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During the bitter battle to defend Old Fort York, the OHS convened a large public meeting on October 7, 1905 to protest the imminent destruction of this important historic site.

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Established in 1888, The Ontario Historical Society (OHS) is a not-for-profit corporation, registered charity, and publisher. The OHS is 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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PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT

Joe Stafford, **PRESIDENT**

Once again the Ontario Historical Society (OHS) has enjoyed a very successful year. As a provincial organization we continue to grow. Since 2009 the Society has incorporated an unprecedented 77 not-for-profit historical organizations. In 2015, the OHS incorporated nine new historical organizations. All of our committees have been very active this year and the Society remains financially sound.

The OHS continues to reach out across the province with our newsletter, the *OHS Bulletin*, and our website. In 2015 six webinars were offered on a wide range of topics such as the financial management of heritage organizations and the preservation of heritage trees.

As president, I represented the OHS at two important events in 2015. The Ministry of Tourism, Culture, and Sport (MTCS) announced a plan to develop the first cultural strategy for Ontario. The MTCS hosted several town hall meetings to engage communities across the province in hopes of better understanding their needs and interests. Consequently, the OHS organized a province-wide campaign to encourage our members to attend these meetings. We saw this as an opportunity to remind the government that heritage is a critical part of our cultural fibre in Ontario, and must be treated as such in the new provincial culture strategy. In order to make sure that our message was heard, I attended the town hall meeting in Kingston and encouraged other board members to attend in their own regions. I also represented the OHS at the Ontario Heritage Trust's celebration of Heritage Week which took place at the Faculty of Health Sciences at Queen's University.

In 2015, the Society's Student Publishing Program was launched. This is a very important youth initiative aimed at reaching out to the youth of the province. Daraius Bharucha, a history teacher at Bill Crothers Secondary School piloted the program along with several of his colleagues. Approximately 160 students participated in the program. We will be consulting with the teachers in order to receive their feedback concerning any necessary improvements. In the fall of 2016, we will then invite schools from across the province to participate in the program. I strongly encourage all of our affiliated organizations to contact

their local high schools in order to encourage them to participate. Since the program encourages students to focus on local history, the students will be visiting local museums, historical societies, and archives. This is a great opportunity for all of our groups to reach out to the youth of the province. Please see our website for more information about the program. We look forward to your participation in 2016!

Finally, I would like to thank all of our volunteers, affiliate groups, and members from across the province for their dedication to the preservation and promotion of Ontario's history. 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 President Joe Stafford (left) and OHS Director Allan Macdonell are welcomed by high school history teacher Ruth Bouttell at the 2015 National Capital History Day in Ottawa. The Society greeted local students and teachers, discussing issues in local history and handing out *OHS Bulletins* (the newsletter of the Ontario Historical Society).

TREASURER'S REPORT

Robert (Bob) Leech, **TREASURER**

The Society's 2015 financial statements, audited by Akler, Browning, Frimet & Landzberg LLP, show a modest loss with a balance sheet that is sound, healthy and debt free. Revenues from grants, memberships, subscriptions to *Ontario History*, and donations amounted to \$457,497, up approximately \$26,000 from the year before. There were no large bequests in 2015; however, the OHS did launch a new Planned Giving Program with Sun Life Financial that will hopefully result in more bequests going forward. In 2015, volunteers donated an estimated 10,750 hours in support of Society activities. This is up from 10,450 hours in 2014. This year the Society also received donated services valued at \$8,674.

Total expenses were \$499,814 for the year. This is an increase of approximately \$55,000 from the previous year. The largest cause for this increase was a considerable expenditure relating to replacement of the roof on the historic John McKenzie House. Although there was a fiscal deficit of \$42,317, the OHS still maintains positive net assets representing an accumulated surplus for the Society.

In 2015, the Society received an Ontario Trillium Foundation grant for \$175,800—to be spent within a twelve-month period—in support of the OHS Reach project. During the year, the Society contributed \$17,093 of in-kind contributions towards the project.

