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Lieutenant Governor's

Contario Heritage Award recipients 2011

The annual Lieutenant Governor's Ontario Heritage Awards recognize volunteers and communities for outstanding contributions to the identification, preservation, protection and promotion of Ontario's heritage. For more information on the recipients and their achievements, please contact the nominating council or school.

Lieutenant Governor's Ontario Heritage Award for Lifetime Achievement

- 1. **Louise Bédard**, nominated by the Township of Champlain
 Louise Bédard is co-founder and president of Patrimoine L'Orignal-Longueuil Heritage and a
 member of Les amis de la Maison Macdonnell-Williamson House. She has worked on
 commemorative and heritage activities in her community.
- 2. **Ruth Brown**, nominated by the Municipality of Bluewater Ruth Brown has given 35 years of service to heritage preservation in the community of Bayfield. She was a founding member of the Bayfield Town Hall Restoration Committee as well as the Bayfield River Valley Trail Association.
- 3. **Margaret Buxton**, nominated by the Town of Oakville Margaret Buxton has volunteered her time to the Oakville Historical Society for nearly 30 years. She is Director and Archivist and is currently working on recently donated 1800s land deeds and mortgage documents to be added to the collection.
- 4. **Fay Clelland**, nominated by the Municipality of Whitestone Fay Clelland has volunteered in her community since 1981. She is a founding member and current president of the Whitestone Historical Society. Her work includes producing booklets for walking tours and planning annual history fairs for her community.
- 5. **Harry Lumsden**, nominated by the Town of Aurora Harry Lumsden is respected worldwide for his work in rehabilitating trumpeter swan populations in central Ontario. He continues to tag, track and organize data pertaining to trumpeter swans in Ontario and opens his Trumpeter Swan Gardens to the public. He is a member of the Order of Canada and recipient of the Distinguished Ornithologist Award.
- 6. **David Moule**, nominated by the Town of Mono
 As a volunteer with the Bruce Trail Conservancy, David Moule has served as Trail Captain on the trail at Lion's Head to Barrow Bay, which involves organizing seminars and designing new trails. He has also volunteered for the Caledon Hills Bruce Trail Club as Landowner Relations Director.

7. **Michelle Quealey**, nominated by the Town of Penetanguishene

Michelle Quealey was instrumental in drafting the Town of Penetanguishene's heritage bylaws and in establishing their first Local Architectural Conservation Advisory Committee (LACAC) in 1978. She has volunteered for Heritage Penetanguishene, and continues to give time to the Huronia Historical Resource Centre and the Simcoe County Historical Association.

8. **Peter Russell**, nominated by the Regional Municipality of Waterloo

Peter Russell is a geologist, author and teacher who was instrumental in founding the University of Waterloo's Earth and Environmental Sciences Museum. He has created numerous travelling exhibits, a mineral gallery and founded a rock garden. He now volunteers for the Earth and Environmental Sciences Museum and the Waterloo Wellington Children's Groundwater Festival.

9. Marion Sheridan, nominated by the County of Brant

Marion Sheridan is a long standing member of the Architectural Conservancy of Ontario Brant and is the owner of Derryharney Estate, a designated heritage property. She is a founding member of the Burford Historical Society, has served on the Burford Township Heritage and Tourism Development Committee and is a member of the Brant Heritage Advisory committee.

10. Alan Skeoch, nominated by the City of Mississauga

Alan Skeoch is a teacher, broadcaster, author, historian and public speaker. He has volunteered his time with the Mississauga South Historical Society and the Port Credit Village Project. He is also a past member of the Board of Directors for Heritage Mississauga.

11. **Dorothy Turcotte**, nominated by the Town of Grimsby

Dorothy Turcotte is a member of the United Empire Loyalists, Grimsby Historical Society and Head-of-the-Lake Historical Society. She has written numerous books on the history of people and places in the communities of Niagara, Halton and Hamilton-Wentworth, including the official biography of the only Canadian inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame, Fergie Jenkins Jr.

12. **Kenneth Veitch**, nominated by the Town of Bracebridge

Kenneth Veitch is nicknamed "Father Town" in honour of his knowledge of Bracebridge and Central Muskoka. He created the Veitch Index, which lists the names, events, clubs and churches found in historical books that relate to Bracebridge. In 2002, he received the Queen's Jubilee Commemorative Medal recognizing his outstanding contributions to his community.

13. **Reg White**, nominated by the City of Stratford

Reg White volunteers with Heritage Stratford where he advocates for the preservation of historic buildings. He was Chair of the Save City Hall League, which successfully saved Stratford City Hall in the 1970s. He is a member of the Perth County Historical Foundation, the Stratford Horticultural Society and Chair of the Site Development Committee for the Fryfogel Arboretum.

14. **Gordon Winter**, nominated by the Township of North Glengarry Gordon Winter is an author. He wrote a weekly column about his community in the Glengarry News and was principal author of the book, *Maxville: Its Centennial Story*. He also donated his collection of books by Canadian author and Glengarry native Ralph Connor, to the Glengarry Pioneer Museum for the enjoyment of his community.

Lieutenant Governor's Ontario Heritage Award for Youth Achievement

2011 Black Heritage and Culture award and scholarship in celebration of the International Year for People of African Descent:

• Michelle Lafleur, nominated by École secondaire publique De La Salle (City of Ottawa) Michelle Lafleur has volunteered on Black History Month initiatives for the Haitian community in Ottawa since 2006. Recently, she devoted her time to Haitian earthquake relief efforts and was active in assisting with preparations for a remembrance event on January 12, 2011. She made buttons and assisted with mail outs with the aim of raising awareness and funds for earthquake relief. She has also organized exhibitions of Haitian art and poetry, has led concerts and has participated in a multitude of cultural activities in her community.

