



# Crystal Apple Award Gala

The Columbia County Chamber of Commerce is proud to present the 17th Annual Crystal Apple Award Gala on February 24, 2006. The prestigious Crystal Apple Award is a stunning Steuben lead crystal apple. The apple symbolizes Columbia County's simple beauty, agricultural heritage and quality of life.

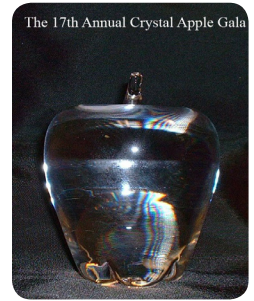
Criteria: The Crystal Apple Award is bestowed on a Chamber member business to recognize an extraordinary contribution to economic progress, community improvement, and the quality of life in Columbia County during 2005.

Eligibility: All Chamber member businesses are eligible. Criteria must have been accomplished during 2005.

Process: The Chamber is seeking candidates for nomination. To present a candidate for nomination, please submit in writing, reasons why a Chamber member business should be considered for a nomination for the Crystal Apple Award. Please provide specific information/examples based on but not limited to one or more of the following criteria:

- Significant Improvement of Community Services
- Expanded Educational Opportunities
- Private Investment
- Job Creation
- Visible demonstration of confidence in the County's economic future
- Distinguished Involvement in Civic Affairs

All candidate recommendations submitted by the close of business on January 13, 2006, will be reviewed by the Chamber Board of Directors, who will vote to create a slate of five official nominees. The ballot of official nominees will then be mailed to the membership for voting. Votes received by the close of business on February 17, 2006 will be counted. The winner will be announced at the Crystal Apple Award Gala on February 24, 2006, at Stair Galleries and Restorations.



### Previous Recipients:

- 2005- Stageworks/Hudson and Kaz, Inc.**
- 2004- Dunn Builders Supply**
- 2003- Face Stockholm**
- 2002- Kaz, Inc.**
- 2001- Midhudsonmedia**
- 2000- Gro Max Ltd.**
- 1999- Empire Homes**
- 1998- HADA (Hudson Antique Dealers)**
- 1997- St. Charles Hotel**
- 1996- Old Chatham Shepherding Inn**
- 1995- Ed Herrington, Inc.**
- 1994- Taconic Farms**
- 1993- Green Manor Nursing Home**
- 1992- Board of Supervisors/William Better/Commerce Park**
- 1991- Hudson City Savings Institution**
- 1990- The Independent Newspaper**

### Candidate for Nomination

Name of Business: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of contact person and telephone number at the candidates business/organization:

Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Please describe the activities undertaken in 2005 by the nominee, which in your judgement, qualifies the candidate for nomination for the Crystal Apple Award based on the criteria listed above. Please fax or mail this form to the Chamber by January 13, 2006. (Please attach an additional sheet if necessary.)

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Nomination submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_

Business: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_