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The Ontario Historical Society, established in 1888, is a non-profit educational corporation, registered charity, and publisher; a non-government group bringing together people of all ages, all walks of life, and all cultural backgrounds, interested in preserving some aspect of Ontario's history.

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OHS President Joe Stafford presented greetings to a large gathering at the Bicentennial Commemoration of The Battle of Lundy's Lane in July 2014. Pictured left is Bill Houston, President, Lundy's Lane Historical Society.

## PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT

Joe Stafford, **PRESIDENT**

Once again, The Ontario Historical Society has enjoyed a very successful year. As a provincial organization, we continue to grow—since 2009 the Society has incorporated an unprecedented 71 not-for-profit historical organizations. In 2014 alone, 10 organizations incorporated through affiliation with the OHS. We also remain in a healthy financial situation. All of our committees have been very active indeed, as is evident from their reports.

The Society has also extended its provincial influence by continuing to improve its online presence. Since 2013, 12 webinars have been offered to various groups across the province. A blog is available to members and it is appropriately named *The Well* since, as explained on our website:

*"A well is a resource, a centre of the community, and a site for the sharing of information. A well has deep roots, and connects disparate individuals or groups who may not have much in common besides a shared need for support...The Well is your gathering place."*

The website also provides a wide range of educational resources for teachers and students, including materials on Canada's participation in the World Wars, the abolition of the Atlantic slave trade, and the War of 1812. Be sure to make regular visits to our website!

As President, I have been very impressed by the efforts of our affiliated organizations. I had the pleasure of participating in two OHS affiliate events in 2014: the Bicentennial Commemoration of the Battle of Lundy's Lane and the re-dedication of the 1884 United Empire Loyalists Monument in Adolphustown. Both events were simply excellent. I also represented the Society at the National Capital History Day in Ottawa along with Director Allan Macdonell. On that day, we emphasized the educational dimension of the Society to the approximately 300 students and teachers in attendance, encouraging students to become members and to take advantage of the different resources available on our website. We also had some students sign up to write for our Youth Corner in *The OHS Bulletin*. In the upcoming year, the Society will continue its efforts to reach out to the youth of Ontario.

Finally, I would like to thank all the volunteers and members of our affiliated organizations across the province for their dedication to both preserving and promoting the heritage of Ontario. I would also like to thank the staff of The Ontario Historical Society and my fellow members of the Board of Directors for all of their hard work.



OHS Executive Director Rob Leverty (right) presented Tyrconnell Heritage Society (THS) President Robert Ellis with a certificate of recognition at THS's 20th anniversary dinner held in the Dutton Dunwich Community Centre. Incorporated in June 1994 through affiliation with OHS, THS operates the historic Backus-Page House Museum south of Wallacetown, Ontario.



## TREASURER'S REPORT

Robert (Bob) Leech, **TREASURER**

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The Society's 2014 financial statements, audited by Akler, Browning, Frimet & Landzberg LLP, show a modest loss in the year and a balance sheet that is debt free.

Revenues from grants, membership, *Ontario History*, and donations amounted to \$431,746, down some \$39,000 from the year before. Beyond this, there were no bequests in 2014, unlike in 2013, when one very large legacy donation was received.

Total expenses were well managed at \$442,138, an improvement of some \$28,000 from the previous year. Administrative and general expenses were strongly controlled and there were no increases in staff complement. The final result was a deficit of \$10,392, the first annual deficit in several years.

The balance sheet is sound and as of the end of 2014, the Society has no debt. In fact, the cumulative unrestricted surplus at the end of 2014 is \$377.

In 2014, volunteers donated an estimated 10,450 hours in support of Society activities. This is up from 8,900 hours in 2013 and continues to grow year after year.

A considerable effort has been made in recent years to set up and catalogue the OHS library. These books, pamphlets, etc., have been donated to the Society over the past 30 years. The library now contains some 4,000 books, plus copies of all issues of *Ontario History* dating back to 1899. This library is estimated to be worth some \$50,000. The Society also has a considerable collection of furniture and furnishings that have been donated over the years. An inventory of this was made in 2014 and the value is estimated at over \$20,000.

The Society remains committed to its policies of little or no deficit, no debt, fiscal discipline, strict spending controls, and prudent financial management.

