



October 10, 2019

MEDIA ADVISORY

## **Newly Appointed Lieutenant Governor Presents Heritage Saskatchewan's Awards at Government House**

On Wednesday evening, October 9<sup>th</sup> His Honour, the Honourable Russell Mirasty, the Lieutenant Governor of Saskatchewan, presented eight awards to recipients from across the province. Awards were presented in four categories:

### **Physical Heritage Conservation**

- College Avenue Campus Renewal Project (University of Regina)
- Melfort Historic Post Office (City of Melfort)
- Smithfield Restoration Project (The Smithfield Society Inc., R.M. of Brock)

### **Intangible Cultural Heritage**

- Learning from Our Elders Living Heritage Workshops (Cumberland House)
- Kronau Heritage Museum Video Series (Kronau Heritage Museum, Kronau)
- Letterpress Now (University of Regina Department of Visual Arts, Regina)

### **Community Development**

- Living Heritage Art Workshops (Southwest Saskatchewan Oldtimers Museum & The Art House, Maple Creek)

### **Public Outreach**

- Traders & Trappers – A Fur Trade Card Game (Saskatchewan Archaeological Society, Saskatoon)

The Awards annually celebrate projects that safeguard the living heritage of this rich and diverse province for future generations. Recognition is given for the skills, knowledge and commitment that each of the building owners, designers and craftspeople, heritage workers and creative individuals demonstrate during the development and implementation of each heritage project. The Awards are adjudicated by an independent jury made up of volunteers with demonstrated expertise in the award categories. The Awards criteria recognizes excellence in a variety of heritage projects, both tangible and intangible, across Saskatchewan. This year, the adjudication process was particularly competitive, demonstrating the continuing growth and diversity of heritage-related activities in the province.

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One of the Awards was a surprise to, and personally significant for, His Honour, as he presented to his niece, Mika Carriere, a teacher at Charlebois School in Cumberland House. Her Honour, Donna Mirasty, wife of the Lieutenant Governor, originally hails from the northern community in the Saskatchewan River Delta. The Award presented to Ms. Carriere recognized her work with students and elders in the community to document and celebrate its unique living heritage.

In his opening remarks, His Honour spoke eloquently about the value of heritage in the lives of Saskatchewan citizens, emphasizing that a sense of belonging and rootedness in culture contributes to the wellbeing of our families and communities. He highlighted his own experience growing up in northern Saskatchewan as a member of the Lac La Ronge Indian Band. Mr. Mirasty delivered greetings from Queen Elizabeth II in his mother tongue, Woodland Cree.

This year, as we celebrate the exceptional heritage work happening across the province, Heritage Saskatchewan is in turn being recognized nationally. The organization is a recipient of the 2019 Governors' Awards through The National Trust for Canada, for its work on the development of the Saskatchewan Index of Wellbeing, connecting heritage and wellbeing. CEO Ingrid Cazakoff will accept the award on October 18<sup>th</sup> at the National Trust's Awards ceremony in Winnipeg. This honour comes as Heritage Saskatchewan celebrates its 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary as a non-profit organization advocating for heritage in the province.

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