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## West Lorne woman named Elgin County Ambassador for 2011

Grace McGartland, Chair of The Arts & Cookery Bank, West Lorne is Elgin County's Ambassador of the Year for 2011.

Elgin County Ambassadors are people who volunteer their time to help promote business throughout Elgin County and actively participate in the growth and development of the County. The Ambassador of the Year is awarded based on points that are given to ambassadors for a variety of items including attendance at quarterly meetings, recruiting new members, promoting Elgin County at events, and informing Economic Development staff about new business in the area.

McGartland has represented the County at numerous events over the past year, has spoken about Elgin's Creative Economy at several conferences and organized the Western Elgin Interactive Showcase in October 2011. She sits on the County of Elgin's Economic Development and Tourism Advisory Committee and represents Elgin County on the Board of Directors of the Southwest Ontario Tourism Corporation.

"We would like to thank Grace for her commitment, creativity

and enthusiasm," said Bill Walters, Elgin County Warden. "Her involvement and contribution has been an immeasurable asset to our Economic Development program."

The Elgin County Ambassador program is open to entrepreneurs, business owners and community leaders.