OHS President's Award Winner: Nine Ships 1825 Inc.

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The Ontario Historical Society is pleased to present the 2026 President's Award to Nine Ships 1825 Inc., in recognition of an exceptional programming and community storytelling initiative. The President's Award recognizes an outstanding contribution to the preservation or promotion of Ontario's history.

Over the past few years, members of Nine Ships 1825 Inc. brought together a remarkable network of heritage agencies, all levels of government, First Nations and international partners to plan for the Bicentennial of the British sponsored migration of some 2,000 Irish men, women and children from Cork Ireland to the Peterborough region in 1825.

Working in collaboration with their many partners, the Board coordinated, promoted and developed a wide-ranging program of guided tours, cemetery walks, plays, musical performances, a panel discussion and a Heritage Fair that featured writers, genealogists, artists, historical societies and extensive genealogical information on the original 307 families that journeyed in nine ships from Cobh to Peterborough. A unique aspect of the Bicentennial Commemoration was the parallel program of tours and special events presented in southern Ireland to mark the departure of the Irish immigrants on this unique emigration experiment. This international partnership is ongoing for mutual economic and cultural benefits.



The OHS President's Award was presented at the 2026 OHS Awards Ceremony on November 14, 2026 at the Historic John McKenzie House in Willowdale, Toronto, Ontario. Left to right: OHs Awards Committee Co-Chair Hans Bathija, Brendan Moher, Mary Smith, Maureen Crowley, Madison More, Dennis Carter-Edwards, and Elwood Jones.

The Ontario Historical Society is pleased to recognize Nine Ships 1825 Inc. for its exceptional contribution to Ontario's heritage sector. Congratulations to Nine Ships 1825 and all the partner organizations and volunteers who contributed to this accomplishment.

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 Awards Program, or to submit a nomination, please visit ontariohistoricalsociety.ca/awards/ or contact the Society's offices by telephone or e-mail.

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