

The Canby Livability Coalition's Annual Community Spirit Award is in **recognition of individuals or businesses that exude commitment to our community. The honor is awarded to a Canby resident who is passionate about enhancing the livability of our community, as well as, being innovative, proactive problem solvers.** The Canby Livability Coalition is proud to introduce to you the 2006 recipient of the Community Spirit Award.

This individual is well known and respected in Canby, and over the years has become an integral part of our business community. This recipient continually sets the standard of being involved by balancing work, family and civic commitments. Ladies and Gentlemen, I am proud to introduce to you the 2007 Community Spirit Award winner, Pam Casciato of Wallflowers Framing Gallery.

I'd like to share with you briefly about her examples of community spirit and her ongoing support with the efforts of Canby Livability:

- Pam is not only a hard working professional and civic minded person she is also the proud mother of 3 boys. She has found the art of balancing priorities as a mother and business owner while being an active member of our community. Pam is truly a spirited individual who enjoys her profession as well as being a part of the festivities and projects what make Canby so special.
- Pam sees the value that art plays in our community. She has a vision of promoting artists through her business as well as community projects in Canby. Wallflowers, her successful framing business of more than 6 years, gives residents of Canby exposure to art that they otherwise would not have experienced. Her store provides more than just the service of quality framing, but gives art a place to be showcased in Canby. Artists in our community have found a "home base" in Canby through the resources, connections, and space that Wallflowers Gallery provides. Pam promotes the arts and she is passionate about bringing like minded people together. Pam is active in school art programs and often provides fund raisers to support the arts in education. She is continually thinking of innovative ways to bring children and art together. Pam's business plan includes community, not only because it is good for business but more importantly because it is the right thing to do. Without Pam's vision and Wallflowers presence in Canby, the arts would definitely experience a void in our town.
- Pam has also been instrumental in helping the Canby Livability Coalition with the promotion and development of the Canby Greenspace and Art Park. Pam has held several fundraisers of her own to support the purchase of the land for the park and continues to help with the development by being a store front for the project. She has dedicated a space in the gallery for the conceptual drawing, forms for brick sales, updates and donations. She has written a letter of support for our grant writing endeavors and personally promotes the park to artists within our community. Whenever we are in need of assistance with promotional material such as signage, display materials or resources for services Pam is enthusiastic about being involved. Pam has given numerous hours to the Art Park project and is considered an instrumental supporter in our success so far.

Pam on behalf of the Canby Livability Coalition thank you for your outstanding commitment to the community of Canby.