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; the Ontario Trillium Foundation; all corporate sponsors; and all OHS members, subscribers to *Ontario History*, and donors.

I would like to thank everyone who has made a donation to assist with the construction of a new roof for the John McKenzie House. Special thanks go to The McLean Foundation, which gave a grant of \$10,000. In partnership with the City of Toronto, work began in April 2016 to replace the decaying asphalt shingles presently on the building with a new slate roof.

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

PUBLIC OUTREACH, SERVICES, PROGRAMS

Rob Leverty, **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

NOT-FOR-PROFIT MEMBERS

Throughout 2015, the OHS provided the following consultations and services to over 845 of 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 2015, the OHS held incorporation meetings in the following eight communities: Arnprior, Toronto, Mississauga, Collingwood, Lochiel, Thunder Bay, Delaware (ON), and Port Stanley.



In 2015 the Ontario Historical Society (OHS) participated in the SilverShoe Historical Society's (SSHS) 18th Annual Memorial Candlelight Service, held at Bethel-Union Pioneer Cemetery in Clearview Township, Simcoe County. Clearview Township's Mayor Christopher Vanderkruys is pictured with Janie Cooper-Wilson, Executive Director, SSHS, at this special event which attracted over 100 people. SSHS incorporated through affiliation with OHS in 2007 and is dedicated to preserving and promoting the Black history of Simcoe County and the surrounding Georgian Bay region.



Longtime OHS member and affiliate group, the North York Historical Society (NYHS), partnered up with Heritage Toronto to honour the Cummer family with a plaque in Willowdale. The OHS hosted a reception at John McKenzie House for the members of the Cummer family and all the volunteers who dedicated their time and energy to this valuable project. NYHS President Glenn Bonnetta (far right) and OHS Director Ross Fair (second from the right) helped lead the unveiling.

PRESENTATIONS, WORKSHOPS, AND EVENTS

The following list is a *sample* of the events, presentations, and workshops that the OHS was involved with in 2015:

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

- ~Presentation on Cemetery Preservation for the Halton-Peel Branch of the Ontario Genealogical Society
- ~Presented on a panel at Érudit and Canadian Research Knowledge Network's Open Access Symposium
- ~Presentation on OHS History for Albion-Bolton Historical Society
- ~Held a book table at Swansea 8000 Years event.
- ~Presentation at the Annual General Meeting of the Grey County Historical Society
- ~Presentation to SilverShoe Historical Society's 18th Annual Memorial Service
- ~North York Fall Festival at Gibson House

THE OHS PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING WORKSHOPS, WEBINARS, AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES:

- ~Peer Leaders youth workshop with Trinity Theatre
- ~Financial Management for Heritage Organizations Webinar
- ~The Role of Municipal Heritage Committees Webinar

- ~The Ontario Heritage Act Part IV Designations Webinar
- ~The Ontario Heritage Act Part V Designations Webinar
- ~Building Communities Through Arts & Heritage Webinar
- ~Heritage Trees: Preserving our Natural Roots Webinar

THE OHS PARTICIPATED IN THE FOLLOWING EVENTS:

- ~Montgomery's Inn 40th Anniversary
- ~Seven Town Hall Meetings for the Ontario Culture Strategy Consultations
- ~Cemetery Dedication by the Old Durham Road Pioneer Cemetery Committee
- ~National Trust for Canada Annual Heritage Conference
- ~Canadian Association of Learned Journals Boot Camp
- ~Ontario Museum Association Annual Conference
- ~HerstoriesCafe launch of the *Ontario History* Spring 2015 special issue on Women in Education
- ~Impact Day with Deloitte Volunteers
- ~Cummer Plaque Unveiling in Willowdale
- ~Etobicoke Historical Society's Toronto Carrying Place Event
- ~Todmorden Mills Museum Unveiling of the Gathering of the Clans Mosaic
- ~Port Maitland "On the Grand" Historical Association's Cairn Dedication