The Society is very appreciative of the continued financial support of the Ontario Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport, the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, all corporate sponsors, as well as all OHS members, subscribers to *Ontario History*, and donors.

## PUBLIC OUTREACH, SERVICES, PROGRAMMES

Rob Leverty, **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

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### NOT-FOR-PROFIT MEMBERS

Throughout 2014, the OHS provided the following consultations and services to its affiliated societies, member organizations and institutions: examine strategic directions, solve problems, provide references for grant applications, explore heritage designations and conservation easements, review and revise constitutions and by-laws, discuss good corporate governance, process insurance applications, incorporate not-for-profits through affiliation, write letters of good standing for affiliated societies, surrender charters, facilitate corporate name changes, and support member applications for federal charitable tax status.

In 2014, the OHS held incorporation meetings in the following 12 communities: Thunder Bay, West Nipissing, Renfrew, Arnprior, Simcoe Island (adjacent to Wolfe Island), South Dundas, Lindsay, Bobcaygeon, Newmarket, Owen Sound, Leslieville (Toronto), and Windsor.



In November 2014, the OHS met with representatives of The Thunder Bay Finnish Canadian Historical Society, which incorporated through affiliation with OHS in 1993. Seen here at their museum located in the Finnish Labour Temple (1920) are Jane Chapman (Treasurer) and Kathleen Traynor (Director).



The OHS, in partnership with the North York Historical Society, gathered a large group of historians and community members for "North York: New Perspectives on Community Building and Cultural Exchange." The special event was held at the North York Central Library in September 2014. Pictured (from left) are speakers Alison Norman, Victoria Freeman, Donald Smith, and Carolyn King.

## WORKSHOPS, PRESENTATIONS, AND EVENTS

The following is a sample of the workshops, presentations, and events in which the OHS was involved in 2014.

### THE OHS PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING WORKSHOPS AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES:

- Accessibility workshop to the Masters of Museum Studies programme at the University of Toronto
- Urban Gardening: Growing Figs in Toronto
- Peer Leaders youth workshop with Trinity Theatre
- Navigating Grants Ontario webinar
- Breathing Life into Your Historic Site
- History Educators II webinar
- Learning & Teaching Black History in Ontario webinar
- Access... Beyond the Ramp webinar
- Rural Roots Workshop at Gore Bay Museum
- New Perspectives on Community Building and Cultural Exchange Speakers Evening with the North York Historical Society

### THE OHS MADE A PRESENTATION AND/OR HELD AN EXHIBIT TABLE AT THE FOLLOWING EVENTS:

- Ontario Black History Society Annual Brunch
- Presentation at Springwater Heritage Council
- Presentation at Treasure Chest Museum
- Presentation at the Simcoe County Museum
- Presentation to the Huron/Perth/Middlesex Museum Network

- Presentation to Beaverton-Thorold Historical Society
- Lakehead University Symposium on the First World War
- Berkshire Conference on the History of Women, University of Toronto
- Architectural Conservancy of Ontario and Community Heritage Ontario Joint Ontario Heritage Conference

### THE OHS WAS A GUEST OR KEYNOTE SPEAKER AT THE FOLLOWING EVENTS:

- Presentation to History Department Lakehead University
- Trafalgar Township Historical Society Presentation
- Italian Canadian Archives Project Fourth National Conference
- Tyrconnell Heritage Society's 20th Anniversary
- National Council of Provincial and Territorial Organizations Conference, Heritage Canada
- Silvershoe Historical Society's 17th Annual Memorial Service
- Jack Munroe Historical Society's 100th Anniversary of the Princess Patricia Light Infantry
- Bicentennial Commemoration of Battle of Lundy's Lane

### THE OHS PARTICIPATED IN AND SUPPORTED THE FOLLOWING EVENTS:

- The Ontario Museum Association Museums at Queen's Park Day
- Impact Day with Deloitte Volunteers
- Forest History Presentation with Edith George
- Ontario Black History Society Emancipation Day Reception at Queen's Park
- Legacies Gained, Legacies Lost? Built Heritage Symposium
- Heritage Canada The National Trust 2014 Conference



In May 2014 the OHS met with the Friends of the Arnprior Museum at the Arnprior Museum to discuss incorporation and good governance. The Friends of the Arnprior Museum subsequently became a new member of the OHS.



