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Volunteer Awards

The Phyllis Cohen Volunteer Award

The Dr. Clare Bice Volunteer of the Year Award

The Museum London Emerging Volunteer Award

The lifeblood of Museum London is its people and at the Museum *volunteers have unique and special roles to play.* They offer our organization their skills, their commitment, and their caring. By being involved throughout the Museum in a myriad of capacities, they enable visitors of all ages to engage in exciting and satisfying experiences. Through their dedication and enthusiasm, volunteers at Museum London help enhance the high quality programs and offerings for which the Museum is so well regarded.

In recognition of the tremendous work of volunteers throughout all facets of the Museum, and of the growth in volunteer involvement at Museum London, the Board has chosen to establish three annual Volunteer Awards. These awards give the Museum a chance to celebrate and show our appreciation of highly dedicated and energetic volunteers. Another initiative to act as an enhancement to our Volunteer Recognition opportunities this year is our annual Volunteer Appreciation Day to be held as part of National Volunteer Week in April.

Eligibility for the Volunteer Awards, and the opportunity to nominate, are open and inclusive. The nominating and selection process outlined here are meant to foster a large number of applications, and to ensure that three deserving individuals are selected and recognized at the Annual General Meeting of the Museum in May. It is the Board's wish that this process will demonstrate how Museum London and the community-at-large values our volunteers, their creativity, leadership, commitment to art and heritage, and wants to celebrate their importance and contribution.



1. Nominations must be received by 4:00pm on Friday, March 28, 2025 to:

ATTN: Amanda Brown Museum London 421 Ridout Street North London, ON N6A 5H4 OR abrown@museumlondon.ca OR by filling out the electronic form at museumlondon.ca/nominate-a-volunteer



- 2. Individuals cannot nominate themselves.
- **3.** Individuals can be nominated by an employee, volunteer, trustee of the organization, or a member of the general public.
- 4. Individuals may nominate more than one volunteer for each award.
- **5.** For every volunteer nominated, a separate nomination package must be submitted.
- 6. The nominees must be current volunteers or past volunteers within one previous year.
- 7. Permission must be sought from the person nominated.
- 8. Personal details provided on the nomination form may be passed on to partner organizations and to the media for publicity purposes. If you are not willing for any information to be shared in this way or if you do not wish media organizations to contact the nominee or nominator, please let us know as soon as possible.
- 9. Previous winners of the Phyllis Cohen Volunteer Award, the Dr. Clare Bice Volunteer of Year Award, or the Museum London Emerging Volunteer Award are not eligible for nomination for the same award again within 5 years. Unsuccessful nominations may be resubmitted for 2 years following the original nomination pending the nominee is still an active volunteer.
- 10. The Volunteer Services Committee of the Board's decision on entries is final. The Committee reserves the right not to present an award if they determine that nominations are not suitable.

Phyllis Cohen Volunteer Award

The Phyllis Cohen Volunteer Award will be awarded to a volunteer who demonstrates innovation, creativity, leadership and a positive impact at Museum London by contributing to new projects and initiatives, revitalizing their current volunteer role by providing fresh perspectives and highly focused areas of interest.

Phyllis Cohen brought a deep commitment to volunteering to Museum London, including serving as Chair of the Board. As an avid volunteer in not-for-profit and healthcare sectors along with the arts, she inspired many to donate their time and vision for expanding the quality of life in London, Ontario and beyond. Many artists connected with Phyllis because of her belief in their ability to communicate meaning and challenge their audiences in grappling with issues of our times. In particular, she believed the spirit of art gives all of us the opportunity for a better world. We pass on a piece of her legacy, in recognition of the exceptional contributions of a Museum London volunteer over this past year.

The recipient of the Phyllis Cohen Volunteer Award will receive a \$100 Gift Card to the Shop at Museum London as well as a Certificate of Recognition.

Eligibility / Qualifications

- · Minimum of two years of service
- · Can be a past volunteer within one previous year or a current volunteer
- \cdot Must demonstrate outstanding innovation, commitment or leadership and positive impact at the Museum
- Must contribute to new projects and initiatives, revitalizing their current volunteer role by providing fresh perspectives and highly focused areas of interest

Nomination Process

- · Complies with the nomination rules
- · Volunteer must meet eligibility criteria to qualify
- · Permission must be sought from the person nominated

The Volunteer Services Committee of the Museum London Board of Directors will jury the submissions and select the winning candidates. Only information supplied on the nomination form will be considered.

