

Name of Nominee: Marni Chadwick

Community: I am born and raised in Assiniboia, SK. I have lived there my whole life, except for the 4 years I attended the University of Regina to obtain my B. Ed. My husband and I also own property in the RM Village of South Lake, SK where we have a cabin and spend our summers.

Position Nominated For: Director (2-year term)

Involvement in performing/visual arts: As a child my parents took me to Arts Council concerts. My earliest memory is of a puppet show, and a second childhood memory was seeing Frank Mills in concert at our local high school (put on by our Arts Council) and getting to meet him after the show. I still have the book of music my mom bought for me that night, which Mr. Mills signed for me. Growing up being exposed to the arts, led me to raise our children in the same way.

In 2011, once both our children were in school full time, I joined the Assiniboia & District Arts Council as a member at large. I learned a lot those first couple of years and loved every minute of being a part of the Arts Council. I took on the role of Treasurer, and then Performing Arts in Schools Coordinator, which led to being on the Performing Arts in Schools Jury several times. I am still currently active in both these roles.

My daughter created our website and now that she is away at school in Ontario, I have taken over the role of updating the website and looking after online ticket sales. I head several of our fundraising endeavours, including applying for lotto licenses, making tickets and posters, and promoting the fundraiser. I cover many little behind the scenes things too, such as, selling and promoting our season passes, variety packs and individual concert tickets; contacting patrons about upcoming events and opportunities; making the posters for our Performing Arts season; and volunteering to help other arts council members with whatever they may need (like snacks for the Summer Arts for All Camp).

I was raised in a family where volunteering was an important part of what our family did on a daily basis. "See a need, fill a need" was how we were brought up.