contributed to their longevity.

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