



# SAUGEEN SHORES HALL OF FAME

## *Ray Fenton* *BUILDERS AWARD*

*Inducted: May 31, 2023*

- Ray has been a strong community minded person his entire life whether it was as a Father, Grandfather, Educator, Bruce County School Board Trustee, fundraiser, and Developer, volunteer and Craftsman.
- President of the Port Elgin Chamber of Commerce in 1967, Ray helped negotiate a joint venture between the Town of Port Elgin and Bruce County School Board to build a community pool in the new Saugeen District Secondary School.
- Was a Teacher Representative on the Bruce County Board of Education Committee to establish an Outdoor Education Center (OEC) in Bruce County.
- Was a teacher when the current site was purchased in 1973. The original OEC started using dormitory trailers from Ontario Hydro and portable classrooms from the school board.
- In 1997 Ray helped to organize a group of volunteers to fundraise to replace all the temporary structures with permanent ones at the OEC.
- Ray is a trustee of the Outdoor Education Trust, which owns the OEC land and is an Honorary Director of The Bluewater Education Foundation.
- Ray is a strong Philanthropist who donated the 10 acres of land below the shoreline hill to allow for a publicly owned trail system.
- Ray donated the land that the YMCA Child Care is situated on and supervised the construction of the Center for the YMCA.
- Ray was the land developer for the south west 180 acres of Port Elgin know as Bluewater Estates.
- Ray is a member of the Grey Bruce Woodturners Guild who donates Beads of Courage bowls to the Sick Kids Hospital as well as wig stands for cancer patients.
- He has hosted the Turnfest Exhibition, a Provincial wood turning symposium in Port Elgin at his workshop.
- He built and donated trophy/display cases for the Plex and Municipal Offices
- He is a strong believer in Conservation and is the only Life Member of The Port Elgin Sportsman Club.