



16th Annual **ETHEL TIBBITS AWARDS 2009**

Business



Mark Patrick photo

Ami McKay (second from right) receives the Ethel Tibbits Award from Mayor Malcolm Brodie, Leslie Matheson of Richmond Centre and Mary Kemmis.

The winner

AMI MCKAY

Interior designer Ami McKay believes in maintaining a balance between beautiful spaces and the need to protect Mother Nature. So in 2007, Ami launched Pure Designs Inc., her own line of sustainable home furnishings.

She uses materials that are biodegradable and sustainable, and all finishes and internal materials keep the environment and health in mind. Her products are manufactured locally by people who share Ami's vision. Ami also co-hosts HGTV's *Makeover Wish*, a feel-good series for deserving rural Canadians nominated for a \$25,000 home makeover.

Nominee

ANGELA LEUNG

The secret to Angela Leung's success at Broadway Cameras at Aberdeen Centre is her genuine belief that customer satisfaction is key. Angela is a mother of two who has focussed her efforts on developing an infomercial program for her customers. She believes that it is crucial to educate her customers about the pros and cons of products they are considering buying. Through her vision, she has built Broadway Cameras' reputation as a reliable store with trustworthy staff who care. In the community, she volunteers her time to organize social events, teaches new immigrants to sing at the Richmond Chinese Community Society, and last year organized a successful fundraiser at River Rock.

Lynda Terborg

As a realtor, Lynda Terborg's job is to help with life's transitions.

Whether her clients are buying up or down, they're not in it alone. She is there every step of the way and uses her talents in problem solving to guide them to the right solution.

First, she helps them understand market trends so that together they can create a marketing proposal that is spot on for the local economy. Then, they work as a team to move forward to where they want to go.

Lynda says that keeping a sense of normalcy and not taking risks is something she ensures when buying or selling a home.

She offers services for staging, de-cluttering and gives suggestions on how to market homes attractively.

As a community minded person who has lived and worked in Richmond, Lynda loves giving back to the community. "I think it is in our innate make-up," she says. "Life is just about giving back."

Lynda sees Richmond with a strong future and is excited to be a part of it.



Diane Dupuis CFP, CLU, CH.F.C.

Despina Williams GBA

Iwona Nawisielska CFP

Dupuis Langen Financial Management offers a variety of financial and consulting services to the business and family communities at large.

Diane Dupuis is an entrepreneur by nature and a Financial Planner by design, working primarily with corporate clients. She supports continuing education and is always looking for ways to offer better solutions, exceptional service, and greater expertise. It is her drive and ambition that has built Dupuis Langen Financial Management into one of the most respected companies in the insurance industry in British Columbia. Today, she heads a team of 13 advisors & account managers who share her quest for excellence.

Iwona Nawisielska is a Certified Financial Planner who works in the personal and family market. She is a focused advisor who knows the value of planning and is dedicated to ensuring the success of her clients.

Despina Williams is a Group Benefits Associate (GBA) with a passion for the employee benefits market that has blossomed into a full-blown love affair. Despina works with clients in the private and public sectors as a consultant on their benefit programs.

Angelina Amato came to us in 2008 with over 15 years of experience in the financial services industry. She has successfully completed the Canadian Securities Course, earned a Diploma of Technology in Financial Planning at BCIT and will be going on to earn her CFP (Certified Financial Planning) designation.

Vanessa Leech specializes in the young professionals market and is passionate about her role in educating people about their financial well-being. She can easily be persuaded to give seminars wherever a group of interested people gather.

Graham Sawrey is an Associate Advisor who has a thorough understanding of the financial challenges facing most Canadians today and can offer solutions to deal with them. He is analytical by nature, outgoing by personality, and dedicated by profession. Creative solutions are his bread and butter..... call him for a financial check-up.

Supporting our advisors are a number of account & service representatives: **Karen Paul, Nancy McRae, Phyllis Keenie, Ann Fry, Giovanna Lau, Jennifer Nim and Eric Tetley.** Each brings a depth of experience and an attitude of excellence.



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