On August 29th, the Ontario Historical Society (OHS) attended a cairn dedication ceremony in Port Maitland, Ontario. The Port Maitland "On the Grand" Historical Association (PMGHA) designed the cairn in honour of the former Naval Depot, the Naval Depot Cemetery, the Feeder Lock and Canal, and the Commercial Fishing Industry that helped shape this wonderful community. OHS Communications & Outreach Coordinator, Daniel Dishaw, is seen here presenting PMGHA President, Bill Warnick, with a certificate celebrating the PMGHA's 10-year anniversary. The PMGHA was incorporated by the OHS in 2005.

MEMBER SERVICES

PLANNED GIVING

In 2015, the Ontario Historical Society introduced our new Planned Giving Program. Through this program, OHS members across the province can plan their financial futures with the assistance of industry experts, building in donations or bequests to the OHS, if they are felt to be appropriate.

With the support of two Sun Life Financial advisors, Aviva Huberman and Andrew Sheppard, OHS members can join the Society's efforts to preserve Ontario's history in a manner that makes financial sense for them. Our program partners will help members devise the planned giving mechanism that's right for them.

INSURANCE PROGRAM

Established in 2008, the OHS Insurance Program remains very popular with the Society's membership. In 2015, the OHS held twenty-seven insurance consultations with historical organizations and witnessed a 16.2% growth in the number of new insurance policies issued to member organizations across Ontario.

Once the OHS approves a new policy application, the Society's insurance broker, Jones DesLauriers Insurance Management Inc., holds a thorough consultation with the applicant to ensure that each policy is tailored to the specific needs and local circumstances of the organization. The OHS Insurance Program provides protection for the volunteer board members of OHS member organizations across Ontario.

As of December 31, 2015, there are 115 historical organizations that have Directors and Officers Liability insurance policies underwritten at a limit of \$2 million each. There are 113 organizations that have Commercial General Liability insurance policies with liability limits of at least \$2 million, with some up to \$5 million. There are 44 organizations that have purchased coverage for contents and property.

EDUCATION

WEBINARS

In 2015, the OHS continued with its popular webinar series, the aim of which is to connect and engage OHS members and affiliates online through professional development sessions aimed at sharing best practices.

Webinar topics in 2015 included tools for financial management for heritage organizations, a three-part series with Community Heritage Ontario on the role of Municipal Heritage Committees in Ontario and an introduction to historical designation under the *Ontario Heritage Act*, information about federal grant programs for community heritage projects, and natural heritage preservation. Recordings of each webinar are made available to members and the public through our website, providing an accessible professional development tool for our affiliates and members.

OHS LIBRARY

The Society's considerable and valuable printed resources on Ontario's history have been organized into a unique reference library. The library's mandate is to make the collection accessible and available to OHS members, thereby adding value to membership.

In 2015, various collections of books—valued at \$4,759—were donated to the Society. The library now contains some 4,000 items, plus at least one copy of every *Ontario History* issue dating back to 1899. This unique library is now estimated to be worth over \$55,000.



Lifetime OHS member and archaeologist Charles Garrad is pictured here holding the OHS Library's copy of his book, *Petun to Wyandot: The Ontario Petun from the Sixteenth Century*. With Charles are his wife, Ella Garrad (right), and OHS Reach Project Manager Sarah McCabe.

STUDENT PUBLISHING PROGRAM

In 2015, the OHS launched a Student Publishing Program designed to engage high school students with their local heritage. Students who participate in the program will benefit in a variety of different ways. By writing about their local history, students will have an opportunity to engage with their communities and learn first-hand about the multitude of resources in their own backyard. The OHS will publish as many articles as possible on our website, providing students with province-wide exposure and an opportunity to enhance their university applications and résumés. At the end of the year, a shortlist of student authors will receive our prestigious Student Research Award. All submissions will be carefully reviewed by a committee of teachers, authors, and historians.

