

Nominations sought for women's award

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An advisory panel to the Miami Beach City Commission is seeking nominations for the "Women Worth Knowing Award," given annually to women who have contributed to the fabric of city life.

"We're trying to honor some fabulous women doing some notable things in the community, living not for themselves but for others," said Elizabeth Schwartz, an attorney and a member of the city's Commission on the Status of Women.

According to award criteria, nominees must be city residents or have maintained a business in the city for at least two years. They should be involved in activities for the "betterment of the community on a local, state or national level" and should share professional experience and expertise with those in need. A nomi-

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nee's activities and interests should reach beyond the home and the workplace.

Previous recipients of the award, issued since 1993, include community activist Phyllis Miller, politician Elaine Bloom, Judge Amy Karan, Rabbi Rachel Hertzman and Beach Commissioner Matti Herrera Bower.

"This is an opportunity to take note of women who don't always get the praise they deserve," Schwartz said.

The commission will probably give four awards this year, Schwartz said.

Nominations are due Jan. 13 and can be faxed to 305-673-7782 or e-mailed to webmaster@ci.miami-beach.fl.us

Awards will be given out in March, during Women's History Month.