

Oshawa Art Association

10th Spring Art Festival

May 10 & 11th

10 am to 5 pm both days

Camp Samac Oshawa

(inside Council Hall building)

Enter at Conlin Rd, Gate

275 Conlin Rd. E., Oshawa L1H 7K5

FREE EVENT

Hourly draw for prizes

50 artists in all mediums

INCLUDING:

pottery & sculpture

beverage & snack counter by Berry Hill

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HONOURING VOLUNTEERS

The Ontario government is honouring more than 5,380 community leaders through the 2025 Ontario Volunteer Service Awards. This annual award celebrates both adult and youth volunteers for their outstanding contributions and ongoing service to organizations such as non-profits, schools, community centres, hospitals, libraries and community associations.

"The Ontario Volunteer Service Awards are all about celebrating the incredible people who give their time to make our communities stronger," said Graham McGregor, Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism. "Volunteers are the heart of Ontario, and we're truly grateful for everything they do to support and uplift those around them."

Individuals nominated by an organization will be honoured at one of the 40 local award ceremonies across the province between Spring and Fall 2025. They will receive a personalized certificate and a distinctive lapel pin, each symbolizing different ranges of dedicated service. These awards are designed to acknowledge adult volunteers for their continuous service in five-year increments, ranging from five to 65+ years, and youth volunteers for their continuous service of two or more years.

The 2025 award recipients dedicate their time to supporting a diverse array of organizations and causes, including assisting vulnerable individuals, hospitals, museums, libraries, as well as providing education on horticulture and conservation. These volunteers also serve as board members, engage in fundraising efforts, and contribute to the enhancement of the arts, citizenship, culture, heritage, environment, and recreation sectors.

Since 1986, more than 255,500 volunteers have been recognized through the Ontario Volunteer Service Awards.

This year, across 1,132 organizations, 759 youth and 4,623 adults will be recognized for their volunteer service.

The Ontario Volunteer Service Award nomination deadline is November 15 annually. Eligibility details are available online.

The Ontario Volunteer Service Award is the province's largest annual volunteer recognition program.

The Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism fosters an equitable Ontario and a sense of belonging by promoting citizen engagement and unity. In 2024, over 50 recognition program ceremonies celebrated the achievements of more than 7,200 recipients who make the province a better place to live.

The City of Oshawa has announced Lisa Weiss as the 2025 recipient of its Community Legend Award, recognizing her more than 55 years of volunteer service.

Oshawa city council acknowledged Weiss for her contributions to the community's cultural life. Throughout her decades of involvement, Weiss has played a role in strengthening Oshawa's arts, heritage, and music scenes through volunteering, advocacy, fundraising, and community-building efforts.

According to Oshawa, the Community Legend Award celebrates individuals and organizations whose everyday actions have a positive and lasting impact on the city. Weiss's dedication to connecting people and promoting cultural development exemplifies the spirit of this honour.

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