



## Volunteer Organization Dedicated to History Education Recognized with Provincial Award

OHS President's Award presented June 20, 2015  
Aga Khan Ismaili Centre, North York, 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 President's Award, which recognizes a corporation, business, or executive that has contributed to heritage conservation in the recent past, was awarded the **Ontario Heritage Fairs Association (OHFA)**.



The OHFA is a non-profit, volunteer-run organization that provides a network of support for school-based and regional-based educational fairs across Ontario.

OHFA hosts an annual Provincial Fair to recognize exceptional examples of student work and conducts fundraising activities in order to finance this major provincial event. Last year, the OHFA supported 16 regional fairs across Ontario, involving 32 school boards, 200 schools, and almost 20,000 Ontario students.



The OHFA has also been a model organization for forging positive and strategic partnerships with school boards, government bodies and other provincial heritage organizations in order to deliver its mandate and increase its outreach.

The valuable work of the OHFA simply could not happen without the efforts of its long-time volunteers Carol White and Wayne Hugli.

Carol was involved in the first Ontario Fair in Kingston and has continued that involvement for the past 20 years as a committee member, Chair of the Kingston Fair, Co-Chair of the 1997 National Heritage Fair in Kingston, part-time Ontario Coordinator of the Ontario Historical Heritage Fairs from 2003 to 2009, and provincial and volunteer Coordinator from 2009 to the present. She currently serves as the Executive Director of OHFA.

Wayne joined the Fairs program in 1997 as a committee member for the Sudbury Fair. He was a valuable member of the National Fair Committee that organized the Fair held in Sudbury and served with Carol as a part-time Ontario Coordinator of the Ontario Historical Heritage Fairs until 2009 when he became a volunteer Coordinator—a position he has held since 2009. Wayne is a key Provincial Fair organizer and serves as the Secretary-Treasurer of OHFA as well as the webmaster for the OHFA website.

Founded in 1888, The Ontario Historical Society is a non-profit corporation and registered charity dedicated to increasing an appreciation of Ontario's history and preserving its heritage for people of all ages and cultural backgrounds. To learn more about the OHS's Honours and Awards, or to submit a nomination, please visit [www.ontariohistoricalsociety.ca/awards](http://www.ontariohistoricalsociety.ca/awards) or contact the Society's offices by telephone or e-mail.

**Photo caption (attached):** Pictured on June 20, 2015 (from left) is Dr. Ian Radforth, OHS; Carol White and Dr. Rose Fine-Meyer, OHFA; with OHS president Joe Stafford. *Photo Andrea Izzo*

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