



Gore Bay Museum Recognized with Provincial Achievement Award for Creative Programming

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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 Russel K. Cooper Living History Site or Heritage-Based Museum Award, which recognizes a living history museum, or a museum that delivers heritage-based programming, showing excellence in programming, ingenious problem solving, or site development, was awarded to the Gore Bay Museum.

For twenty-five years the Gore Bay Museum has provided excellent creative heritage programming and has developed ingenious problem-solving skills and strategies that have allowed the staff, the volunteers and the board to develop the site. All of this has been accomplished with a drive and vision to collect, preserve, and display the unique history and culture of the area.

The sheer number of partnerships and collaborative projects that have grown out of the museum is staggering. In a small community, with a small permanent population, and a large transient seasonal population, the museum has established itself as a community driver and economic incubator.

The nomination for the Gore Bay Museum was accompanied by over two dozen endorsement letters and testimonials. The letters came from former curators, government officials, and both sitting members and retired. Letters also came from First Nations organizations, writers, artists, artisans, poets, businessmen and private individuals.

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.

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