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## **Seeking Nominations for the 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Gladstone M. Hill Friend of the Arts & Humanities Award**

Portsmouth, VA - The Portsmouth Museum & Fine Arts Commission seeks nominations for the 22<sup>nd</sup> annual Gladstone Hill Friend of the Arts Award. The nominee should meet the following criteria:

- Nominee should have demonstrated a commitment to the arts and humanities in Portsmouth through advocacy/appreciation, volunteerism, cash and/or in-kind contributions, membership in cultural organizations, purchase of art, attendance at performances and exhibitions in the community.
- Award will recognize all areas of the arts & humanities including visual arts, performing art, literary works, history and education.
- Nominee may not be a current member of the Museum & Fine Arts Commission, or on the staff of the Portsmouth Museums.
- Nominees may be an individual, family, or organization which collectively meets the criteria. Only one award will be presented to the recipients.
- Nomination/selection should reflect community orientation of the recipient's support of the arts and humanities rather than emphasis on one organization or art form.

Your letter should include ways that the nominee meets the criteria and why the nominee is deserving of receiving this award. The deadline for submission is August 8, 2014. If you have questions, please call 757-484-7449. To see a list of past winners please visit [www.childrensmuseumva.com/portsmouth-fine-arts-commission.html](http://www.childrensmuseumva.com/portsmouth-fine-arts-commission.html).

Please send your nomination letter to:

Portsmouth Museum & Fine Arts Commission  
521 Middle Street  
Portsmouth, VA 23704

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