Individual award and Young Heritage Leaders scholarship:

• Thomas Andrew Doughty, nominated by Lakefield District Secondary School (Township of Smith-Ennismore-Lakefield)

Thomas Andrew Doughty is a role model in his community. He has volunteered at Lang Pioneer Village in Keene for over four years and has coached youth soccer for five years. At Lang Pioneer Village, he has become an invaluable interpreter and provides training to his peers as part of the Youth Interpreter Program. He has learned the art of blacksmithing and shows this unique skill to visitors to the Village's blacksmith shop. He also provides interpretation in the carpenter's shop and the print shop and leads children's games at the Village's annual Spooky Halloween event.

Group award:

• Centre Dufferin District High School War Memorial Rededication Team (4 members), nominated by the Town of Shelburne

This group of Grade 12 students has shown initiative, leadership and commitment to the rededication of the War Memorial at Centre Dufferin District High School (CDDHS). The Team began their campaign to rededicate CDDHS' War Memorial in spring 2008. Over two years, they planned, researched and raised funds to improve and update their school's historic Honour Scroll, working with the Dufferin Museum and Archives and the community. A rededication ceremony at CDDHS was attended by over 800 veterans, students and guests. This project is a source of pride to students, alumni and their community.

Lieutenant Governor's Ontario Heritage Award for Community Leadership

Population under 10,000

Township of Lake of Bays

The Township of Lake of Bays, located within the District Municipality of Muskoka, works diligently to preserve, protect and promote its built, cultural and natural heritage. Since 2006, the Lake of Bays Heritage Committee has maintained a Heritage Register that inventories designated properties and properties deemed to have heritage significance in their area. Currently, seven properties in Lake of Bays are designated under the Ontario Heritage Act. The Township also offers a Heritage Tax Relief Program for property owners and the Heritage Committee carries out community outreach to promote heritage conservation among property owners. Two provincial plaques in the municipality commemorate local heritage and the Township has participated in Doors Open Ontario in partnership with the Muskoka Heritage Foundation. The Heritage Committee has been acquiring artifacts that interpret the area's past; they also offer a Heritage Walking Tour and an Ontario Visual Heritage DVD.

Population of 10,000 to 50,000

Township of Scugog

The Township of Scugog has shown a long-standing commitment to community heritage. The Township recently designated the Downtown Port Perry Heritage Conservation District, adding to their Heritage Register, which lists designated properties as well as properties of cultural value or interest. Scugog recently completed a multi-million dollar Waterfront Revitalization Project that enhances cultural activities on the waterfront with an improved Scugog Memorial Public Library. The Township also aided in restoration of the habitat and natural features of Lake Scugog. Scugog continues to support local museums with the development of the new Scugog Shores Heritage Centre and Archives and projects like "Scugog's First Peoples: A Living History" and the Ojibway Heritage Interpretive Lands. The Township has developed heritage walking tours, a Virtual Museum of Canada exhibit on the historic Hamlet of Greenbank, and Bruce Park, a commemorative green space. Scugog has also maintained a Heritage Scugog Awards program since 2008 and has nominated community members for Ontario Heritage Trust Recognition Programs awards since 2003.

Population over 125,000

City of Brampton

The City of Brampton has shown dedication and perseverance in its efforts to preserve, protect and promote its heritage. In 2011, the City made the Designated Heritage Property Incentive Grant Program permanent and extended the eligibility for this grant to commercial buildings. That same year, the City of Brampton completed the restoration of Ebenezer Community Hall, reconstructed the historic Canadian Pacific Railway station at Mount Pleasant Village, and is continuing the restoration of the Alderlea estate. Brampton actively maintains a web portal that provides current heritage information, including all heritage registers, key documents, active projects, outreach and marketing materials, and heritage-related forms. The City also has a program for protecting pioneer cemeteries and a tree preservation bylaw. The City supports the Brampton Heritage Board, collaborates with the Brampton Historical Society, and works with the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority and Credit Valley Conservation. The City of Brampton has a heritage plaque program, interpretative signage program, an impressive downtown heritage walking tour booklet, and hosts a Heritage Week tradeshow.

Region of Waterloo

The Region of Waterloo is a leader in promoting the heritage of its seven municipalities and providing stewardship to Region-owned heritage resources. A major recent accomplishment was the opening of the new Waterloo Region Museum. The Region also owns and operates Doon Heritage Village, Joseph Schneider Haus, McDougall Cottage, The Governor's House and Gaol, Woolwich Township and Region of Waterloo Archives and the Regional Curatorial Centre. The Region supports the conservation of heritage bridges, scenic roads, public buildings and cultural heritage landscapes, and has worked with its municipalities on Doors Open Ontario events, Grand River Heritage Day Workshops, developing Public Art Tours and a Heritage Bridge Recognition Program. A Cultural Mapping Project has been undertaken with municipalities to record heritage properties, historic sites, monuments, museums and archives, in addition to other arts and cultural assets in the region. Included in the Region of Waterloo's Strategic Plan (2011-2014) is the creation of a Heritage Toolbox that will provide resources for heritage property owners, developers, municipal staff and the public to assist with cultural heritage resource conservation.

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