



## Belfast Area Chamber of Commerce Nominees for 60<sup>th</sup> Annual Chamber Awards - 2020

### **Business Growth Award - \_\_\_\_\_**

A Chamber Member business that has successfully expanded, renovated, created an innovative new line, or increased employees in the past year.

- Among Friends Salon** – expanded their salon and added skin care, a full line of make-up, and an infrared sauna.
- Bahner Farm** – expanded their robust farm stand to meet the take-out needs of the community and offer products from other local producers as well as their own produce.
- Belfast Maskers** – have settled into their new theater with brand new interior artwork, new seating, and energy efficient upgrades including heat pumps to comfortably allow year-round entertainment. They continue to write grants and fundraise to expand their offerings and allow the building to be used by the community at large.
- Belfast Soup Kitchen** – expanded into a beautiful new facility to serve the community in need.
- Captain Nickels Inn** – added tavern service and several new programs for the entertainment of their guests.
- Cornerspring Montessori School** – expanded to Middle School grades and added a successful Summer Day Camp program to help during the COVID-19 crisis.
- NR Bookkeeping Services, Inc.** – moved to spacious new offices in the Rte. 1 Moss Tent building and continues to hire employees to keep up with their growing business demand.
- Outdoor Sportsman** – recently unveiled their new 30,000 square-foot space featuring outdoor equipment and clothing, a gun room, a basement archery range, and plenty of retail space, as well as room to expand in the future.
- Write-In: \_\_\_\_\_

## New Business Award - \_\_\_\_\_

A new Chamber Member business that has been around for three years or less and holds the promise of being here for many years to come. The new business may be creative, innovative, unique and/or fills a need in the community.

- Belfast Drug Company** - Personalized Service with expertly trained pharmacists and friendly staff that take pride in making sure your pharmacy experience exceeds expectations. Experience a custom drive thru, expanding delivery service and top-notch customer service.
- CG Bikes** – Established on the ground floor of United Farmers Market, this rental, repair, and sales bike business is growing and has expanded to Main Street.
- Crumbs Provisions** – Makes breakfast and brunch prepared meals as well as seasonal dinners. All made in-house with as many locally sourced ingredients as possible. They also cater to gluten and dairy free customers with a variety of dishes and desserts. Upon opening, they have developed a large social media presence which has made them a household name in Belfast.
- Julz Makes** – An addition to the local creative economy, this sewing-focused store offers equipment and supplies, finished products and education for all levels of seamsters.
- North Star Adventures** - Inspiring personal growth, self-awareness, creativity, and wellness through outdoor experiences, Nancy also collaborates with other community organizations and businesses to provide amazing outdoor opportunities for folks of all ages and abilities.
- Perennial Cider Bar** – Already an award-winning and unique venue, Perennial offers traditional and heritage hard ciders from Maine and beyond, along with dishes inspired by the products of our local farms, forests, and coastline.
- The Only Doughnut of Maine** – A hit from day-one, this creative doughnut shop produces traditional favorites and unique new twists every morning.
- Stockton Harbor Yurts** – Created an authenticated Maine experience for vacationers that visit the region. The yurts are nestled in Stockton Harbor, surrounded by woods, yet only a short walking distance to the oceanside.
- Write-In: \_\_\_\_\_

## Hometown Heritage Award

A Chamber Member business that has been around for more years than we can remember and is a bedrock in the community. They contribute experience, knowledge, and wisdom to other businesses.

- Bay Area Fitness** – 45 years serving our community, it is one of the best equipped gyms in Maine, with pricing plans and detailed workouts and training for patrons of all skill levels.

- ❑ **Belfast Variety** – Over 20 years serving locals & travelers, it is a bustling and friendly stop for most everything you need.
- ❑ **BlueJacket Shipcrafters** - The oldest model ship and model boat company in the US. They have been in continuous operation since 1905. They continue to specialize in the design and manufacture of fine wooden model kits, custom built models, antique restorations/repairs, and model ship fittings.
- ❑ **Colonial Theater** – Over 100 years in our community, it has a rare ability to show both new releases and topical films of local interest.
- ❑ **Mathews Brothers** - Began making window products for New England in 1854. Their manufacturing plant in coastal Belfast, Maine combines our generations-old commitment to quality with state-of-the-art equipment and materials to build vinyl windows and doors.
- ❑ **The Purple Baboon** – Celebrating 20 years in business. The Purple Baboon is a great gift shop downtown located near the waterfront. They sell unique items for the whole family.
- ❑ **Searsport Antique Mall** – is a page out of a by-gone era. With almost 30 years in business, they are one of the area's largest dealer shops situated in a town noted for its maritime heritage and many fine antique shops.
- ❑ **Young's Lobster Pound** – Originally established in 1930. Young's opened a new restaurant by the wharf in 1980. It lures customers with shore dinners, an aquarium with a capacity of 30,000 lobsters from which diners could choose their own meals, and seating that could accommodate 500 diners.
- ❑ Write-In: \_\_\_\_\_

## Waldo County Business Award

This award recognizes a Chamber Member from Waldo County, or just somewhere outside of greater Belfast, that has demonstrated sound business development, civic involvement, and support for our overall business community.