## WEBSITE AND WEBINARS

In 2014, The Ontario Historical Society developed and launched its new website, expanding its online presence while continuing to deliver engaging web-based programmes and services.

The redevelopment of the Society's website, begun during the Strengthening Ontario's Heritage Network project in 2013 and completed in 2014, was an essential step to support future online growth.

The OHS website was redesigned with a new aesthetic and layout, new content, and improved features for members and subscribers, along with improved functionality and intuitive user controls. Other new features of the Society's website include:

### ONTARIO HERITAGE MAP

A companion to the popular Ontario Heritage Directory, this interactive map displays all publicly-accessible heritage sites, organizations, and institutions across Ontario, with filters and a search option allowing users to see results by region and by focus.

### LIBRARY PAGE

Thanks to volunteer librarian Sarah McCabe, users can now browse or search the online catalogue holdings of the Society's Reference – Research Library, located at the John McKenzie House.

### FAQ PAGE

Developed based on daily inquiries to the OHS, this tool allows users to easily find answers to some of the most common questions received by OHS staff.

### MEMBERS ONLY BLOG: THE WELL

*The Well:* Our new blog features posts from groups and institutions across Ontario on a regular basis, highlighting fantastic work within the heritage community. As a benefit to membership, OHS members and subscribers can now access past webinar recordings and supplementary materials on our website.

The goal of the Strengthening Ontario's Heritage Network webinar series is to connect and engage the province's heritage community online through professional development sessions aimed at sharing best practices. In 2014, individuals representing over 320 organizations and institutions across Ontario joined OHS-hosted webinars. Of these, 31% were affiliates or members.

Webinar topics in 2014 included grant-based funding, educational programming, teaching history, Black history in Ontario, and accessibility at heritage sites and museums. Recordings of each webinar are made available through our website, providing an accessible professional development tool for our affiliates and members.

The Strengthening Ontario's Heritage Network project was supported by The Government of Ontario's Museums and Technology Fund.

"Learning and Teaching Black History in Ontario" was the title of one of five professional development webinars offered by the OHS in 2014. Pictured (from left) are: Anna Walls; webinar speakers Dr. Bryan Walls, C.M., O.Ont., and Brittany Miles, M.S.Ed. of the John Freeman Walls Historic Site and Underground Museum; and OHS's Alison Little.



Volunteers greet visitors to the John McKenzie House during Doors Open Toronto 2014. The OHS had nearly 700 people from the Willowdale community and beyond stop by the John McKenzie House and the Parkview Neighbourhood Garden over the two-day event.

## JOHN MCKENZIE HOUSE

Beginning the assessment process to replace the John McKenzie House's roof was a top priority in 2014. We completed a heritage review of the house in the autumn through the Architectural Conservancy of Ontario's PreservationWorks! programme. With the help of our heritage infrastructure intern and summer student, we are confident this vital project will be completed in 2015. Over the summer of 2014, we also completed a major clean-up project to sort, donate, and discard accumulated items in the house. Many other exterior and interior projects remain on our infrastructure wish list to keep the John McKenzie House standing strong for another century and beyond!

The OHS secured funding to hire and train a Built Heritage Rehabilitation Manager and a Built Heritage Rehabilitation Assistant through the Department of Canadian Heritage's Young Canada Works program (delivered by Heritage Canada The National Trust).

## INSURANCE PROGRAMME

In 2014, the Society processed and approved 20 applications from member organizations across the province. As soon as the OHS approves an application for the insurance programme, Jones DesLauriers consults each historical organization to ensure that insurance policies are tailored to address specific needs and local circumstances. The OHS insurance programme enables and protects volunteers across Ontario who serve on the boards of directors of the Society's member organizations. As of December 31, 2014, there are 97 historical organizations that have Directors and Officers Liability Insurance policies underwritten at a limit of \$2 million each. There are 97 organizations that have General Liability Insurance policies with liability limits of at least \$2 million, with some up to \$5 million, and 40 organizations have purchased coverage for contents and property.

## NEW OHS REFERENCE - RESEARCH LIBRARY

Starting in January 2014, the OHS began an exciting volunteer project to take stock of and organize the Society's considerable and valuable printed resources on Ontario's history. The library's mandate is to make the collection accessible and available to OHS members (and staff), thereby adding value to OHS membership.