Submissions Process

Please submit the nomination form by **4:00pm** on **Friday, March 28, 2025** to **abrown@museumlondon.ca** or

Amanda Brown, Volunteer Coordinator

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Dr. Clare Bice Volunteer of the Year Award

The Dr. Clare Bice Volunteer of the Year Award will be awarded to a volunteer who has made a significant contribution, commitment and positive impact at the Museum by getting to know Museum London, its visitors and its staff in a variety of volunteer capacities, creating a well-rounded volunteer experience.

Dr. Clare Bice was the first curator at what is now Museum London from 1940 to 1972. He was also a teacher at the Doon School of Fine Art and the author and illustrator of five children's books throughout his lifetime. Dr. Bice's work conveyed atmosphere and a sense of place and community, not only in his children's stories but also in his paintings of Canadian landscapes. His humanitarian spirit was demonstrated through his determination for life-long learning and his establishment of weekend art classes for children, his Art in the Schools initiative and creation of our art lending library, a legacy that continued until 2023 as Museum London's art rental program. In 1973, Dr. Bice was made a Member of the Order of Canada for his contribution to the fine arts as painter, author-illustrator and gallery director.

The recipient of the Dr. Clare Bice Volunteer of the Year Award will receive a \$100 Gift Card to the Shop at Museum London as well as a Certificate of Recognition.

Eligibility / Qualifications

- · Minimum of three years of service
- · Can be a past volunteer within one previous year or current volunteer
- Must demonstrate a significant contribution, a commitment and positive impact at the Museum
- Will have volunteered for at least 100 hours in the previous year (ex. 100 hours served in 2020 if nominated in 2021) and will have provided meaningful interaction to visitors, staff and other volunteers

Nomination Process

- · Complies with the nomination rules
- · Volunteer must meet eligibility criteria to qualify
- · Permission must be sought from the person nominated

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Museum London Emerging Volunteer Award

The Museum London Emerging Volunteer Award recognizes a Museum London volunteer who has shown great initiative in their volunteer position, has a valued creative spirit and has a positive impact on the organization's success in fulfilling its mission.

The recipient of the Museum London Emerging Volunteer Award will receive at \$50 Gift Card to the Shop at Museum London

Eligibility / Qualifications

- · Open to all current volunteers with one year or less than one year of service
- Demonstrates hearty initiative, has a creative spirit and has a positive impact at the Museum

Nomination Process

- · Complies with the nomination rules
- · Volunteer must meet eligibility criteria to qualify
- · Permission must be sought from the person nominated

The Volunteer Services Committee of the Museum London Board of Directors will jury the submissions and select the winning candidates. Only information supplied on the nomination form will be considered.

Submissions Process

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Volunteer Award Nomination Form

l nominate	for the (choose one only):		
O Phyllis Cohen Volunteer Award	O Dr. Clare Bice Volunteer of the Year Award	O Emerging Volunteer Award	
Organization/Company:			
Address:			
Telephone:	E-mail:		
PRIMARY NOMINATOR (required)			
Name:			
Address:			
Telephone:	E-mail:		
Relationship to Nominee:			

LETTER OF SUPPORT

Why do you think this person stands out or is an inspiration to others and why should they receive special recognition?



Volunteer Award Nomination Form

LETTER OF SUPPORT (Continuted)

Please use examples to show how this person demonstrates an outstanding contribution, commitment and positive impact on the organization's success in fulfilling its mission.

I confirm that the information given is correct, to the best of my knowledge. This nomination is submitted with the permission of the nominee.

I have read and understood the nomination rules.

I understand that the information on this nomination form may be used for media and promotion messaging, e.g., press notices, social media, websites.

Primary Nominator Signature:	Date:

Nominee Signature: _____ Date: _____

How did you hear about the Museum London Volunteer Awards and Nominations? Please check all that apply:

Word of MouthSocial MediaMuseum London WebsiteFamily, FriendMediaWork PlaceOther WebsiteEventOther

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