

Awards: Three Astorians win George Award

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ty events, cleanups, trail improvements and more.

"They have been behind the renaissance and revitalization of Warrenton's downtown," Balensifer said.

The couple were tricked into attending the banquet when current Spruce Up Warrenton Director Jeanne Smith told them she couldn't attend because she and her husband had to be out of town.

"It was a real surprise and a real honor," Brenda said.

"But, you know, there are 14 or 15 people who do as much or more than we do."

They felt humbled by all the nice things said about them that night.

"I had heard of the Richard Ford award before, but hadn't realized who he was or what he had done," she said.

The award is issued by the chamber and co-sponsored by both the chamber and the city of Warrenton.

The award is named for Richard Ford, who served as

the city's building inspector and fire chief and who was a tireless volunteer on behalf of the community. The Ford Award serves as a citizen of the year award for the city of Warrenton.

About 130 people attended the annual meeting, banquet and awards ceremony held at the Clatsop County Fairgrounds.

GEORGE AWARDS

Astoria also has a top award for citizens who get things done, the George Award.

This year's George Award winners are Judi Lampi and Janet Bowler of the Astoria Nordic Heritage Park, and Kevin Leahy, director of the Small Business Development Center at Clatsop Community College.

"They didn't just 'let George do it,' (a reference to how the award got its name), Astoria Mayor Bruce Jones said of Lampi and Bowler. "Each of them in their own right has a long history of getting good things done – of doing the work that needs to happen without hesitation or complaint."

Together the women have shepherded a six-year historical park project to near completion, overseeing more than \$1.5 million in donations, Jones said.

"Together they helped make the soon-to-be-completed Nordic Heritage Park a beautiful, educational, and moving tribute to generations of brave, hard-working immigrants who helped make Astoria the unique and special place it is today," he said.

Leahy and the team he has built "have generated and preserved millions of dollars in local economic development and are responsible for new and saved jobs by the hundreds," former state Sen. Betsey Johnson said in

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Award winners, left to right, are Chris Laman, Lois Perdue of Hamptom Lumber, Kevin Leahy, Janet Bowler, Judi Lampi, and Norm and Brenda Hoxsey.

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