Located primarily in the coach house at the OHS's John McKenzie House, at year's end the library inventory held over 3,000 items (including rare books, walking tour brochures, limited edition pamphlets, journals, etc.). Upon completion of the inventory

project, the OHS's collection is projected to contain over 4,000 items, with an estimated value of \$50,000.

The contents of the collection have been added to LibraryThing, an online and searchable online catalogue at [LIBRARYTHING.COM/CATALOG/ONTARIOHISTORICALSOC](http://LIBRARYTHING.COM/CATALOG/ONTARIOHISTORICALSOC). Subject "tags" assigned to each volume reveal the breadth and diversity of the literature found in the OHS's collection. Locality tags from Acton to Woodstock enable searching by geographic area.

More information about the library may be found on the OHS website at [ONTARIOHISTORICALSOCIETY.CA/INDEX.PHP/SERVICES/LIBRARY](http://ONTARIOHISTORICALSOCIETY.CA/INDEX.PHP/SERVICES/LIBRARY).

OHS volunteer librarian, Sarah McCabe, working in the library located in the John McKenzie House.



## PARKVIEW NEIGHBOURHOOD GARDEN

The OHS enjoyed the sixth year of its partnership with the Parkview Neighbourhood Garden (PNG), a communal, organic market garden led by a volunteer steering committee. It is believed to be the first instance in Toronto of housing being reclaimed for local urban agriculture. The garden is situated on the site of the John McKenzie property's former vegetable patch adjacent to the milk house, stable and coach house. The stable is loaned by OHS to PNG's volunteers to store their tools and equipment.

In 2014, PNG sold in excess of 1,400 lbs. of organic herbs, berries, and vegetables to the neighbourhood; \$1,150 of the sales proceeds were donated to local food banks. In June, a ribbon-cutting event was held to officially open the garden expansion, bringing the total area of the garden to nearly an acre and a half. Later in the season, the City of Toronto installed new signage, explaining the purpose and function of the Garden. PNG began using two cold frames, built by a volunteer, to start its own seedlings in the spring and throughout the season. Garden members teamed up with the OHS in support of numerous community events including Doors Open



and the Trinity Theatre Peer Leaders workshop. Garden volunteers provided tours to student groups, presentations to other garden groups, and supervision to more than a dozen high school students working towards their community service credits.



For the past four years, The Ontario Historical Society has co-hosted a peer leadership youth workshop with Trinity Theatre Toronto. In 2014, the Parkview Neighbourhood Garden (PNG) also participated in the workshop, providing a guided tour of the organic garden and a demonstration of the work that PNG volunteers do each day to keep the garden thriving.

## CEMETERY DEFENCE

In 1995, the Society was forced to establish a trust fund to protect Ontario's cemeteries from inappropriate development. In 2014, the OHS made great strides in the struggle to preserve and promote Ontario's cemeteries. This work was accomplished thanks to financial contributions to the OHS Cemetery Defense Fund and donated time and skills from generous volunteers.

In 2014, The *OHS Bulletin's* Cemetery News column remained very popular, but the number of articles and pressing issues submitted again far exceeded the space available for each publication. Throughout the year, the OHS also helped to research and answer questions in order to assist families and descendants across Ontario who had relatives buried in pioneer cemeteries threatened by real estate development.

Volunteers working on behalf of the OHS and the Ontario Genealogical Society (OGS) continue their public outreach activities, including hosting an information display at the OGS annual conference at Brock University and a presentation to the Niagara Peninsula Branch OGS in St. Catharines. A meeting was also held with the Registrar, *Cemeteries Act*, at the Ministry of Government and Consumer Services in January 2014.

Since 2006, the OHS and the OGS have collaborated to determine how many cemeteries are not registered with the Province of Ontario. The OHS has no appeal rights with regard to unregistered cemeteries.

Thus, it is almost impossible in these cases for the Society to intervene effectively to protect the public interest.

On June 2, 2011, in a meeting with Hon. John Gerretsen, the then-Minister of Consumer Services, the OHS and OGS officially presented the Government of Ontario with a database of 1,535 unregistered cemeteries. The Province of Ontario subsequently requested that the two societies positively identify the exact location of all these cemeteries in order to register them.

