

Bruce County Museum & Cultural Centre Recognized with Dorothy Duncan Public History Award

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The Ontario Historical Society is pleased to present the 2022-23 Dorothy Duncan Public History Award to the Bruce County Museum & Cultural Centre for their digitization and development of the Bruce County Historic Newspapers Website. The Dorothy Duncan Public History Award is presented to an outstanding public history project delivered in Ontario.

Starting in 2019, the Bruce County Museum & Cultural Centre began planning for this digitization project to increase access to their collection of newspapers from thirteen different local periodicals. Having acquired the necessary funding, work began in 2021. The project was not limited to digitization. The work involved archival conservation, as many of these newspapers required treatments prior to being digitized. Over 12,000 issues were scanned by the fall of 2022. By early 2023 thousands of researchers had accessed tens of thousands of pages of material.

The Bruce County Historic Newspapers Website is inspiring and sets a standard for many similar institutions to emulate. Not only does the project improve access, the online archive boasts a superb user interface supported by meticulous cataloguing that will be a direct benefit to casual researchers, genealogists, professional historians, lawyers, students, authors, and many others.

The Honours and Awards Committee congratulates the Bruce County Museum & Cultural Centre.

Bruce County Museum & Cultural Centre Responds to the Society's Recognition



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