

**SPECIAL FEATURE:** ENTREPRENEUR OF THE YEAR  
AWARD WINNERS & SPONSORS

A newsletter by and for graduates of the Self Employment Program coordinated through The Training Group at Douglas College.

# Congratulations Entrepreneur of the Year Award Winners!



**AWARD WINNERS** (from left to right): Glenda Watson Hyatt, Soaring Eagle Communications; Mike Londry, Westside Pest Control; David Aroeste, Green Comfort Systems; Edward and David Van Vliet, Van Brothers Forming Ltd; Carol Wiens, BrightStart Children's Academy Ltd; Marie Oyama, Divine Vines Ltd; Heather McArthur, Quilter's Connection Magazine Ltd; Linda Greven, Fun-Wey Tutoring Services; Tanuja Dabir, Saakori Lifestyle Inc.  
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On October 20, 2010, during small business week, we celebrated our Crystal Anniversary and the 14th annual Entrepreneur of the Year Awards. The sold-out event of over 400 people was once again held at the Coquitlam Executive Plaza Hotel ballroom. Dignitaries, business, community and college representatives and program alumni celebrated our graduates' business successes and accomplishments.

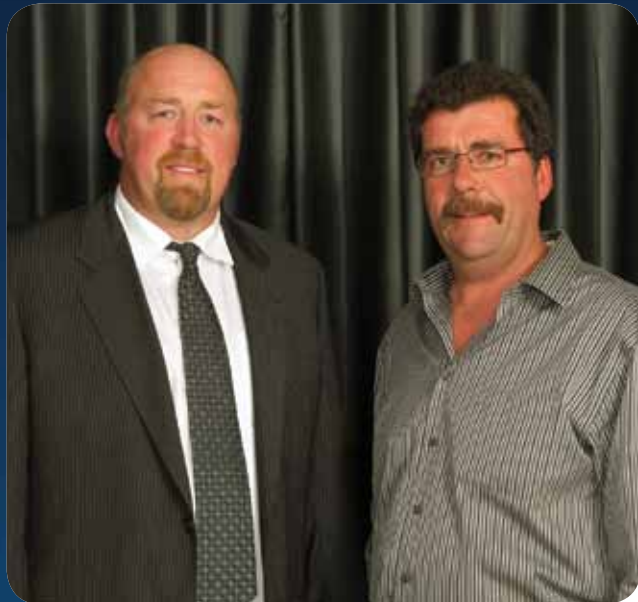
We honoured 31 people, representing 28 businesses, from 18 different intakes who have dared to be remarkable. The overall Entrepreneur of the Year Winners were Ed and David Van Vliet from Van Brothers Forming Ltd. in Surrey, who originally attended the 4th intake of the SE program; they too are celebrating 15 years in business.

There were also category award winners from intakes as recent as intake 143. This was the first year the awards night had finalists and winners from the New West Program, launched just two years ago.

The event was also a chance for graduates to get together with new program participants, share success stories with staff, enjoy great food and win cash and door prizes.

**ENTREPRENEUR**  
of the **YEAR**  
**AWARDS**

# 2010 Crystal Celebration



## Dave and Ed Van Vliet, Van Brothers Forming Ltd.

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### City of New Westminster Entrepreneur of the Year Award



Van Brothers Forming Ltd. specializes in architectural and structural concrete for the industrial, institutional and commercial industries. Alumni from Intake 4 of the Self Employment Program, Van Brothers Forming Ltd. has undergone tremendous growth over the past fifteen years and currently employ up to 45 workers.



## Heather McArthur, Quilter's Connection Magazine Ltd.

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### City of Coquitlam Home Based Business Award

Quilter's Connection is the only national magazine dedicated to the art of quilting in Canada. Heather has grown a 300 person non-paying readership into a profitable quarterly magazine with over 3,000 paying subscribers, and a place on the shelves in Chapters.



## Marie Oyama, Divine Vines Ltd.

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### Staples Business Depot Retail Award

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## Glenda Watson Hyatt, Soaring Eagle Communications

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## Tanuja Dabir, Saakori Lifestyle Inc.

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# Entrepreneur of the Year Award Winners



**David Aroeste,**  
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## The Now Construction & Manufacturing Award

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**Linda L. Greven,**  
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## Alliance Printing Perseverance Award

Fun-Wey is a North Vancouver Tutoring company specializing in helping kids learn to get and stay organized; we make learning FUN! Rather than dwelling on hardships, Ms. Greven has overcome adversity to drive her business to success.



**Carol Wiens,**  
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## Make It Business Magazine Service Award

BrightStart Children's Academy provides early learning and childcare for children aged 12 months to 12 years. Her vision was to create a great learning environment for children, in the form of a daycare centre, not in her home, but in a full-fledged facility.



**Mike Londry,**  
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## Rockingham Engineering Consulting Award

With a serious passion for environmental issues and a keen interest in innovative new technologies, Westside Pest Control leads the industry in effective, eco-friendly treatment methods.

A spectacular night like this would not have been possible without these program graduates who supplied their services and whom we are so proud of their success:



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Advisor and Alumni

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