OHS is pleased to report that in 2014, the OHS and OGS officially submitted to the Ontario Government detailed records of the unregistered cemeteries in Halton Region, Hastings, and Huron Counties. Since 2012, the two societies have submitted lists of unregistered cemeteries in the Districts and Counties of Algoma, Brant, Bruce, Carleton, Cochrane, Dundas, Durham, Elgin, Essex, Frontenac, Grey, Glengarry and Haldimand.

It is in the public interest that all cemeteries be accorded the same legal status and be treated equally. Therefore, the OHS, in partnership with OGS, will honour its public commitments on this important principle and will work tirelessly to complete this historic initiative, documenting as much information as possible on the remaining unregistered cemeteries across Ontario.



In September, the OHS was a guest speaker at the 17th Annual Memorial Candlelight Service hosted by the SilverShoe Historical Society (SSHS) at the historic Bethel-Union Pioneer Cemetery in New Lowell. The ceremony is a non-denominational celebration commemorating the diverse history of Simcoe County, the Blue Mountains and surrounding Georgian Bay region. Pictured (left to right) SSHS President Janie Cooper-Wilson; OHS Executive Director Rob Levery; and Dr. Naomi Norquay, President, Old Durham Road Pioneer Cemetery Committee.



OHS affiliated society Old Durham Road Pioneer Cemetery Committee presented at their November AGM the winning design for their Headstone Renewal Project, funded by the Ontario Trillium Foundation. The OHS attended the celebration held at the South Grey Museum in Flesherton.

## WIKWEMIKONG REPORT

In 1990, the OHS, through its History of Ontario's Peoples Grant Programme (1988-1993), awarded the Wikwemikong First Nation a small grant to research and document its history. After evaluating the final project report, the OHS encouraged historians at Wikwemikong to write articles for its peer-reviewed journal, *Ontario History*.



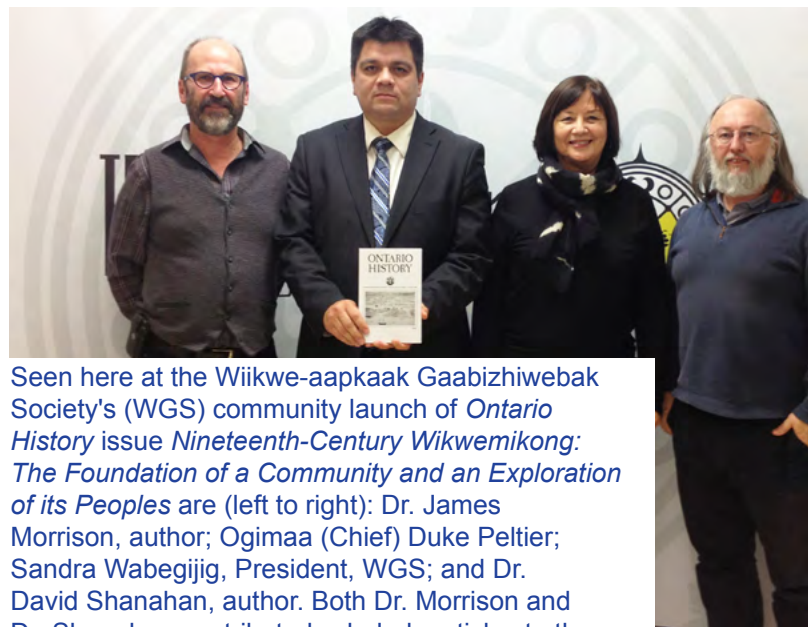
The Honorable David Zimmer, Minister of Aboriginal Affairs, and Rob Levery, Executive Director, OHS, hold up a copy of the March 1994 special issue of *Ontario History* entitled *Nineteenth-Century Wikwemikong: The Foundation of a Community and an Exploration of its Peoples*. The Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs provided funding towards the re-printing of the publication.

In March 1994, the OHS published a special issue of *Ontario History* entitled *Nineteenth-Century Wikwemikong: The Foundation of a Community and an Exploration of its Peoples*. This issue was so popular that OHS conducted a second printing which also quickly sold out.

