



Chamber announces nominations for Celebrate Salem Awards

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Salem - Now that it's officially spring, it's time for another annual milestone: the Chamber of Commerce's Celebrate Salem Awards, which will be presented on Wednesday, April 29.

The Salem Chamber of Commerce this week announced plans for its 87th Annual Dinner, which will once again be held in the Peabody Essex Museum's stunning Atrium.

Also released this week were the nominees for the awards, which recognize chamber members' excellence in business during the previous year.

The six categories of awards are: Businessman of the Year, Businesswoman of the Year, New Business of the Year, Long-term Achievement Award, Community Service Award and Excellence in Retailing Award. Nominees and guests find out who the winners are during the awards ceremony portion of the evening.

The theme of the event is "The Golden Age of Dutch Seascapes," as a companion to a new exhibit at PEM that will run June 13 through Sep. 7.

"The Golden Age of Dutch Seascapes follows the rise of seascape painting from 1550 to 1700," chamber officials said in a written release.

"Through major works by Dutch and Flemish artists, the exhibition explores the major themes of maritime painting, from atmospheric to allegorical and nationalistic imagery."

Tickets for the Annual Dinner and Celebrate Salem Award ceremony are available at the Salem Chamber of Commerce, 265 Essex St., or by calling 978-744-0004. Individual tickets cost \$85 per person; table sponsorships are available. For more information, visit www.salem-chamber.org.
Nominations

Businessman of the Year and Businesswoman of the Year are chamber members who have demonstrated excellence in business practices throughout the year, as well as a sincere commitment to Salem.

Nominated for Businessman of the Year 2008

Jon Bercume, Salem Waterfront Hotel & Suites
Robbie Doyle, Doyle Sailmakers
George Harrington, Lyceum Restaurant
Paul Herrick, Paul Herrick Group
David McKillop, Rockafella's
Matt Picarsic, RCG

Nominated for Businesswoman of the Year 2008

Joan Brennan, Witch Tees
Wendi Goldsmith, Bioengineering Group
Phyllis LeBlanc, Harbor Sweets
Helen Medler, Hawthorne Tours
Betsy Merry, MerryFox Realty
Christine Robidoux, Modern Millie

Nominated for New Business of the Year 2008

New Business of the Year 2008 is awarded to the best new business that opened in 2008.

Aqua Hair Salon
B & S Sports Science
Hex
Jetty Marketing
Sixty2 on Wharf
Urban Elements

Nominated for Long-term Achievement Award

The Long-term Achievement Award will be given to a business that has achieved 10 or more years of success in the community.

Bernard's Jewelers
Bouchard & Sons
Caffe Graziani
Crosby's Markets
Soucy Insurance
Tri-City Sales

Nominations for Community Service Award

The Community Service Award is conferred upon a member or organization who has an outstanding record of community service and volunteer participation.

A3D (African Development through Drum and Dance)

Andrew Oliver

Juli Lederhaus

Salem Arts Association

Salem Jazz and Soul Festival

Salem Theatre Company

Excellence in Retail Award

The Excellence in Retailing Award showcases the outstanding achievements of Salem retailers and will be awarded to the retailer that applies superior knowledge, creativity and industry know-how to develop innovative strategies, and contributes to the growth of the Salem retail sector.

Chulamama

Landry and Arcari

Maria's Sweet Somethings

Rouge Cosmetics

Treasures Over Time

Winer Brothers Paint and Hardware