

June 9, 2008

Dear Friend of the Arts,

It is time to nominate candidates for the Arts Council's annual Greenville Honors Its Own Awards. Since 1987, the Arts Council has honored a native Greenville artist who has made a significant contribution to the world of art and been recognized outside the Delta for his or her work. In 1993, we added the Bert Miller Volunteer Award to honor a Greenvillian who has given tirelessly in time and energy to the arts; the Arts in Education Award for an educator who has inspired our students; and the Business Award for a local business that has consistently supported the arts with monetary and in-kind gifts. In 1997, the Special Achievement Award was established to recognize a significant contribution to the arts from an individual, organization or group of individuals. In 2001 we instituted the "Lifetime Achievement Award," and in 2005 it became the Georgie Fisher Lifetime Achievement Award in honor of one of the Arts Council's founders.

These awards have become an important part of the Arts Council's mission to promote and support the arts in our area, and your input is critical to the continued success of this program. All of us are active in the arts community here in Greenville and see the work that goes into producing our quality programming. Please take some time to review the attached materials and nominate those you think deserving of this special recognition.

We are planning to have this year's Awards Gala on Friday, October 10, 2008.

Enclosed: List of award categories with descriptions
 List of former award winners
 Nomination form

Please return completed nomination forms to the Arts Council by mail or fax before **July 11, 2008**. Mail to the Greenville Arts Council at 323 South Main Street or fax to 332-9290.

Sincerely,

Kathryn C. Lewis
Executive Director

Greenville Arts Council's Greenville Honors Its Own Awards

AWARD CATEGORY

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Artist

The Artist Award is given to an artist with Greenville roots who has achieved recognition outside the Delta for his or her work. The nominee need not currently reside in Greenville.

Bert Miller Volunteer

This award is given to the volunteer who has given time and energy to support the arts in Greenville for little or no compensation.

Arts in Education

This award is given to an educator who has enriched the lives of many with his or her support and enthusiasm for teaching, and love and knowledge of the arts.

Business

This award is given to the business that has displayed dedication to supporting the arts in Greenville through monetary and/or in-kind donations and/or through the commitment of their leadership and employees.

Special Achievement

This award is given to a person, organization or group of individuals who have contributed greatly to the cultural vitality of Greenville.

Georgie Fisher

This award is given when the committee feels that such recognition

Lifetime Achievement

is warranted by the recipient's lifelong contribution to the arts.

Lifetime Contribution To the Arts

This award is given to a person who has truly devoted his or her life to the arts and worked tirelessly on behalf of the arts in the community.

Greenville Honors Its Own Past Award Winners

Artist Award

2007	Hattie Winston
2006	Charles Wilson
2005	Gayden Metcalfe and Charlotte Hays
2004	Eden Brent
2003	D. Gorton
2002	Cornelius Carter
2001	Julia Reed
2000	Anne Rayner and Robbie Fisher
1999	Marilyn May Shields-Wiltsie
1998	William Beckwith (sculptor)
1997	Willie Foster (musician)
1996	Dan Guravich (photographer)
1993	Walter Turnbull (founder of the Harlem Boys Choir)
1992	Leon Koury (sculptor)
1991	Shelby Foote (historian/ writer)
1989	Bern and Franke Keating (writer and photographer team)
1987	Ellen Douglas (writer)

Arts in Education Award

2007	Trigg Elementary School
2006	Dr. Janice Neill Dean
2005	Washington School
2004	Iris Mitchell
2003	Delta Symphony Association
2002	Arthur Cartledge
2001	Howard Sanders
2000	Nell Thomas
1999	Flor Knowles
1998	Margaret Fields
1997	Margaret Fisher
1996	Kenneth Carter
1993	Herticene Jones

Special Achievement Award

2007	St. James' Episcopal Church
2006	Billy Johnson
2005	H. Ben Nelken
2005	Greenville-Weston Choir
2004	Delta Children's Choir
2003	Gene Dattel
2002	Louise Loughran
2001	Jay and Freda Stein
2000	The Delta Children's Museum
1999	The Mississippi Folklife Festival
1998	Dr. N.A. Bologna
1999	Delta Center Stage

Bert Miller Volunteer Award

2007	Betty Coleman
2006	First Pres Pots
2005	Roy Huddleston
2004	Kaye Ventura
2003	Dorothy Smith Nelson
2002	Richard Lovings
2001	Bob Hawkins
2000	Sonya and Tim Bixler
1999	Elgin and Juanita Turney
1998	Charlene Louwerens
1997	JoAnn Downing
1996	Mary Dayle McCormick and Becky Wasson
1993	Seymour Weiss

Business Award

2007	Reed-Joseph International Co.
2006	England Motor Company
2005	Delta Regional Medical Center
2004	Entergy
2002	The King's Daughters Hospital
2001	McCormick Book Inn
2000	Uncle Ben's
1999	Riverside Distributors
1998	Delta and Pine Land Company
1997	Las Vegas Casino
1996	Delta Democrat Times
1993	Planters Bank

Georgie Fisher Lifetime Achievement Award

2007	Benjamin Wright Jr.
2006	Lee Engel
2005	Besty Bradley
2004	Eddie Cusic
2003	Hodding Carter, III
2002	Georgie Fisher
1999	Kenneth Haxton

Lifetime Contribution to the Arts

2005	Willie May Maxey
2003	Leila Clark Wynn
2007	The Nash Family

Greenville Honors Its Own Nomination Form

Please return to the Greenville Arts Council, 323 South Main Street, Greenville, MS 38701, or fax to 332-9290 by Friday, July 11, 2008.

Nominee Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone, Fax, E-mail (if known): _____

Award Category:

- Artist
- Volunteer
- Arts Educator
- Business
- Special Achievement
- Lifetime Achievement
- Lifetime Contribution

Describe the nominee's contribution to the arts. For Artist Award nominees, please specify any achievement recognized outside our region. Please be specific and include as much factual information as possible. (Add additional pages as necessary.)

What is the nominee's Greenville connection?

Your Name _____

Address _____

Phone, Fax, e-mail _____