On October 13, 2012, the Wiikwe-aapkaak Gaabizhiwebak Society (WGS) incorporated as a not-for-profit historical organization through affiliation with the OHS. WGS is located on the Wikwemikong Unceded Indian Reserve, Manitoulin Island. The Board of Directors of WGS soon asked if OHS could reprint copies of the March 1994 issue of *Ontario History*;

*"For a new generation of community members who want to learn more about our history and to continue researching and writing our history."*

The OHS met with the Hon. David Zimmer, Minister of Aboriginal Affairs, to make a request for funding to help reprint this issue. The Minister was supportive of the project, and in 2014 the reprint of *Ontario History* was made possible by the financial support of the Province of Ontario as represented by the Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs. OHS subsequently reprinted and delivered 1,735 copies of this special issue of *Ontario History* to WGS in October 2014.



Seen here at the Wiikwe-aapkaak Gaabizhiwebak Society's (WGS) community launch of *Ontario History* issue *Nineteenth-Century Wikwemikong: The Foundation of a Community and an Exploration of its Peoples* are (left to right): Dr. James Morrison, author; Ogimaa (Chief) Duke Peltier; Sandra Wabegijig, President, WGS; and Dr. David Shanahan, author. Both Dr. Morrison and Dr. Shanahan contributed scholarly articles to the March 1994 issue.



## ONTARIO HISTORY

Thorold (Tory) Tronrud  
Editor, *Ontario History*

Ten articles appeared in the pages of *Ontario History* in 2014. A lovely painting of Niagara Falls graces the cover of the Spring 2014 *Ontario History*, a prelude to Tyler Wentzell's lively account of the creation of the Queen Victoria Niagara Falls Park. What began as a "riverside carnival" became the beautiful park it is today, but not without considerable struggle. One of the more accessible articles published recently is Lee A. Farrow's account of the Canadian travels of the Russian Grand Duke Alexis in 1871-1872. The Duke's progress through Canada, though a mere diversion from his diplomatic mission to the United States, exposed serious concerns within the country about Russian-American relations and their impact on Canada. Angelo Principe's article also helps to place Ontario issues in an international context, specifically regarding the impact that the rise of fascism in Italy had on the Order Sons of Italy of Ontario.

Similarly, an article by Elliot Worsfold explores the wartime experience of German-Canadians in Oxford and Waterloo Counties during the Second World War and, in the process, argues that they were not the "silent victims" many have claimed they were. Finally, Lorne Bruce tells the story of one of Ontario's most influential librarians, Angus Mowat, the man who revitalized rural libraries in the period from 1937-1940.

"The OHS has published its scholarly journal (*Ontario History*) since 1899."

The autumn issue of the journal featured very disparate articles. Christopher Los's entertaining piece about the early years of the automobile tells us much about changing attitudes towards evolving technology and government regulation. The triumph of the automobile in the early twentieth century was not a foregone conclusion. Rebecca Beusaert's fascinating article introduces us to Lettia Munson, a woman cleared of charges of having provided an abortion in early Woodstock, Ontario, but who was nevertheless tried and convicted in the local newspapers, in large part because of her race. Mark Sholdice's article on the Farmer-Labour government of 1919-1923 shows how a party's principled stand on patronage was forced to give way to the realities of Ontario politics. Jennifer Hough Evans's article on

the lives and food choices of twelve women in North Bay focuses on how memories brought from overseas influenced the spaces constructed by immigrant women in Ontario. Lastly, in a carefully argued paper, Denis McKim challenges accepted notions that the Family Compact stunted Upper Canada's political and economic development by showing how their ideas were rooted in a long-standing conservative tradition dating back to seventeenth-century England.

Thanks again to Ron Stagg for editing sixteen excellent book reviews, to the members of the journal's editorial board, to the board of the OHS for their unflagging support and, finally, to Arthur Silver for his French translations of abstracts. Arthur, who has now stepped down, was with us since 2011. I can't thank him enough for his help.

Author and historian Dr. Angelo Principe (left) stands with Dr. Gabriele Scardellato, former Editor and Managing Editor *Ontario History* (1999-2003), at the fourth national conference of the Italian-Canadian Archives Project (ICAP), "Reaching Across" at the Canadian Museum of History in May 2014. Dr. Principe's research on the struggle between fascists and anti-fascists within the Order of Sons of Italy in Ontario was published in the Spring 2014 issue of *Ontario History*. ICAP is a national not-for-profit organization created to ensure the preservation of the Italian-Canadian experience. The OHS, Dr. Principe, and Dr. Scardellato are all founding members of ICAP.





