



Recognizing and Celebrating

The Business and Volunteer Community

of the

Sebasticook Valley Chamber of Commerce Area

Announcing the 8th Annual

Joyce Packard Community Spirit Award

and

2012 Business of The Year Award

2012 Nomination Deadline: January 6, 2012

Awards Presented: February 9, 2012 at the Chamber Annual Banquet

Additional Nomination Brochures available at your local Town Office,
the Chamber Information Center or online at www.ourchamber.org .

The Seabasticook Valley Chamber of Commerce takes great pleasure in announcing two annual awards to recognize and celebrate the commitment of the extraordinary people and businesses of the Seabasticook Valley Area. Today, our citizens' volunteer actions keep our communities functioning: our neighbors well, safe, protected; and, our area a place that boasts "quality of life."

These awards, sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, aim to highlight the many examples of commitment, impact on local issues or needs, leadership, innovation, and active citizenship. It is hoped that the awards have a dual effect: recognizing the invaluable contributions of the recipients and inspiring others to follow their examples.

A panel of community leaders with significant experience in volunteerism and/or service will select the recipients. The Chamber will recruit the community leaders and the selection process will be based on the materials submitted. All decisions of the panel will be final.

Criteria for consideration for

"Business of the Year Award"

The primary purpose of this award is simply to say "thanks" to area businesses for their contributions to our community.

1. Must be current member in good standing of the Seabasticook Valley Chamber of Commerce.
2. Must show a dedication to making our area a better place by giving back to the communities in some manner.
3. Factors of consideration would include the business:
 - reputation of honesty and integrity in their practices
 - innovative
 - committed to community
 - committed to diversity
 - demonstrated perseverance.
4. Growth in support of economic development of the Seabasticook Valley Area communities.

Criteria for consideration for the
“Joyce Packard Spirit of Community Award”

Joyce McKenzie Packard was a life long resident of the Sebasticook Valley area. She was a member of the High Street Church, Hospices of Somerset and Penobscot County, and was trustee chairman of Sebasticook Valley Hospital and the Maine Hospital Association Board. Joyce was proud to be a member of the Institute for Global Ethics and belonged to the Newport Woman’s Club, the Sebasticook Valley Chamber of Commerce, and other area clubs. She is remembered for her passion for life and her ability to have fun, all the while having a tremendous willingness to serve and give time in the support of what she believed in. Joyce was an outspoken community representative. She followed her heart to Siberia with the Patch Adam’s Gesundheit Foundation and on a missionary trip to Haiti. She enjoyed talking about those experiences and encouraging others to reach out and help the less fortunate. At the time of her death, she was working on becoming less judgmental and more accepting, more educated, more loving, more artistic, more serene, less hurried and less affected by daily interruptions from “crazy makers.” Joyce died in 2003, close to the waters of Lake Sebasticook that had warmed her soul with many peaceful contemplations amid her feathered friends of all varieties....

This award will recognize Joyce’s extraordinary commitment to the betterment of the Sebasticook Valley Area and the power and spirit of volunteering.

The Nominee will have some or all of the following qualifications:

- Must be a resident or located in the Sebasticook Valley Chamber of Commerce Area serving the communities of Corinna, Detroit, Dexter, Etna, Exeter, Hartland, Newport, Palmyra, Pittsfield, Plymouth, St. Albans and Stetson.
- Be an individual or organization, which has contributed to the life of someone in their community or to the improvement of the community through volunteerism.
- Be an individual or organization, which has made a significant difference through volunteer service to their community.
- Be actively involved in various community activities.
- Be an individual or organization, which has made a contribution to the Sebasticook Valley Area’s economic welfare and/or has made a considerable donation of resources to the community.
- Excel in volunteer leadership or administration

Official Nomination Form

Please print or type clearly. One Nominee per form.

2012 Award Category

____ Joyce Packard Community Spirit Award

____ 2012 Business of the Year Award

Person or Business Being Nominated

Name: _____

Address: _____

Town, _____ St: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____

FAX: _____ Email: _____

If nominee is a group or business, name of contact/spokesperson: _____ No. of
volunteers: _____

Nominator

Name: _____ Title: _____

Organization/business: _____

Address: _____

Town, _____ St: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____

FAX: _____ Email: _____

What is your relationship to the Nominee? (Supervisor, employer, neighbor,
etc.): _____

Anyone may nominate a business for the "Business of the Year Award" or an individual or an organization for "The Joyce Packard Community Spirit Award." Before submitting a nominee's name, review the criteria for both awards.

A Nominee Must:

1. Be a Chamber Member in Good Standing (for Business of the Year Award) or a resident of the Sebasticook Valley Area for "The Joyce Packard Community Spirit Award.
2. Be willing to be publicized in the Chamber Newsletter and other publications.
3. Be willing to come to the Chamber Annual Banquet to receive the award.

Summary of nomination activity:

Please describe, in no more than two (2) typed or printed pages, the nominee's activities that benefit the community or individuals. Be sure to describe why and how the business or person or organization you nominate meets the criteria for the award. Include a brief description, if appropriate, of the program in which they volunteer, number of people served, impact on the community and any other volunteer activities. For the Business of the Year Award include the impact of the member's commitment to the communities of the Sebasticook Valley Chamber of Commerce Area and professional accomplishments.

Optional Materials:

Along with the completed nomination form, you may include any of the following:

1. One letter of testimony from a person other than the Nominator.
2. The name of one additional reference with knowledge of the Nominee's volunteer activities or business impact.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Business Phone: _____ Home phone: _____

Permission to Nominate

Has the Nominee been notified of the nomination? _____

Submission Nominator's signature: _____ Date: _____

Send this completed nomination form and all required materials by Jan 6, 2012 to:

Sebasticook Valley Chamber of Commerce

PO Box 464

Newport, ME 04953

Questions? Contact the Chamber at the above address or at

207 368-4698 or by email at info@ourchamber.org