

FEIST TEA OVERVIEW

In the beginning...Ruth Cronenberg initiated the idea of an event to recognize and celebrate WCC members who were, unbeknownst to the club, making many contributions in the community. She approached the WCC Board and then President Carol Cutter Hawkins with the idea of organizing an event to celebrate long time members who had displayed a feistiness as they worked vigorously to contribute to the greater community. Thus, the Feist Tea was born, a name originated by Ruth and agreed upon by the originating committee. The planning committee comprised of, but not limited to, Ruth Cronenberg, Carol Cutter Hawkins, Nancy Walters, Future Vincent-Hicks, and Marge Davis, received input from Louise Spiegel (known as Queen of the Feist Tea) and a number of WCC members. With the play on the word feisty, it was determined that the event would be held as and embrace a “tea” theme.

Originally held in 2010 at The Barrington, the first Feist Tea honored six long time members. Since 2010, this event has grown and evolved to honor more than long time women members. Beginning in 2018, in recognition that membership was now inclusive of men who play an active and vital role in the WCC, the Feist Tea committee began including male members on the honoree slate.

Over the years, as the Feist Tea event has matured and evolved, and in recognition that WCC partners with individuals and groups who may not be WCC members, the Feist Tea nominating process was revisited and revised. Beginning in 2021 all WCC members were invited to nominate individuals for the Feist Tea Honoree slate. In addition, in recognition of the fact that there are individuals who are not WCC members, but embrace and embody the mission, vision, and goals of WCC, nominations were opened to include one non-member honoree.

Thus, as time has evolved, a number of changes to the Feist Tea have been made, but a significant constant continues to exist, i.e., WCC’s ongoing goal to honor individuals who are committed to educating, empowering, and engaging Cincinnati citizenry in working towards an equitable and thriving community that works for all people.

Feist Tea Nominating Process

All WCC members are invited to submit nominations for the upcoming Feist Tea. Nominees should embody the mission and vision of WCC, demonstrating a courageous, energetic, enterprising, and creative approach to promoting the greater good of our community. In addition, non-members may be nominated if they have made significant contributions to WCC and/or the Greater Cincinnati community and embody WCC’s mission and vision.

A Feist Tea honoree Selection Sub-committee, made up of Feist Tea Committee members and WCC Board members, will meet by the end of October to choose honorees based on member nominations.

Feist Tea Honoree Criteria

- A feisty honoree should embody the mission and vision of the WCC, demonstrating a courageous, energetic, enterprising, & creative approach to providing for the greater good of the community.
- Consideration should be given to the nominees' contributions to the WCC and/or the regional community.
- Non-members – One honoree slot will be reserved for a contributing partner who embodies the mission and vision of WCC.
- 3 honorees may be selected annually.