



OHS-Affiliated Historical Society Honoured with Provincial Heritage Award

OHS Scadding Award of Excellence presented June 10, 2017
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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 Scadding Award is presented to a historical society or heritage group that has made an outstanding contribution to the field of history. The Ontario Historical Society is pleased to present the 2016 Scadding Award of Excellence to the **Friends of Crysler's Farm Battlefield**.



Amanda Fasken (far left) and Bob Irvine (far right) of the Friends of Crysler's Farm Battlefield accept the 2016 Scadding Award from Chair of the OHS Honours and Awards Committee Ian Radforth (centre-right) and former OHS Treasurer Bob Leech.

The Friends of Crysler's Farm Battlefield was formed in 2000 by a dedicated group to promote and commemorate the battle of the same name that occurred during the War of 1812 east of the Village of Morrisburg, in the Municipality of South Dundas.

The Friends, in cooperation with the Parks of the St. Lawrence/Upper Canada Village, have developed a weekend long re-enactment in July of this significant battle. The re-enactment is staged upon a portion of the original battlefield and involves hundreds of reenactors from both sides of the St. Lawrence. This significant event has been described as "among the major heritage events in Eastern Ontario."

In addition to coordinating this major re-enactment event, the Friends also provide leadership in local heritage matters through: assistance with preservation of the site where the 1813 battle of Crysler's Farm occurred; a partnership with Upper Canada Village to conduct a Children's Muster Day educational event; providing active support for other heritage events in the region through educational displays; sponsorship of public lectures on historical subjects across the region; and more.

The Honours and Awards Committee of the Ontario Historical Society is pleased to recognize these contributions with the 2016 Scadding Award of Excellence. The award was presented at the Annual General Meeting of the Ontario Historical Society at the York University Senate Chambers 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 <https://www.ontariohistoricalsociety.ca/index.php/categories> or contact the Society's offices by telephone or e-mail.

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