- ❑ **Anglers Restaurant** – 20 years in business, they are committed to serving the public and supporting the community which surrounds it. By procuring local ingredients as frequently as possible, they strive to keep money within the local community.
- ❑ **Chase Toys Inc.** – Part of the growth of the Unity area, they have added a new, expanded showroom to better serve their customers and honored the original owners by displaying vintage memorabilia.
- ❑ **Maine Alpaca Experience** – They welcome visitors from far and wide into their rural community providing free tours and education about the amazing creatures that produce the finest quality alpaca fiber in the nation.

- Owl Furniture** - By listening to their customers, they provide unique and creative ergonomic solutions for work and play. Their mission is to create fine handcrafted furniture in a way that honors Economy, Ecology, and Community.
- PAWS** - Provides care for homeless dogs and cats until they can be placed in permanent, responsible homes while promoting humane values in our community through outreach and educational programs.
- ReVision Energy** – An extremely successful energy-efficiency business which recently constructed a brand-new building in Montville with solar panels and car recharging stations.
- Skelton Taintor & Abbott** - National legal rankings puts their attorneys above the rest. Because their lawyers love living and working in smaller communities, they can offer their proven expertise at a significantly greater value to businesses around the region and beyond.
- UniTel** – Focusing their business growth on coverage to rural Waldo County communities, they have been operating on an Enhanced Fiber Optic Network for years and continue to upgrade their equipment and facilities.
- Write-In: \_\_\_\_\_

## Citizen of the Year

This award recognizes a person who has made an outstanding positive impact in Waldo County during the past year or so, either through a single event or on a continuous basis. Nominees can be from any occupation, including business, education, services, medical, government, a charitable organization or they can just be a resident.

- Daniel Waldron and Kathleen Dunckel** – Reviving a great Belfast business (two, actually!)
- Greg Dutch** – Transitioning out of a long-held family business that has served our community.
- Ned Lightner** – A stalwart of our community, Ned is always “Somewhere in Waldo County” (pun intended) consistently showcasing people, places, businesses, and yes, Chamber activities, that celebrate and contribute to what we love about the area.
- Rob & Dorothee Newcombe** – Champions for Lincolnville Beach, and a force behind the long-awaited approval of an upgraded water treatment plant for the beach businesses.
- Jim & Joyce Richards** – Whether it is Jim’s over 50 years of service to the Belfast Fire Department or Joyce’s civic involvement as an emergency responder and poll worker, this couple has served the community tirelessly.
- Write-In: \_\_\_\_\_

## Innovation & Adaptation Award (NEW)

A Chamber Member business that has fundamentally and creatively innovated and adapted to the unique challenges of the recent pandemic and its economic fallout to continue serving our community.

- Ananda Yoga** – Adapted to indoor restrictions by providing online classes but importantly creating a waterfront series of healthy activities at Steamboat Landing that has engaged the community and energized their followers.
- Bahner Farm** – Improved curbside pick-up of produce and other products to enable a safe and convenient farm-stand shopping experience.
- Bell the Cat** – Quickly moved to online ordering, their drive-through window and Saturday delivery service to keep up their food service to the community.
- Colburn Shoe Store** – Adapted their very personal service to be safe and able to be utilized remotely, through informative social media and even a size-mat outside the store for customers to safely determine their correct shoe size.
- Colonial Theater** – Moved to a digital-delivery model to make great movies available to the community online, while sharing in the proceeds to keep our cherished local theater healthy into the future.
- Lincolntonville General Store** – Embraced curbside (front porch) pick-up from the start of the virus shutdown and flexed their menu, payment, and service options to continue to be available for their community.
- The Game Loft** – Adapted from hands-on programming for their young members to remote programming and a very generous program to deliver lunch to kids across our community during this time of need and isolation.
- Trillium Caterers** – Pivoted from an event-oriented caterer to a delivery service of ready-to-finish-at-home meals and side dishes – “Trilly” offers an easy way for you to “be fancy to yourself.”
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