



Ontario Visual Heritage Project Recognized with Heritage Award

OHS Scadding Award of Excellence presented June 14, 2014
O'Connor House, 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 2013 Scadding Award of Excellence, which recognizes a historical society or heritage group that has made an outstanding contribution to the field of history, was awarded to the Living History Multimedia Association (LHMA) for their Ontario Visual Heritage Project.

Since its inception in 2003, the LHMA's level of community engagement and the quality of its productions have been astonishing. By working with more than 150 organizations and municipalities, and by drawing on local knowledge, enthusiasms and professional expertise, it has achieved high-quality documentaries that inform and interest the people of Ontario.



The project has documented the history of the War of 1812 and the history of counties and regions of Ontario, including: Haldimand, Norfolk, Brant, Elgin, Oxford, Chatham-Kent, Muskoka, Parry Sound, Sudbury, and Manitoulin. LHMA also has a web presence and develops mobile apps that connect Ontarians with their histories.



TVO, which broadcasts LHMA productions, calls the documentaries "a key addition to our prime time schedule." One of LHMA's most recent films on the War of 1812 attracted one of TVO's largest documentary-viewing audiences.

The award was presented at the annual meeting of The Ontario Historical Society at the historic O'Connor House in North York.

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 or contact the Society's offices by telephone or e-mail.

Photo caption: Pictured on June 14, 2014 (from left) are Zachary Melnick and Yvonne Drebert, LHMA and Pam Cain and Ian Radforth, OHS
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