



Clarendon & Miller Community Archives Honoured with Provincial Heritage Award

OHS Dorothy Duncan Award presented June 23, 2018
Japanese Canadian Cultural Centre, Toronto, 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.

The Dorothy Duncan Award is presented to a non-profit organization, nominated by a First Nations Council or a Municipal Council, for outstanding service to its region. The Ontario Historical Society is pleased to present the 2017 Dorothy Duncan Award to the **Clarendon & Miller Community Archives (CMCA)**.



Chair of the OHS Honours and Awards Committee Ian Radforth (far right) presents the 2017 Dorothy Duncan Award to Brenda Martin, Coordinator for CMCA; Sheryl Weber, Committee Member; and Ron Higgins, Warden of Frontenac County & Mayor of North Frontenac.

The Clarendon Miller Community Archives is recognized for its leadership in spearheading a community research project to document the history of lodges in their region. This research project evolved to include a community event and the publication of the book *Lodges: Past and Present* in North Frontenac.

The book, comprised of over 300 pages of historic photos and supporting text, documents the establishment of these significant institutions from early settler times. Propelled by the book's momentum and success, the Archives was able to publish a second book, *Memories of General Stores* in North Frontenac.

The Archives went on to establish a historic sites signage project for the region, marking significant places and interpreting their stories. Additionally, the group was able to leverage grant monies to produce *Historic Tours of North Frontenac*, a guidebook for historic hamlets

in the region. All of these efforts will culminate in A Virtual Tour of the region, planned for launch this year. Building upon these successes, and the community's growing interest in local history, the Archives was very successful in engaging community members in contributing images, artifacts, and family histories for the development of a military virtual exhibit for Remembrance Day.

One letter of support for the nomination reads: "I rate the people of North Frontenac as top performers in keeping alive the history of their community. They ably pull together relics, history, stories and legend, painting a true picture of the North Frontenac Region." The Clarendon Miller Community Archives is truly deserving of the Ontario Historical Society's 2017 Dorothy Duncan Award. The award was presented at the Annual General Meeting of the Ontario Historical Society at the Japanese Canadian Cultural Centre in Toronto, Ontario on June 23, 2018.

Founded in 1888, the Ontario Historical Society is a non-profit corporation and registered charity dedicated to the preservation and celebration of Ontario's history for people of all ages and cultural backgrounds. To learn more about the OHS's Honours and Awards Program, or to submit a nomination, please visit <https://www.ontariohistoricalsociety.ca/index.php/categories> or contact the Society's offices by telephone or e-mail.

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