JOHN MCKENZIE HOUSE

Twenty-three years ago the Ontario Historical Society stepped in and rescued John McKenzie House from demolition. Since the initial restoration project began, the OHS has invested countless hours of staff time and over \$750,000 of our own resources to help restore and maintain this valuable piece of our heritage. The Society signed a 25-year lease with the City of Toronto in 1993 to use the building as our offices.



On October 2, the OHS welcomed a team of volunteers from Deloitte to our headquarters in the John McKenzie House in Willowdale. Deloitte has been volunteering with the OHS for several years now as part of their Impact Day program. With their help, the Coach House of the John McKenzie House received a fresh coat of paint. Thank you, Deloitte! Pictured above (from left to right) are Basil Al-Azem, John M. Kim, Shelley He, Elise Basque, and Heather Anderson of the OHS.

In 2013, the OHS worked with the City of Toronto and the Ontario Heritage Trust to secure a heritage conservation easement for the house and surrounding property, guaranteeing its protection for generations to come.

We are now very excited to report that in partnership with the City of Toronto, the roof of the John McKenzie House will be restored to its original condition with a new slate roof. The slate will replace the decaying asphalt shingles currently on the main building and coach house. Thank you to everyone who supported this exciting project!

PARKVIEW NEIGHBOURHOOD GARDEN

The OHS enjoyed the seventh year of its partnership with the Parkview Neighbourhood Garden (PNG), a communal, organic market garden led by a volunteer leadership group. 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 the OHS to PNG's volunteers for the storage of their tools and equipment.

In 2015, PNG sold nearly \$3,000 worth of organic herbs, berries, and vegetables to their Willowdale neighbours. This was the garden's most successful year ever, despite the fact that prices remain very modest. It is expected that \$1,500 of the proceeds will be donated to local food-based charities. For the first time, PNG started the majority of its own seedlings in volunteers' homes and in the cold frames at John McKenzie House, which saved money normally reserved to buy them. In the early spring, one volunteer conducted a children's program for students from McKee School, who learned how to prepare soil, plant, and weed. Garden members teamed up with the OHS for Doors Open Toronto in May, and hosted a tea party celebration for volunteers and friends of the garden in July. Volunteers provided tours to student groups, and supervision to more than a dozen high school students working towards their community service credits. At the end of the season, PNG forged a partnership with the Community Share Food Bank, which picked up all surplus produce and distributed it to its food bank and community kitchen. No edible food had to be composted.

CEMETERY DEFENCE

In 1995, the Society was forced to establish a trust fund to protect Ontario's cemeteries from inappropriate development. In 2015, 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 2015, 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.

In 2015, OHS gave a presentation to the Halton-Peel Branch of the Ontario Genealogical Society (OGS) on its grassroots cemetery preservation work. The Society worked closely with the SilverShoe Historical Society to successfully designate Bethel Union Cemetery in Simcoe County for its cultural and historical significance under the *Ontario Heritage Act*.

The OHS also participated in the dedication ceremony for a new pavilion to honour the 19th century Black pioneers buried in the Old Durham Road Cemetery, Grey County (pictured, right).

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 notification or appeal rights with regard to unregistered cemeteries. 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.

In 2015, the OHS and OGS submitted to the Ontario government detailed records of the many unregistered cemeteries in the Districts and Counties of Kenora, Kent, Lambton, Lanark, Leeds, Lennox and Addington, and Lincoln. Since 2012, the two societies have also submitted lists of unregistered cemeteries in the Regions, Districts and Counties of Algoma, Brant, Bruce, Carleton, Cochrane, Dundas, Durham, Elgin, Essex, Frontenac, Grey, Glengarry, Haldimand, Halton, Hastings and Huron.

It is in the public interest that all cemeteries be accorded the same legal status and be treated equally. Therefore, the OHS 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.



