

**CULTURAL ADVISORY BOARD**  
**2014 COMMUNITY RECOGNITION AWARD**

**PERFORMING ARTS**

**SUSAN BARBER**

Susan Barber has been a teacher at White Pines Collegiate for many years and has just recently retired. During her time there she was a passionate and tireless instructor dedicated to the students in her Integrated Arts and Culture Program. At the end of the school day she could be found directing back stage rehearsals for White Pines On Stage. Sue Barber has put so much of her passion for theatre, music and the arts into the program that many of her students have thrived and gone on to successful careers in the arts.

On the community scene, Sue Barber has been a champion for the arts in Sault Ste. Marie for over 25 years. Since her initial foray into musical theatre as a pianist she has been the music director for many shows. She has also directed and performed in many other community theatre productions, often in lead roles. She has worked on productions in collaboration with a number of local groups such as the Sault Symphony Orchestra, Sault Theatre Workshop and the Northland Barbershop Chorus. She wrote and produced murder mysteries that have been used as fundraisers for many local charities. She has also directed summer productions in Garden River providing First Nations youth both stage experience and a platform to showcase their heritage.

This only touches upon the highlights of Sue Barber's involvement in the performing arts scene in Sault Ste. Marie over the years. It is quite evident that she has contributed immensely to the artistic life of the city and is a very worthy recipient of the Community Recognition Award.

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