

CITATION FOR LINDA BATES VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR FOR 2015

Since moving to Verona in 1998 Linda has contributed immensely to the vibrancy of our community in many ways. She joined the Verona Community Association in 2004 and has enthusiastically contributed to the success of the Cattail Festival. She has served on the sponsorship team, has been manager of the Cameron's Bog, Vendor Village, and Children's Activities and managed the live on-stage entertainment. She is a very active committee member in the re-designed Verona Car Show

Linda is currently the Vice President of the VCA. Her activities as director in this organization focus on contributing to the meetings to discuss and plan activities for Verona and area. Besides the Cattail Festival, some of the popular events include the Fishing Derby, Christmas in the Village, Christmas Dinner, and Christmas for Kids, Flower Barrel Contest and Music in the Park.

Linda has been a member of the Boy Scouts for over 45 years and is a Guild Master of the 35th B-P Guild. She participated in the Haiti project over a seven year period, leading the coordination of repairs to a school and supplying the students with a multitude of donated educational and medical supplies.

She has participated in various roles in scouting. Linda is a member of the Women's Institute of Sydenham and is currently past president and the Frontenac District President.

Linda has donated many hours to the Southern Frontenac Community Services and is now employed to serve Diner's Clubs and Meals on Wheels. She goes beyond her mandate to provide excellent service.

Linda was on the committee for the 150th County of Frontenac celebrations managing the setup of the vendor village in Harrowsmith and the Verona Express.

She currently sits on the newly formed Seniors and Law Enforcement Together (SALT) committee.