

The 2022 Bloom Magazine Community Award Winners

During the Bloom Holiday Party at the Woolery Mill on December 13, *Bloom* founder, editor, and publisher Malcolm Abrams presented the 2022 Bloom Community Awards.

Bloom Magazine has four missions: to support local businesses, local charities, the arts, and diversity. The Bloom Community Awards were created to honor individuals who uphold these missions in Bloomington. The crystal awards have four pillars, each representing one of the Bloom missions.

THE 2022 AWARD WINNERS ARE:

Jeff Mease and Lennie Busch

Support of Local Businesses

Since opening their first restaurant, Pizza X, in 1982, Jeff Mease and Lennie Busch have been running an exemplary business. They own One World Enterprises, which includes seven Pizza X stores, Lennie's restaurant, Hive restaurant, One World KitchenShare, One World Catering, and One World at Woolery Mill.

At the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, when so many restaurant workers and others were laid off, Mease and Busch made sure that the unemployed workers and their families would not go hungry by instituting Operation Family Meal. With the help of other restaurateurs and food suppliers, they distributed close to 20,000 meals prepared by the One World staff to families across Monroe County, in addition to sending 130 meals to the night shift workers at the two local hospitals every night.

Elizabeth Mitchell, Gladys DeVane, and Danielle Bruce

Support of Diversity

Resilience Productions is a theater company created by three women who believe in the power of storytelling. Danielle Bruce, Gladys DeVane, and Elizabeth Mitchell share a mission to enlighten and engage the public regarding the many untold stories of African Americans throughout the state of Indiana. Together, they research, write, and produce live multimedia performances inspired by actual historical people and events.



The Bloom Community Awards recognize outstanding contributors toward supporting Bloom's four missions. The 2022 winners were (l-r) Lennie Busch and Jeff Mease for support of local business; Michael Shermis for support of local charities; Elizabeth Mitchell, Danielle Bruce, and Gladys DeVane for support of diversity; and Dave Weber and Krista Deter for support of local arts. Photo by Lisa Spencer

Krista Deter and Dave Weber

Support of the Arts

Krista Deter is an award-winning musician, composer, and writer and her husband, Dave, is an award-winning producer, engineer, and owner of Airtime Recording Studios. Together, the duo has worked for 15 years producing Krista Deter's Holiday Show, which raised thousands of dollars for local non-profit organizations.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, Deter and Weber launched The Hundredth Hill Artist Residence & Retreat on their 50-acre farm. They hosted a group of New York University graduates in an outdoor staging of what would be the only live traditional theater experience anywhere in the country at the time.

Michael Shermis

Support of Charities

Michael Shermis is a part of countless nonprofit boards and volunteers his time and services hands-on. Some of these include being a board member at the Bloomington Rotary Foundation, as webmaster for the Breast Cancer Awareness Walk, an event chair for Hoosiers Outrun Cancer, a committee member for the Lotus Endowment Task Force, and a CASA volunteer advocate for four children. Shermis has been recognized with a National Distinguished Leadership Award, the Mary Alice Gray Memorial Award for exemplary volunteer service, the Keyway Award from the Bloomington Rotary Club, and the Melody Martin Awareness Saves Lives Award. ✨



Each crystal pillar on the Bloom Community Award represents one of Bloom's four missions.