The OHS attended the Dedication Ceremony for the Old Durham Road Pioneer Cemetery (ODRPC) along with Lieutenant Governor of Ontario Elizabeth Dowdeswell and the Honourable Jean Augustine, former Fairness Commissioner of Ontario. The Society incorporated the ODRPC Committee in 1999.

OHS REACH PROJECT

Over the past several years, OHS members and subscribers will recall reading about the strategic challenges that the organization has faced in developing digital programs and services. In this regard, the Society made a giant leap forward with the launch of the OHS Reach project, which was awarded a 2015 Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF) grant. OHS Reach is the initial one-year development stage of a three-year initiative to transform how the Society interacts with members, subscribers, affiliated societies, and other stakeholders, and to furnish the expansion of online services – particularly for OHS’s peer-reviewed scholarly journal *Ontario History*.



As part of OHS Reach stakeholder consultations, OHS Reach Project Manager, Sarah McCabe (second from the right) was delighted to meet with the New Sudbury Historical Society (incorporated by the OHS in 2012). Standing (left to right) are Sudbury Ward 12 Councillor Joscelyne Landry-Altman and Doris Floriani, and, sitting, NSHS President Arthemise Camirand-Peterson, OHS Director Jim Fortin, OHS Reach Project Manager Sarah McCabe, and NSHS Board Member George MacKay.

In 2015, extensive research was conducted to determine the best method of online delivery for *Ontario History*, and several options are being considered. A special highlight was the opportunity to present on *Ontario History* at the Seminar on New Models of Knowledge Dissemination and Open Access in Canada, hosted by Érudit and CRKN, at BAnQ Vieux-Montreal.

Over 130 OHS publications were digitized, on topics including accessibility, genealogy, food and drink, education, Black history, Native peoples, and much more. These are to be made available in the Society’s planned online e-book store.

In the fall, stakeholder meetings were held across Ontario, in person and by phone, to discuss the needs of OHS affiliate and member groups, authors and historians, peer organizations, educators, students, archivists, librarians, museum professionals, and many other groups and individuals. The OHS membership survey conducted in December was very successful, receiving individual and institutional responses from across the province. The OHS sends a sincere thank you to everyone who participated in the meetings and survey!

In 2016, OHS Reach will commission legal counsel to issue an opinion on copyright issues associated with publishing *Ontario History* online. Subject indexing of *Ontario History* will be completed from 1993 to present. A review will be undertaken of the deployment of the Society’s human resources, and an update made to the Society’s strategic plan. Exciting things are to come, including planning for computer infrastructure upgrades and the expansion of online services.

A final report will be submitted to the OTF in July 2016, after which the OHS will seek a second round of funding to support the implementation activities of OHS Reach Phase Two.



In November 2015, OHS Reach Project Manager Sarah McCabe (left) presented on “The Top 10 Challenges of Putting *Ontario History* Journal Online” to the Northwestern Ontario Archivists Association (President Christina Wakefield is pictured here on the right) at Lakehead University in Thunder Bay.

ONTARIO HISTORY

Thorold (Tory) Tronrud

EDITOR, *Ontario History*

Another ten articles appeared in the pages of *Ontario History* in 2015. In the spring, a special issue on women in education was published with the help of guest editor Rose Fine-Meyer, who conceived of the topic. It featured five articles authored by six scholars. Alison Norman led off with a study of Six Nations women teachers at Grand River, a good companion piece to Brittany Luby's and Kathryn Labelle's work on cooperative education at the day school on Dalles 38C Indian Reserve. Widening the scope of the topic was Funke Aladejebi's examination of Black female educators in the 1960s through to the 1980s, R.W. Sandwell's article on re-educating women to adapt to a modern energy regime in the first half of the twentieth century, and Kate Zankowicz's interesting work on Ruth Home and her role in the creation and advancement of museum education at the Royal Ontario Museum. My thanks to Rose for all her work on this important issue of the journal.