## AFFILIATED SOCIETIES

Allan Macdonell, **DIRECTOR**  
*Chair, Affiliated Societies Committee*

Citizens who organize to preserve and promote Ontario's history can apply to incorporate not-for-profit corporations through affiliation with the OHS. Each applicant must satisfy incorporation criteria, which includes preparing a mission statement, forming a volunteer board of directors, establishing a constitution and by-laws, holding a public meeting, and paying a fee.

The Ontario Historical Society provides many services and programmes to its affiliated societies, including the popular insurance programme.

"Since 2009, the OHS has incorporated 71 historical organizations across Ontario, 94% of which are based outside of Toronto, and 16% of which serve communities in northern Ontario."

In 2014, the OHS incorporated ten not-for-profit historical organizations. The Society is proud to have served the following affiliated societies:

### ***INCORPORATED FEBRUARY 22, 2014***

- ~Essex Armoured Soldiers Museum
- ~Sharon Burying Ground Association
- ~Canadian Lighthouses of Lake Superior

### ***INCORPORATED JUNE 14, 2014***

- ~West Nipissing Historical Society
- ~Friends of Moreston Village at Grey Roots
- ~Nine Mile Point Lighthouse Preservation Society
- ~Renfrew County Museums Network
- ~Historical Society of South Dundas

### ***INCORPORATED OCTOBER 18, 2014***

- ~Kawartha Lakes Culture and Heritage Network
- ~Settlers' Village Quilters Quilt Guild



The Nine Mile Point Lighthouse Preservation Society was incorporated through the OHS to protect and preserve the Nine Mile Point Lighthouse (1833) and provide public access to the site. The site is located on Simcoe Island, adjacent to Wolfe Island in eastern Ontario.



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The OHS's incorporation programme encourages and empowers citizens to preserve and promote Ontario's local history. In 2014, ten organizations incorporated through affiliation with OHS, including the Canadian Lighthouses of Lake Superior, based in Thunder Bay (pictured above). The mandate of the volunteer-based group is to preserve, restore, and provide public access to lighthouses and the histories surrounding them.



Citizens and volunteers committed to preserving the history of the Port Arthur, Duluth and Western Railway incorporated the Silver Mountain and Area Historical Society. The OHS conducted meetings and a site visit with the group, located west of Thunder Bay, in November 2014.

## HONOURS AND AWARDS 2014

Ian Radforth, **DIRECTOR**  
*Chair, Honours & Awards Committee*

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Established in 1967, the OHS's awards programme recognizes excellence in Ontario's heritage community. Congratulations to the 2014 recipients.

### AWARDS FOR ORGANIZATIONS AND INSTITUTIONS

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SCADDING AWARD OF EXCELLENCE  
*The North York Historical Society*

DOROTHY DUNCAN AWARD  
*Coldwater Canadiana Heritage Museum*

MUSEUM AWARD OF EXCELLENCE  
IN COMMUNITY PROGRAMMING  
*Bruce County Museum & Cultural Centre*

RUSSELL K. COOPER LIVING HISTORY SITE  
OR HERITAGE-BASED MUSEUM AWARD  
*Gore Bay Museum*

PRESIDENT'S AWARD  
*Ontario Heritage Fairs Association*

### AWARDS FOR SERVICE

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CRUIKSHANK MEDAL  
*Ron Stagg*

