



## Long-Time Heritage Volunteer Recognized with Heritage Award

OHS's 2013 Cruikshank Gold Medal  
O'Connor House, North York, Ontario

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The Ontario Historical Society's Cruikshank Gold Medal is awarded on rare occasions to individuals who have performed with distinction on behalf the Society. This year's recipient is Thomas F. McIlwraith.

Dr. McIlwraith has been both a member and volunteer for the OHS for nearly three decades and has helped carry on the rich tradition of publishing in our scholarly journal, *Ontario History*.

His term as Book Review Editor from 2005 to 2011 saw the journal publish a wide variety of extensive book reviews covering many topics. In addition to acting as Book Review Editor, he prepared a number of reviews himself.

McIlwraith has also contributed to the journal by publishing his scholarship in the pages of *Ontario History*. Of note are his popular articles, "Grave and Nave: An Architecture of Cemeteries and Sanctuaries in Rural Ontario" (vol. XCVII, no. II) and "Altered Buildings: Another Way of Looking at the Ontario Landscape," (vol. LXXV, no. II) both of which explore the complexities of architecture in our province's historic cemeteries, sanctuaries and landscapes.

Thomas has been an unwavering supporter of the Society over the years. He has donated countless volunteer hours and has made generous financial contributions in support of the OHS's projects and programs.

Dr. McIlwraith's dedication to *Ontario History* and the Ontario Historical Society over the years has been exemplary, and for his generous volunteerism on behalf of the OHS, the Honours and Awards Committee is proud to present the 2013 Cruikshank Gold Medal to Dr. Thomas F. McIlwraith.