



2011 Honours and Awards Recipients Announced

The Ontario Historical Society

Presented at the 2012 OHS Honours & Awards Ceremony

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In 1967, the Ontario Historical Society (OHS) established an Awards Programme to honour 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 Ontario Historical Society, is pleased to announce the recipients for 2011:

The **Scadding Award of Excellence**, awarded to a historical society or heritage group that has made an outstanding contribution to the field of history, is awarded to **York Pioneer and Historical Society** (Toronto), Ontario's oldest historical society.

The **Dorothy Duncan Award**, awarded to a non-profit organization nominated by a First Nations Council or a Municipal Council for outstanding service to its region, is awarded to the **Beaverton Thorah Eldon Historical Society** (Beaverton).

The **President's Award**, honouring a corporation, business, or executive that has contributed to heritage conservation in the recent past, is awarded to **Kirk Howard, President, Dundurn**.

The **Cruikshank Medal**, presented on rare occasions to individuals who have performed with distinction on behalf of The Ontario Historical Society, is awarded to **James Fortin, Curator, Greater City of Sudbury**.

The **Carnochan Award**, presented to an individual who has contributed many years of service to the heritage community, is awarded to **Wayne LeBelle**.

The **Joseph Brant Award**, honouring the best book on multicultural history in Ontario published in the past three years, is awarded to **Dr. Jack Lipinsky** for *Imposing their Will: An Organizational History of Jewish Toronto 1933-1948*, McGill-Queen's University Press.

The **Fred Landon Award**, honouring the best book on regional history in Ontario published in the past three years, is awarded to **Dr. Royce MacGillivray** for *Dictionary of Glengarry Biography*, Glengarry Historical Society.

The **Alison Prentice Award**, honouring the best book on women's history in the past three years, is awarded to **Maria Meindl** for *Outside the Box: The Life and Legacy of Writer Mona Gould, the Grandmother I Thought I Knew*, McGill-Queen's University Press.

The **J. J. Talman Award**, honouring the best book on Ontario's social, economic, political or cultural history published in the past three years, is awarded to **Dr. Ged Martin** for *Favourite Son? John A. Macdonald and the Voters of Kingston 1841-1891*, Kingston Historical Society.

The **Riddell Award**, honouring the best article on Ontario's history published during the Award year, is awarded to **Gregory Wigmore** for "Before the Railroad: From Slavery to Freedom in the Canadian-American Borderland," *The Journal of American History* (Vol. 98 No. 2), September 2011.

The **Donald Grant Creighton Award**, honouring the best book of biography or autobiography highlighting life in Ontario, past or present, published within the past three years, is awarded to **Dr. Wesley B. Turner** for *The Astonishing General: The Life and Legacy of Sir Isaac Brock*, Dundurn.

The **Huguenot Society of Canada Award**, honouring the best book or substantial article published in Ontario in the past three years which has brought public awareness to the principles of freedom of conscience and freedom of thought, is awarded to **Chris Alexander** for *The Long Way Back: Afghanistan's Quest for Peace*, HarperCollins Publishing.

This year's awards was presented at the Society's Honours and Awards Ceremony on June 9th, 2012 at the Waterloo Region Museum as part of the joint OHS-Waterloo Historical Society-Waterloo Region Museum 2012—A Year of History Conference.

Founded in 1888, The Ontario Historical Society (OHS) 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' Honours and Awards 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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