

## Canadian Clock Museum in Deep River Recognized with OHS President's Award

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OHS President's Award presented to founder Allan Symons  
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The Ontario Historical Society is pleased to present the 2018 President's Award, which recognizes an outstanding contribution to the preservation and promotion of Ontario's history, to the Canadian Clock Museum in Deep River, Ontario. As President and Curator of the Museum, Allan Symons has done outstanding work collecting, researching, curating, and displaying clocks manufactured in Canada, most of them made here in Ontario. As Canada's only clock museum, it has brought national and international recognition to the history of Canadian clock-making.



*Chair of the OHS Honours & Awards Committee Dr. Ian Radforth (left) and then OHS President (now OHS Past President) Caroline Di Cocco present the 2018 President's Award to Founder and Curator of the Canadian Clock Museum, Allan Symons.*

involvement in the Ottawa Valley Watch and Clock Collection Club and its national equivalent. The Ontario Museum Association has recognized him with its Lifetime Achievement Award of Excellence and the National Association of Watch and Clock Collectors has made him a Distinguished Fellow.

The Honours and Awards Committee is pleased to add to Mr. Symons' distinctions by presenting the 2018 OHS President's Award to the Canadian Clock Museum.

In 2000, the Canadian Clock Museum opened in a former Pentecostal Church in Deep River. Beginning with Mr. Symons' personal collection of some 600 clocks, the Museum's collection has grown to include over 3000 clocks, and it is still growing. A recent addition to the collection is a magnificent tramp-art clock made in 1934 by Gordon Sykes of Welland, Ontario. At this not-for-profit Museum, Mr. Symons plays almost every role in its management and operation, including tour-guide to the more than 13,000 people who have visited since its opening. The Museum has become a tourist destination for northern travelers, and its popular website is an important source of information and inspiration for collectors and the curious.

Through many years of research, Mr. Symons has acquired exceptional expertise in the history of Canadian clock-making. He has shared that knowledge through his many published articles, through interviews with journalists, and through his highly active

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