



# GRINDSTONE AWARD



**1988**

**C. Bruce Hardy**

I moved here by choice 43 years ago and have loved every minute of it, Early on I made a commitment to myself to give something back to the community for all it has given me and my family. I hope in some small ways I have.”

With these words, Bruce Hardy, winner of the 23rd annual Grindstone Award for civic service, accepted the trophy presented by Discover Berea Chamber of Commerce.

Bruce is a native Ohioan, born in Cleveland. He attended Lakewood schools, graduated from DePauw University in Indiana and spent most of his working life in the advertising business in Cleveland. Since 1974 he has been a self-employed marketing consultant in Berea.

His community involvements have touched many Berea institutions, quite a few in a musical way, for music has been a large part of the life of this active citizen. He sang in Baldwin Wallace College’s Bach Festival for 16 years, with the United Methodist Church choir for nearly 40 years and in the “Grindstone Four,” a local barbershop quartet. Drama and musical comedy, with Berea Little Theatre and Berea Summer Theatre, were a natural extension of his love for the fine arts. An instrumental musician as well, Bruce played with the

“Front Street Five Plus,” a dixieland band, which frequently performed for area organizations and community events.

Civic service with Kiwanis, Boy Scouts, the YMCA and United Appeal received his attention, along with PTAs, Berea High Boosters and Band Boosters.

He was an evening extension instructor at Baldwin-Wallace for four terms and served Discover Berea Chamber of Commerce in publicity and historical records.

In more recent years, Bruce turned to public service, as his father, Alva, had before him. He served one term as Councilman-at-Large and two terms as President of Council.

Bruce has been a board member of Tri-City Senior Center and of Woodvale Cemetery. Currently he is a board member of the Berea Historical Society.

Bruce and his wife Muriel, the 1977 Grindstone winner, have both woven their lives deeply into the fabric of Berea. The result, Bruce says, has been an enriching and a rewarding experience.

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