



Community Museum Recognized with Provincial Heritage Award Attests to Dedication of Volunteers

OHS Dorothy Duncan Award presented July 19, 2015

Coldwater Canadiana Heritage Museum, Severn, Ontario

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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.

Dr. Ian Radforth, Chair of the Honours and Awards Committee of the OHS, is pleased to announce that the 2014 Dorothy Duncan Award, which recognizes a non-profit organization nominated by a municipal or First Nations council for outstanding service to its region, was awarded to the **Coldwater Canadiana Heritage Museum (CCHM)**.

The Honourable Elizabeth Dowdeswell, the 29th Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, was on hand at the event to help present the award to the museum.



The stewardship of the museum and its collection has been entrusted to an inspiring contingent of active and dedicated volunteers. Established in 1965, the museum promotes, collects, and preserves the history of Coldwater and the surrounding area from 1830 to 1950.

Today, the site consists of the 1840 homestead of the Woodrow family, a river trail, heritage gardens, the village display barn, general store, Union School

house, print shop, Vic Connor boathouse, blacksmith house, railway side station, Coldwater fire hall, carriage barn, and the Eady Slaughter House.

Over the years, the CCHM has established longstanding beneficial partnerships with regional attractions and service clubs, and, with its partners it develops a host of engaging community events at the museum.

This year, the Coldwater Canadian Heritage Museum will be celebrating its 50th anniversary.

With the dedicated leadership of the directors and willing volunteers the Coldwater Canadian Heritage Museum continues to expand its programming and physical plant for the enjoyment and education of the community and as an attraction for visitors from outside the area. The Coldwater Canadian Heritage Museum will remain *A Place for Discovery ... A Place for Memories*.

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. To learn more about the OHS's Honours and Awards Program, or to submit a nomination, please visit www.ontariohistoricalsociety.ca/awards or contact the Society's offices by telephone or e-mail.

Photo caption: Pictured at the Coldwater Canadiana Heritage Museum in front of the historic Woodrow Homestead, built in 1835, is (from left): Wayne Scott, CCHM; The Honourable Elizabeth Dowdeswell, Lieutenant Governor of Ontario; and Dorothy Duncan, OHS volunteer. *Photo Andrea Izzo*

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