

*Celebrating the spirit, imagination,
dedication and outstanding
contributions of British Columbians
to their communities.*

Congratulations 2006 Recipients

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British Columbians Leading by Example

The British Columbia Achievement Foundation recognized 46 British Columbians on Wednesday at its annual British Columbia Community Achievement Award ceremony at Government House in Victoria. Her Honour, The Honourable Iona Campagnolo, Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia and the Honourable Gordon Campbell, Premier of British Columbia presented the awards.

These remarkable recipients have made a significant contribution to their community through a unique achievement or outstanding service in arts and culture, multiculturalism, healthcare, community volunteerism, environment, sports and recreation, civic duty, education, business innovation, youth and seniors' leadership.

These are individuals who see opportunity where others see obstacles. They possess a passion for the people and places that make up their everyday landscape. They take time to listen, understand and respond to the needs of others with compassion, ingenuity and leadership. They are the ones who breathe life and energy into the community. They are the ones who make a difference with the strength of their character and the sincerity with which they serve. They expect no recognition.

An independent panel of community leaders from around British Columbia selected the recipients for this year's award. Each recipient received a medallion and pin designed by British Columbia artist, Robert Davidson.

The deadline for nominations to the 2007 BC Community Achievement Awards is November 15, 2006.

The BC Achievement Foundation was established and endowed by the Province of British Columbia in 2003 to recognize BC's spirit of excellence. Other initiatives of the Foundation are the British Columbia Creative Achievement Awards which on June 5th will recognize five outstanding BC applied artists and designers and the BC Award for Canadian Non-Fiction, a new national literary non-fiction prize which will be presented on May 26th.

For more information, please visit:
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FIRST ROW LEFT TO RIGHT

Art Reitmayer of Surrey; Al Pullin of Courtenay; Her Honour; Jeneece Edroff of Victoria; Lorne Atkinson of Vancouver; Premier Campbell; Hari Varshney of Vancouver; Edmond Wright of New Aiyansh.

SECOND ROW LEFT TO RIGHT

Monty Raisinghani of Surrey; Rob Reid of Victoria; John Brink of Prince George; Noreen Rustad of Prince George; Linda Tanaka of Salmon Arm; Grace Wong of Vancouver; Marg Spina of Kamloops; Anita Dadson of North Vancouver.

THIRD ROW LEFT TO RIGHT

Jane Frost of Vancouver; Georgie Salle of Barriere; Jim Terrion Jr. of Prince Rupert; Matthew Low of Burnaby; Wendy Lai of Vancouver; Judith Marcuse of West Vancouver; Peter Pelton of Clearwater; Dan Rodlie of Trail.

FOURTH ROW LEFT TO RIGHT

Julie Halfnights of Richmond; Jean and Tom Leboe of Prince George; Esther Ho of Richmond; Lin Yee Goh and Choo Chiat Goh of West Vancouver.

FIFTH ROW LEFT TO RIGHT

Marce Fofonoff of Chetwynd; Samantha Doney of Victoria; Elspeth Bowers of Mission; Kate Dearden of Victoria; Russ Hammond of Comox; Jan Christiaw of White Rock; David Lamson of Chilliwack River Valley; Simon Jackson of Vancouver; Yvonne Hopkins of Vancouver; Harry Hardy of Burnaby.

TOP ROW LEFT TO RIGHT

Stephanie Carlson of Vancouver; Amy Cunningham of Iskut; Alvina Berggren of Fort Nelson; Bryan Dyck of Vancouver; Bruce Hallquist of Summerland; John Ryan of Terrace; Marlene Grinnell of Langley; Dave Dickson of Vancouver.

NOT SHOWN: Al Tysick of Victoria



Joining the Government House ceremony was Chief Councillor Bob Hill of Hartley Bay shown here with Her Honour and Premier Campbell. On April 20, 2006, Hill accepted the Foundation's first-ever BC Award for Achievement by a Community on behalf of the residents of Hartley Bay in recognition of its extraordinary efforts on March 22, 2006 in rescuing the survivors of the Queen of the North at Gil Island in Wright Sound. From the Hartley Bay residents who answered the calls of distress to those that welcomed the survivors to their community and looked after their needs, this award recognizes their selfless and generous acts of heroism and kindness. As the protector of the waters around, Hartley Bay is a true maritime community.