



ARTHUR GIBB
Award
FOR INDIVIDUAL LEADERSHIP



Smart Growth Vermont is pleased to accept nominations for the 2009 Arthur Gibb Award for Individual Leadership, honoring an individual whose leadership has brought about a positive and lasting change in the way their community or the state integrates growth and conservation.

A Life Dedicated to Protecting Vermont's Landscape

Arthur Gibb dedicated much of his life to ensuring that Vermont is a better place for future generations of Vermonters. Beginning his public service as a “fence viewer” in the town of Weybridge, Arthur went on to serve his community and state in countless ways until his death in 2005 at the age of 97.

Arthur was first elected to the Vermont Legislature in 1962, where he chaired the House Natural Resources Committee. He was deeply involved in passing legislation to ban billboards, enact the state’s bottle deposit law, regulate junk yards and modernize statutes governing local and regional planning.

In 1969, Governor Deane Davis appointed Arthur to chair the Governor’s Commission on Environmental Control, commonly referred to as the “Gibb Commission.” The commission held many public hearings over the summer of 1969. The result of its work was Act 250, Vermont’s pioneering land use law.

In 1971, Arthur moved to the Vermont Senate, where he served successively as Chair of the Natural Resources and Finance Committees. He was held in esteem for creating an atmosphere of mutual respect and building consensus. When he took a position on an issue, there was never a doubt that he was motivated by the best interests of Vermont. At the end of his lengthy service in the Legislature, his colleagues found the funds to commission his portrait. The painting – one of only four on the Statehouse walls that do not honor former governors or generals – is testimony to his imprint on Vermont history.

Arthur also served for twelve years on the Vermont Environmental Board, including a year as Chair at the age of 86. By serving on the Board, which was charged with the administration of Act 250 as well as hearing appeals of Act 250 cases, Arthur demonstrated his commitment to maintaining Vermont’s reputation for healthy communities and a clean environment.

An Award Recognizing Vermont's Land Use Leaders

During his public service to Vermont, Arthur Gibb's success and reputation were attributable to his strong character and personal convictions. In honor of Arthur Gibb's legacy of commitment to safeguarding Vermont's values and unique landscape, Smart Growth Vermont will honor an individual whose leadership, vision and courage has brought about positive and lasting change in the way their community or our state integrates growth and conservation.

The Arthur Gibb Award is presented to a Vermont resident who, in service to their community and/or state, shares these characteristics while working to implement smart growth principles. Nominations should explain clearly and in detail how a nominee meets each of the criteria listed in the box below.

Selection Process

1. Nomination

Citizens from around Vermont nominate our state's "unsung heroes"

2. Evaluation

A committee made up of colleagues, friends, and family of Arthur Gibb review all applications

3. Presentation

The award is presented at an awards ceremony on September 16, 2009

Award Selection Criteria

Leadership and the ability to motivate others around shared goals related to community planning, and the preservation of Vermont's landscape, unique sense of place, and economic well being.

Vision to recognize the challenges facing Vermont's environment, landscape and communities now and in the future, and understand how those challenges can best be addressed through public policy and personal initiative.

Humility, expressed through respect for others, including those holding opposing viewpoints, and a willingness to work cooperatively and share recognition for accomplishments.

Commitment to Public Service, including a willingness to work for change without compensation or personal consideration.

Creativity in crafting innovative solutions, policies and programs that maintain Vermont's community life and unique sense of place.

The ability to **Balance** competing interests in order to forge consensus and build bridges between those holding opposing views.

Integrity and steadfastness in public service that earns the respect of colleagues, neighbors and diverse interest groups.

Third Annual Arthur Gibb Award Cover Sheet

Person submitting nomination

Name: _____ Affiliation (if any): _____

Mailing address: _____

Email: _____ Telephone: _____

Nominee Information

Nominee: _____

Organization (if any): _____

Mailing address: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Submission Requirements

Please submit a detailed description of the individual nominated and how they have brought about a positive and lasting change in the way their community or the state integrates growth and conservation. **Be specific about how the individual has demonstrated EACH of the characteristics outlined on the previous page.** Please limit the narrative to two pages.

All application materials must be typed on plain white letter-sized paper. In order to reduce waste and streamline the review process, please do not use any binding or cover materials. Please submit a total of six hard copies of the nomination narrative. In addition, please provide **full contact information** (name, address, phone, email) for at least three people who are familiar with the nominee's accomplishments. Finally, please be sure to fill out this cover sheet and include it with the application!

All materials must be postmarked by **APRIL 30, 2009** to be considered.

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