



## **The Susie Huston Memorial Award for Excellence in Teaching 2013-2014**

### **About the Award**

The Susie Huston Memorial Award, a long-standing OMA tradition, is given each year to a Montessori educator in the OMA community who exemplifies excellence and inspiration in teaching. Susie Huston was a long-time Montessori guide in the community whose life was tragically ended in a car accident in 1992.

### **Eligibility**

The Susie Huston Memorial Award is eligible for current Montessori teachers in the Oregon & SW Washington area. While it is not a requirement that they be a member of OMA, we hope that they will have contributed in some way to the larger Montessori community.

### **Criteria**

There are no hard and fast requirements in terms of number of years in the classroom, or training affiliation. Instead, we seek to recognize nominees who are passionate about Montessori, who demonstrate a deep understanding of the Montessori method, and have integrated theory and practice with grace. We will take into consideration whether nominees have been nominated before and the diversity of nomination letters. We will also endeavor to recognize teachers from a diversity of schools that may or may not have received this recognition before.

### **Nomination and Review Process**

To nominate yourself or another individual, please return one completed copy of the Nomination Form and at least 3 letters of support postmarked or emailed by Friday, April 4th, 2014. Nominations from fellow teachers, administrators, parents, or students are accepted. Please fill out the form below, even if you are nominating someone who has been nominated in years past. An external review committee comprised of former award recipients, administrators and guides from a variety of schools, and current OMA board members will review all nominations in March and recipients will be notified by April 15<sup>th</sup>.

### **Award Ceremony**

The recipient of this award and the OMA Outstanding Dedication Award are honored at our Annual Spring Tea in May. The recipient and their families, friends and colleagues are welcome and encouraged to attend this celebration.

### **About the Oregon Montessori Association**

The Oregon Montessori Association was founded in 1978 by Nancy Hildick and Susan Erceg to bring together all those interested in the Montessori process, parents, and educators. From the very beginning, it was envisioned to be an umbrella organization, maintaining a policy of inclusiveness and respect for the diversity of Montessori training available in the United States. For thirty years now the OMA has been serving the needs of Montessori guides, administrators and assistants, directly contributing the strength and vitality of Oregon's Montessori community. As we move into the 21st century, the OMA actively seeks ways to continue to serve its members and increase the vital presence of Montessori education in the Pacific Northwest.

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**Nomination Form**

**Nominee Contact Information**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_

School  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Administrator: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominated by  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Nominee:  
\_\_\_\_\_

If the nominee is selected may we contact you for materials to include in the recipient's  
scrapbook?  
\_\_\_\_\_

May we share the letters of support with your  
nominee? \_\_\_\_\_

If the nominee is selected, who would you suggest to present the award at the OMA Spring Tea?

Name/Contact  
Information: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Letters of Support**

Please submit three letters of support. The top of each letter must clearly identify the name of the nominee. Each letter should also include the supporter's contact information and their relationship to the nominee and specifically address the ways in which the nominee meets the criteria of this award. If the letters are submitted by mail, they should be submitted together. If they are submitted online, they may be submitted separately. Letters of support will not be returned.

Please mail this nomination form by Friday, April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2014 to the following address:

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If you have any questions please contact Laura Pilkington at 503.688.0526 or by e-mail at [info@oregonmontessori.com](mailto:info@oregonmontessori.com).

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