



Crystal Apple Award Gala

The Columbia County Chamber of Commerce is proud to present the 20th Annual Crystal Apple Award Gala on February 27, 2009. 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.

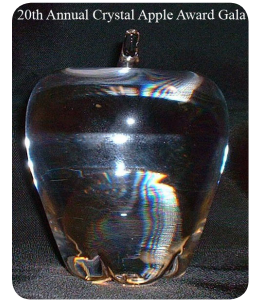
Criteria: The Crystal Apple Award is presented to a Chamber member business to recognize an extraordinary contribution to economic progress, community improvement, and the quality of life in Columbia County during 2008.

Eligibility: All Chamber member businesses are eligible. Criteria must have been accomplished during 2008.

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 5, 2009, 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 20, 2009 will be counted. The winner will be announced at the Crystal Apple Award Gala on February 27, 2009.



Previous Recipients:

- 2008- Firemen's Home of the State of NY**
- 2007- Columbia Memorial Hospital**
- 2006- Lipperra's at the Chatham House**
- 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/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 2008 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 5, 2009. (Please attach an additional sheet if necessary.)

Nomination submitted by: _____

Business: _____

Phone number: _____

Date: _____