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Merlin G. Rostad Receives First Civic Award

The Greater Cedarburg Community Foundation has presented Merlin G. Rostad with the first annual Cedarburg Civic Award. The award was presented at the Foundation's Civic Celebration held at the Cedarburg Cultural Center. The Civic Award recognized Merlin as a leading citizen of the Cedarburg community for more than 50 years. Besides being an involved and longtime resident of Cedarburg, Merlin was also honored as a successful industrialist, artist and former Cedarburg mayor.

"We are proud to salute Merlin Rostad for his continued civic support. He has been actively committed to the Cedarburg area for many years and was an early supporter of the Foundation. He has helped us to get the Foundation off to a great start as we move forward with our mission to support cultural, artistic and community projects that contribute to

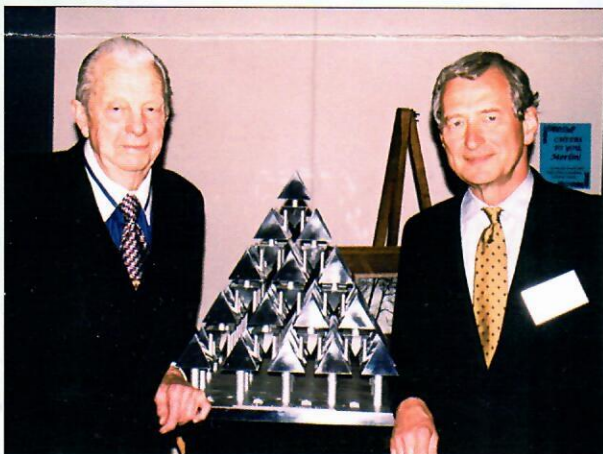
Cedarburg's civic vitality," said Paul Hayes, Foundation board member, in introducing Merlin.

After graduating from the Art Institute of Chicago in 1942, Merlin settled in Cedarburg in 1949, where he became interested in pursuing public affairs. Shortly after, he was appointed to the Planning Commission and started his own precision aluminum mold-making company in 1953. Rostad Aluminum Corp. continues to operate successfully under the management of the Rostad family. Besides proving himself an accomplished artist and businessman, Merlin served two successful terms as mayor of Cedarburg from 1958 to 1966. In addition to his involvement in Cedarburg, Merlin has served on the boards of Luther Manor for 10 years, Wisconsin College of Music for 18 years and the Milwaukee Art Museum, also for 10 years.

Merlin is also highly recognized throughout the Cedarburg community for his one true passion, art. He merged his career in precision metal work with his artistic talents to create large aluminum sculptures. His artwork can be seen in collections at the Mayo Clinic and Concordia College in Moorehead, MN, his alma mater.

On August 11, 2003, Merlin

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Merlin Rostad (left) and Mal Hepburn

Thank You Jim Coutts!

The Cedarburg Civic Celebration included a thank you to former Cedarburg Mayor James Coutts for his vision in recognizing the need for a Foundation to provide ongoing support for Cedarburg. In 2002, he formed a small steering committee whose goal was to determine if there was support in the community for a foundation. A year later the committee officially formed the Greater Cedarburg Community Foundation.

"This is a man who really cares about Cedarburg," said Mal Hepburn, Foundation president. "If it was not for the motivation and dedication Jim gave to this initial project, the Foundation would not be where it is today. Jim's leadership and innovative ideas created a Foundation that does exactly as the mission statement describes, which is to provide support for artistic, cultural and community service projects that contribute to Cedarburg's civic vitality. The Foundation truly thanks Jim Coutts for all his efforts and dedication in supporting the Cedarburg community."

Know Someone Who Loves Cedarburg?

Foundation Board members welcome the opportunity to meet and talk with people who may be potential supporters of the Foundation. All we need is the name – we'll do the rest. Contact Mal Hepburn at (262) 377-9070.



Layton and Barbara Olsen presented the check that put the Foundation "over the top." From left are Mal Hepburn, Barbara and Layton Olsen, and Chad Koehler.

Foundation Surpasses Endowment Goal

The Greater Cedarburg Community Foundation exceeded its endowment goal of \$500,000 by raising \$544,000 by the end 2002. This includes a generous matching grant of \$100,000 from the Greater Milwaukee Foundation, and contributions from over 85 individuals and businesses. This initial fundraising effort provides a solid base for the foundation's continued growth in the future.

"Our success is not due to any one of us, but rather to the affection that the people of Cedarburg exhibit towards their town. But this is just the beginning. We continue to welcome additional financial contributions that will help to build our endowment," said Mal Hepburn, Foundation president. To make a donation to the Foundation, or for more information, contact Mal at (262) 377-9070.

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and Gladys Rostad will celebrate their 70th wedding anniversary. The Rostads have three children and five grandchildren.

The Cedarburg Civic Award will be presented each year to an individual who has been instrumental in supporting the Foundation and the Cedarburg community.

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