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2009 Comox Valley Chamber of Commerce Annual Community Awards



2009 Professional Merit Award

Sponsored by: The Westerly Hotel

Background information

The Comox Valley Chamber of Commerce has been presenting the Professional Merit Award since 1994 with the first recipient being Mr. Fred Bossom.

The Professional Merit Award is in recognition of an individual, group or organization that has made a significant contribution to the development, ethical stature or recognition of their area of professional endeavour. This award is open to, but not restricted to, practitioners in any of the following categories: Accounting, law, Medicine, Dentistry, Engineering, Surveying Insurance, Stock Brokerage, or any field which is generally recognized as a profession.

The 2008 recipient of this award was *Colleen Inglis*.

The Comox Valley Chamber of Commerce and the Westerly Hotel are pleased to present the 2009 award to **Clarice Coty**.

Background

Clarice Coty launched Building Links in May of 1998 and a newsletter has been issued weekly for the past 17 years. The publication provides up-to-date information on building permits, tenders, upcoming proposed developments and valuable construction information for the industry on the North Island. Clarice has built a solid reputation in this dynamic, and challenging field, which speaks volumes to her determination and professionalism. During the formative years of this company, Clarice earned the respect of staff and politicians in the various municipalities, the construction and real estate industries and by the business people she comes in contact with. Clarice is always optimistic, providing positive input. It is anticipated the role of Building Links and its creator will expand to increasingly become more influential to the shape and direction the development industry takes in the years to come. Clarice was one of the founding members of the Comox Valley Construction Association when it was launched 15 years ago by the Chamber of Commerce and she continued to be involved in the organization when it evolved to the Canadian Home Builders Association. She is one of the founding members and past President of the Comox Valley Home Business Association. She has also volunteered her time to participate as a board member for the Comox Valley Chamber of Commerce, Economic Development Society, the Creative Employment Access Society, the Comox Recreation Commission and is currently Vice President of YANA. Clarice has volunteered her time to participate as a board member for the Economic Development Society, the Creative Employment Access Society, Comox Valley Chamber of Commerce, the Comox Recreation Commission. During her five-year tenure as board member on the Comox Recreation Commission, the board successfully launched the construction and completion of a new Gymnastics Facility and was instrumental in helping get the referendum passed for the new addition to the Comox Recreation Centre. Clarice was invited to participate as one of a small group of business people in the Premier's Economic Summit for Vancouver Island. She helped put forward the idea to politicians and staff at the City of Courtenay with regards to the first

Habitat for Housing home that was built. When her weekly Building Links research and reporting is finished every week; Clarice fills in her time card writing a monthly construction and real estate column in Business Vancouver Island. Clarice also produces an annual Economic and Forecasting Event for the real estate and construction industry in the Comox Valley and North Island area. This annual event has evolved and grown every year, eagerly awaited for every January and subscribed to by a loyal cast of developers, real estate agents, municipal staff and politicians. This enduring commitment with all of its passion and its positive influence, building upon this sense of place that is the Comox Valley, is all about what it means to contribute to your profession in a meaningful way.

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