The OHS has published its scholarly journal, *Ontario History*, since 1899.

The autumn issue of *Ontario History* includes a mixture of subjects spanning four centuries of history: Charles Garrad's study of the debate over the route taken by Champlain in 1616; the late James A. Low's examination of the pioneering roles played by Kingston Hospital in Upper Canada; Christopher S. Martinello's case study showing how Kennaway and Haliburton Village began as farming settlements but ultimately failed; Amy Bell utilizes some wonderful early photographs to analyze the use of photography in a late Victorian female college; and, finally, Kirk Niergarth gives us a fascinating study of George A. Drew's anti-Communist tour of the USSR in the 1930s.

The journal said goodbye to both Arthur Silver, our translator, and book review editor Ron Stagg who both stepped down in 2015 – I thank them for their invaluable contributions. I also welcome their replacements: Michael Zawada and Alison Norman who will, I am sure, have much to contribute in the years to come. As usual, 9

I need to thank my Editorial Advisory Committee for their valuable service as well as the board and staff of the Ontario Historical Society (OHS) for their continued support.



The HerstoriesCafe (herstoriescafe.com) held an event in May in conjunction with the launch of the Spring 2015 special issue of *Ontario History*, "Women and Education in Ontario." Seen here at the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education Library are four contributors to the issue (left to right): Dr. Alison Norman, author, *Six Nations Women Teachers at Grand River in the early Twentieth Century*; Dr. Rose Fine-Meyer, special issue guest editor; Funke Aladejebi, author, *Black Female Educators and Resistive Pedagogies, 1960s-1980s* and Dr. Kate Zankowicz, author, *In Search of Ruth Home: The Untold History of Museum Education at the Royal Ontario Museum*. Other authors in the collection include Dr. Ruth Sandwell, Brittany Luby, and Dr. Kathryn Labelle. For information about purchasing this issue, please contact the OHS.

Finally, a new committee of the OHS board has been established in 2015 to assist with the operation and development of the journal. Over the past several years, subscriptions to *Ontario History* have grown and new horizons are opening for us to exploit, especially in the realms of new electronic media. My thanks to Rob Leverty, Michel Beaulieu, Ross Fair, Alison Norman, Brad Rudachyk, and Sarah McCabe for their insights and hard work.

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 programs to its affiliated societies, including the popular insurance program.

"From January, 2010 to December, 2015 the OHS incorporated 68 historical organization across Ontario, 95% of which are based outside of Toronto, and 17% of which serve communities in northern Ontario."

In 2015, the OHS incorporated nine not-for-profit historical organizations. The Society is proud to have served the following affiliated societies:

INCORPORATED JANUARY 24, 2015

~Leslieville Historical Society

INCORPORATED MARCH 11, 2015

~The Harmony Collaboration

~Nottawasaga Lighthouse Preservation Society

INCORPORATED AUGUST 21, 2015

~McNab & District Celtic Heritage Society

~Centre Lochiel Centre

INCORPORATED OCTOBER 31, 2015

~Thunder Bay Railway Historical Society

~Buddies of the Brill

INCORPORATED DECEMBER 21, 2015

~Middlesex Centre Archives

~Heritage Port Stanley



Incorporated by the OHS in 2013, the Friends of the Beaverdams Church have raised over \$120,000 towards the restoration of this beautiful community landmark and adjoining cemetery. Since purchased the church and adjoining property in 2014, the Friends have been using the grounds to host a variety of exciting community programs and events.



Establishing not-for-profit organizations to save historic lighthouses and preserve Ontario's maritime heritage has been a major focus for the OHS. The Society attended the session "Save Our Lighthouses" at the 2015 Ontario Heritage Conference Niagara. Seen here from left are: Charlene Nigh, Point Abino Lightstation Preservation Society (PALPS); Paul Morralee, Canadian Lighthouses of Lake Superior (CLLS); Stewart Patch, Beach Lighthouse Preservation Group (BLPG); Marc Seguin, Save Our Lighthouses; Susan Ratcliffe, Friends of Cabot Head Lighthouse; and Robert Square, Cove Island Lighthouse Heritage Association and the Nottawasaga Lighthouse Preservation Society (NLPS). The OHS incorporated four of these lighthouse organizations as not-for-profit corporations through affiliation: BLPG (2004), PALPS (2005), CLLS (2014), and NLPS (2015).

