



## FOUNDERS AWARD 2010

Elizabeth Baird

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### About the award:

*Cuisine Canada's Founders Award is given on occasion to those Canadians who have achieved a lifetime of service to the culinary community of Canada. They may be come from any field of culinary endeavour. They must have a national presence.*



### About the recipient:

The 2010 Cuisine Canada Founders Award is being presented to Canadian culinary icon Elizabeth Baird by Canada's Minister of Agriculture & Agri-Food, the Honourable Gerry Ritz, and Cuisine Canada Founder Anita Stewart.

Elizabeth Baird is recognized and deeply respected for her knowledge of and unwavering commitment to the food and food life of Canada. Her career spans nearly four decades. Her first cookbook, *Classic Canadian Cooking*, was published in 1974 and has become a fundamental contribution to food writing in Canada. During her many years with *Canadian Living* magazine, Elizabeth broke so much new ground that it's impossible to recount her full resume. Before Cuisine Canada existed she understood the dream and took the time to prepare and deliver a paper at the very first Northern Bounty conference in Stratford, her home town, in 1993. The subsequent year, she attended Cuisine Canada's founding meeting in Montreal where the charter and bylaws were hammered out and this organization's collective journey began.

Elizabeth believes that food, lovingly prepared and shared, encourages us to connect with each other and to nurture and sustain our Canadian rituals, traditions and heritage

She has attended feasts, festivals and fall suppers across the country, has visited restaurants, family kitchens and schools, finding and sharing stories and recipes that feature the very best of Canadian cuisine. She cooks in both official languages.

Now "retired" from her position as Executive Food Editor of *Canadian Living*, she volunteers at Fort York National Historic Site in Toronto as an Historical Cook, and continues to mentor and support young culinarians with her work on the Board of the Stratford Chefs School. And she still finds time to exercise her knitting skills in the service of Sick Children's Hospital.