

## **Port Maitland Historical Association Honoured with Provincial Award**

OHS Dorothy Duncan Award presented June 11, 2016 Ontario Legislative Assembly, Toronto, 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.

The Dorothy Duncan Award is presented to a non-profit organization, which must be nominated by a municipal council of a First Nations council, for outstanding service to its region. The OHS is pleased to announce that the Port Maitland "On the Grand" Historical Association (PMGHA) is the 2015 recipient of the Duncan Award.



Members of the PMGHA accepted the award from former OHS Executive Director Dorothy Duncan (second from the left) and Chair of the OHS Honours and Awards Committee Ian Radforth (far left). Pictured (centre to right) are Bill Warnick, Sylvia Weaver, and Janet De Vos of the PMGHA.

Established in 2005, the Port Maitland Historical Association has been working to unite those interested in preserving the heritage of the townships along the Grand River, between Port Maitland and its source. They have drawn outstanding attention to Port Maitland's naval, military, and commercial historical significance.

The extensive network of volunteers and partners that make up the PMHA encourages citizens to discover and record their local history. They especially encourage others to preserve the history of the Port Maitland Lock, and to develop tourism and educational activities related to the history of the region.

The Nominator writes: "Projects such as the recent construction of the Port Maitland Cairn demonstrate the PMHA's value as a resource to Haldimand County and its residents and visitors in the safeguarding of Port

Maitland history. The Cairn and Port Maitland Lock restoration projects serve as tangible ways to engage and educate residents, visitors, students about Haldimand County's rich local history and honour its past." The Association shares the region's rich history more broadly through a quarterly newsletter, a speaker series and annual meetings.

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. To learn more about the OHS's Honours and Awards Program, or to submit a nomination, please visit <a href="https://www.ontariohistoricalsociety.">https://www.ontariohistoricalsociety.</a> <u>ca/index.php/categories</u> or contact the Society's offices by telephone or e-mail.