



Second Annual “Mary Ruell Citizen of Ashland” Award



Mary Walsh Ruell, who passed away in 2013, was a longtime resident of Ashland and born on the Fourth of July in 1916. She was extremely active in community affairs, serving on the school board, as a trustee of the Memorial Park, as a member of the budget committee and numerous other town committees. She was a volunteer member of many area organizations, including the Ashland Historical Society, the Ashland Woman’s Club, Squam River Covered Bridge Committee, Ashland Community Closet, Memorial Park Committee, Plymouth Area Community Closet, Speare Hospital Association, St. Agnes Church, Democratic Town Committee, Ashland Garden Club, Fourth of July Committee, and numerous others.

In memory of Mary Ruell’s endless devotion to community service in the Town of Ashland, the Fourth of July Committee has created the “Mary Ruell Citizen of Ashland” Award. This annual honor is for an individual or group who has made a noteworthy contribution to Ashland. Last year’s recipient was Marion Merrill.

*Anyone can nominate an individual or group whom they feel deserves special recognition for their outstanding civic pride and commitment to the betterment of Ashland. The nominee does not need to be a resident of Ashland.

* Only one (1) nomination is needed for consideration and can be submitted every year. However, a recipient cannot receive the award two (2) consecutive years.

*The recipient will receive a certificate of recognition and have their name placed on a plaque which will be added to each year and publicly displayed in Ashland.

*Nominations may be submitted in writing to “Mary Ruell Award”, PO Box 12, Ashland, NH 03217, by email to ashlandnhindependenceday@gmail.com or in person at a meeting of the Fourth of July Committee or to any member.

The selected honoree will be announced by mid-April.