



Author and Curator Elise Harding-Davis Honoured with Provincial Heritage Award

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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 **Elise Harding-Davis** is one of two recipients of the 2015 Carnochan Award.



Elise Harding-Davis (centre) accepts the 2015 Carnochan Award from OHS Executive Director Rob Leverty (right) and Chair of the OHS Honours and Awards Committee Ian Radforth.

Harding-Davis is a seventh generation African-Canadian from Windsor, Ontario. For over forty-five years, as both a volunteer and professional, she has been involved in efforts to preserve, promote, and educate the public about African-Canadian heritage in Ontario.

Her Excellency the Right Honourable Michaëlle Jean said of Harding-Davis: "She is living proof that discrimination and adversity are only obstacles to be overcome. Elise comes from an African Canadian family of freedom fighters, as her ancestors once decided to escape slavery. And she committed to continuing this legacy by becoming a curator of the North American Black Historical Museum in Amherstburg."

Her outstanding service to the heritage community and her special devotion to African-Canadian heritage in Ontario makes Elise Harding-Davis an inspiration to us all. Her career is evidence of how much one individual can do to pass on their heritage—and the responsibility to protect it—to the next generation.

The award was presented at the Annual General Meeting of the Ontario Historical Society at the Ontario Legislative Assembly in Toronto, Ontario.

Founded in 1888, the Ontario Historical Society is a non-profit corporation and registered charity dedicated to the preservation and celebration of Ontario's history for people of all ages and cultural backgrounds.

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