CARNOCHAN AWARD  
*Athol Hart (Newmarket)*  
*Les MacKinnon (Grey County)*

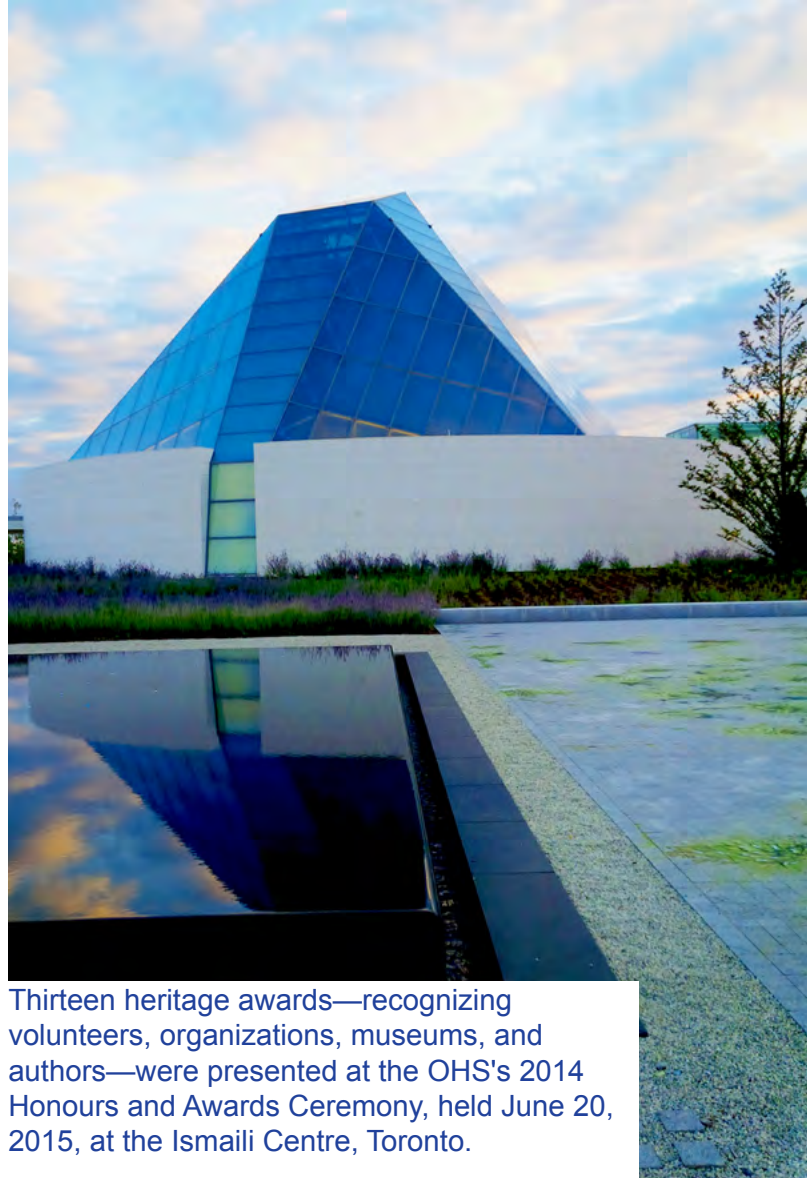
### AWARDS FOR AUTHORS

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ALISON PRENTICE AWARD  
*Crystal Sissons*  
QUEEN OF THE HURRICANES:  
THE FEARLESS ELSIE MACGILL

FRED LANDON AWARD  
*Jennifer L. Bonnell*  
RECLAIMING THE DON: AN ENVIRONMENTAL HISTORY  
OF TORONTO'S DON RIVER VALLEY

J. J. TALMAN AWARD  
*Christopher Armstrong*  
MAKING TORONTO MODERN:  
ARCHITECTURE AND DESIGN, 1895-1975



Thirteen heritage awards—recognizing volunteers, organizations, museums, and authors—were presented at the OHS's 2014 Honours and Awards Ceremony, held June 20, 2015, at the Ismaili Centre, Toronto.

DONALD GRANT CREIGHTON AWARD  
*Edmund Metatawabin*  
UP GHOST RIVER:  
A CHIEF'S JOURNEY THROUGH THE TURBULENT  
WATERS OF NATIVE HISTORY

HUGUENOT SOCIETY OF CANADA AWARD  
*Pearl Eliadis*  
SPEAKING OUT ON HUMAN RIGHTS:  
DEBATING CANADA'S HUMAN RIGHTS SYSTEM

## NEW MEMBERS & SUBSCRIBERS 2014

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### INDIVIDUALS

Heidi Bohaker	Austin Luhtala
Terri Bonnah	Astoria Luzzi
Nicole Brousseau	Edward Macdonell
Courtney Cameron	Amber Mandich
Carla Cancellier	Greg Marlatt
Victor Caratun	Bob Martindale
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