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Local Historian and Curator Maurice Smith Honoured with Provincial Heritage Award

OHS Carnochan Award presented June 10, 2017
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In 1967, The Ontario Historical Society (OHS) established an awards program to recognize individuals, organizations, corporations, and authors who have contributed significantly to the preservation and promotion of Ontario's heritage.

The Carnochan Award recognizes an individual who has contributed many years of service to the heritage community. The OHS is pleased to announce that **Maurice D. Smith** is one of two recipients of the 2016 Carnochan Award.

Maurice Smith (left) accepts the 2016 OHS Carnochan Award from Chair of the OHS Honours and Awards Committee Ian Radforth.

Maurice Smith is an individual who has contributed a remarkable and significant part of his life to the cause of heritage. For nearly 40 years, he has done much to preserve various aspects of Ontario's history; in Kingston, provincially, nationally, and internationally. His dedication to conserving, promoting, and studying the maritime heritage of this province is especially noteworthy.

From 1978 to present, Mr. Smith has been a published author, public speaker, editor, columnist, researcher, exhibit designer, curator/director, and marine history advocate. His longstanding dedication is reflected in the volunteer positions he has held at the Kingston Historical Society, the Ontario Museum Association, the Kingston Visitor & Convention Bureau, McLachlan Woodworking Museum, the Kingston Association of Museums & Galleries, the Community Foundation for Greater Kingston, and many other community and maritime heritage organizations.

Maurice Smith's accomplishments, his lengthy record of public service, and devotion to heritage matters, are of the quality and duration which merit him being chosen as the 2016 recipient of the OHS Carnochan Award.

The award was presented at the Annual General Meeting of the Ontario Historical Society at the York University Senate Chambers in Toronto, Ontario.

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