HONOURS AND AWARDS 2015

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

Established in 1967, the OHS's awards program recognizes excellence in Ontario's heritage community. Congratulations to the 2015 recipients.

AWARDS FOR ORGANIZATIONS AND INSTITUTIONS

PRESIDENT'S AWARD
Ivanhoé Cambridge

SCADDING AWARD OF EXCELLENCE
Wolfe Island Historical Society

DOROTHY DUNCAN AWARD
Port Maitland "on the Grand" Historical Association

MUSEUM AWARD OF EXCELLENCE
IN COMMUNITY PROGRAMMING
Guelph Museums

B. NAPIER SIMPSON JR. AWARD OF MERIT
Town of Tecumseh Heritage Committee

AWARDS FOR SERVICE

CRUIKSHANK MEDAL
John Rae

CARNOCHAN AWARD
Charles Garrad
Elise Harding-Davis

AWARDS FOR AUTHORS

HUGUENOT SOCIETY OF CANADA AWARD
Sheila Watt-Cloutier
The Right to be Cold: One Woman's Story of Protecting her Culture, the Arctic and the Whole Planet

RIDDELL AWARD
Owen Temby and Ryan O'Connor
"Property, Technology, and Environmental Policy: The Politics of Acid Rain in Ontario, 1978-1985." *The Journal of Policy History*.



Fifteen heritage awards—recognizing volunteers, organizations, museums, and authors—were presented at the OHS's 2015 Honours and Awards Ceremony, held June 11, 2016, at the Legislative Assembly of Ontario in Toronto.

JOSEPH BRANT AWARD
Wab Kinew
The Reason You Walk

FRED LANDON AWARD
Craig Heron
Lunch-Bucket Lives: Remaking the Workers' City

DONALD GRANT CREIGHTON AWARD
Hugh Grant
W.A. Mackintosh: The Life of a Canadian Economist

ALISON PRENTICE AWARD
Joan M. Roberts
Cracked: How Phone Operators Took On Canada's Largest Corporation...And Won!

J. J. TALMAN AWARD
Ryan O'Connor
The First Green Wave: Pollution Probe and the Origins of Environmental Activism in Ontario

NEW MEMBERS & SUBSCRIBERS 2015

INDIVIDUALS

Funke Aladejebi	Janet Cobban
Julia Armstrong	Michelle Findlater
Hilary Dawson	Rose Fine-Meyer
Joel Kennedy	Cassandra Jasinski
Jamie Laidlaw	Ken Lewenza
Brittany Luby	Edward Macdonell
Kim McInnis	Denise McGuire
Ross C. Morton	David Poisson
Randy Paterson	Anna-Louise Richardson
Michael Prue	Allan Sherwin
Colin Read	Paul Douglas Turner
George Redburn	Peter Myler
R.W. Sandwell	Betty Lou Michael
Madeline Smolarz	Richard Hess
Rob Stokes	Jeff Boggs
Shirley Sturdevant	Henriette Keusch
Sabrina Taylor	Gabriella Colussi-Arthur
Nathan Tidridge	Peter Okonski
Ken Watson	Rod Millard
Kate Zankowicz	Janet Batchelor
Jerry Bernstein	Heather Lavalley
Andrew Beveridge	Terry Alderson
Lorne Bruce	

ORGANIZATIONS & INSTITUTIONS

A.H.B.I. Associates Inc.
The Canadian Heritage of Quebec
Grey Roots Museum and Archives
Leslieville Historical Society
Municipality of Sioux Lookout
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