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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

NOMINATION PROCESS FOR AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE

It is that time of year again to think about who you know that has made an impact on you within Centre Wellington this year. Is there someone who has provided you with outstanding service? Now is the time to sing their praises and nominate them for a Centre Wellington Community and Business Awards of Excellence. The gala will be held on Thursday, May 16th, 2013 at the Fergus Grand Theatre.

This year the Committee is shaking things up, with a new venue, reduced ticket price and sponsorship opportunities. The theme is '**Centre Wellington celebrating in GRAND STYLE!**' We will have a reception before the event however there will not be a sit down dinner. Other details will be announced as they are finalized.

The CW Chamber of Commerce is proud to recognize businesses that have reached 25 and 40-year milestones. If you are or know of a business reaching one of those milestones please let us know.

Last year the Awards of Excellence Committee made significant changes to the Nomination Process to make it easier to nominate in one or more categories! There are two nomination groups – one can be self nominated or nominated by someone else – then the Nominee is contacted to complete the nomination form.

Nominations are now OPEN and nomination forms are available online at http://www.cwchamber.ca/admin/index.cfm?fuseaction=pages.edt&page=AoE_main

GROUP 1

To NOMINATE a business, individual or organization in the following categories: Agriculture/Agri Business; Business Beautification; Business or Home Based Business (under 15 employees); Business of the Year (15 or more employees); Community Award of Merit; Cultural, Arts, Tourism Impact Award; Environmental Excellence; Skilled Trades; or Youth Entrepreneur.

1. Complete the Award Nomination Cover Page giving pertinent contact information of the Nominee and you as the Nominator. While it is wonderful to be nominated by someone else, these categories may be self-nominated, so do remember to recognize your own business if you qualify! **Deadline Friday, February 8th, 2013.**
2. A staff or committee member will contact the Nominee and give them a Nomination package to complete in as much detail as possible. **Completed Nomination packages must be received by March 1st, 2013 at 4 pm** at the Chamber office..

GROUP 2

The following categories Citizen of the Year, Youth Citizen of the Year, Customer Service Excellence and Corporate Citizen of the Year – you must be nominated by someone else. .

1. Complete the appropriate Award Nomination Cover Page and specific category criteria. For these categories the Nominator will need to tell us all of the excellent qualities the Nominee possesses and gather letters of support, if needed.

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Note to Nominees in BOTH Groups- the Adjudication Committee base their decisions on the content in the Nomination package only – so we ask you to provide as much relevant information as required. Include photos, letters of support, other awards received, etc.

To submit a nomination go to

http://www.cwchamber.ca/admin/index.cfm?fuseaction=pages.edt&page=AoE_main

and fill the nomination form online (for most of the awards), some nominations require letters of support or photos, the pdf forms can be printed, completed and returned to the Chamber office. OR drop by the Chamber office 400 Tower Street South, Fergus between 10 am and 4 pm to pick up forms.

Would you like to volunteer on the Nomination committee or assist with set up and take down on the day of the event? Please contact Roberta to discuss possibilities at 519-843-5140.

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