



—2021—

Heritage Awards

PRESENTED BY
THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR
OF SASKATCHEWAN

Government House, Regina
November 2nd, 2021

HERITAGE
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5:25

Guests are seated

5:30

Arrival of His Honour Russ Mirasty,
Lieutenant Governor of Saskatchewan

Award Presentations

6:30

Reception

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A MESSAGE FROM
His Honour Russ Mirasty
Lieutenant Governor of Saskatchewan



Welcome to the Saskatchewan Heritage Awards Ceremony at historic Government House in Regina, which is in Treaty 4 Territory and Homeland of the Métis.

Learning about our heritage enriches our lives, informs our identity, and creates understanding of our own history and of others. I am grateful to Heritage Saskatchewan and its members for facilitating and encouraging the sharing of our many stories and traditions.

I congratulate the 2021 recipients of the Lieutenant Governor's Heritage Awards. You can take great pride in this well-deserved recognition. Thank you for your impressive projects, which preserve and celebrate Saskatchewan's diverse heritage.

Russ Mirasty
Lieutenant Governor
Province of Saskatchewan



A MESSAGE FROM
Ingrid Cazakoff
Heritage Saskatchewan,
Chief Executive Officer

Thank you for joining us and celebrating our living heritage. As we gather today, I would like to acknowledge that this awards ceremony at Government House is being held on Treaty 4 territory, the traditional lands of the Nehiyawak, Anishinaabe, Dakota, Lakota, and Nakota, and homeland of the Métis. I

would also like to take the opportunity to welcome visitors from other treaty territories throughout Saskatchewan.

The Heritage Awards event is a time to celebrate the remarkable work undertaken throughout the province. We are pleased to be able to hold this ceremony once again after a year's hiatus.

Heritage Saskatchewan recognises that living heritage, our values, beliefs and ways of living, is inherited from past generations and continues to influence our present and our choices for the future. The many projects submitted for the jury's consideration this year demonstrate the importance that communities and individuals place upon documenting, promoting, teaching, and celebrating this diverse heritage. Especially over the past two years, we have grown more aware of the stories we tell and the traditions that we pass on from one generation to the next. We are more mindful of what we would like to maintain and what changes we would like to see in the future to build a more equitable and vibrant Saskatchewan.

During these challenging times, it is encouraging to know that heritage remains an important part of our communities. The submissions received were all worthy of recognition, and the jury had difficult decisions to make in selecting this year's awards recipients. We extend our deep appreciation to all of the applicants for their hard work. Thank you to the jury who volunteered their time for the adjudication process and together we offer our congratulations to our award recipients for 2021.

This year, we are joined by the Saskatchewan Heritage Foundation, who are celebrating their 30th anniversary. We reflect on the past and look forward to the future. Thank you to all of the volunteers, heritage professionals, community leaders, and ordinary citizens that work so tirelessly to celebrate Saskatchewan's rich and diverse heritage!

A MESSAGE FROM

Margaret Huntington
Saskatchewan Heritage Foundation,
Board Chair



CELEBRATING 30 YEARS



The Saskatchewan Heritage Foundation (SHF) is honoured to be included as a special presenter in this year's Heritage Awards ceremony. As we celebrate our 30th anniversary, we take pride in having provided financial assistance to support important preservation of the rich and unique heritage of our province.

Over the course of 30 years, the SHF has provided grants to individuals, community groups, municipalities and corporations that are working to preserve our built heritage. In that time we have committed over \$10 million to hundreds of heritage initiatives.

The Heritage Foundation understands the value of preserving both our tangible and intangible history, because those legacies give unique character and distinctiveness to communities and help connect us with the traditions of our past. We commend Heritage Saskatchewan for shining attention on the many forms of our intangible history. The mandate of SHF has traditionally focused on our tangible heritage, primarily on the built heritage assets that remind us of past ways of life, fine workmanship or architecture truly representative of its time and place.

We are very happy to present the Saskatchewan Heritage Foundation 30th Anniversary award to the Yorkton Brick Flour Mill for the exemplary built heritage conservation work they have pursued over several years to restore Saskatchewan's last remaining brick flour mill and Yorkton's oldest industrial building, an integral part of their community heritage.

We congratulate all participants and recipients of the Heritage Awards for the work they are doing to promote and preserve all forms of our heritage that reflect our provincial personality and make Saskatchewan such a wonderful place to call home.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

SAKAW PIMATAN (MUSKEG LAKE FOOD FOREST)

Muskeg Lake Cree Nation

The vision for sakaw pimatan (Muskeg Lake Food Forest) was of a 2.5 acre public space where healthy community and land stewardship for food production could interconnect. The area is designed as a place to strengthen the community's Cree world-view of a circular relationship with the land. This involved growing over 500 trees, perennials, and annual plants in healthy, living soil while also creating spaces for community to gain experiential education and revitalize their heritage. The team strives to learn and connect with their regional community and have collaborated with many to create sakaw pimatan, a "place of plenty that gives life."

PRESENTED TO:

Blaine Lake Composite
School

Chief Kelly Wolfe

Councillor Cal Arcand

Councillor Curtis Lafond

Food Forest staff

Glenna Cayen

Jordan Schultz

Katherine Finn

kiihiw waciston School

Leask Community School

Muskeg Lake Chief and
Council

Muskeg Lake Food
Security Committee

Muskeg Lake Lands
Department

North Saskatchewan
River Basin Council

Steven Wiig



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

THE GREAT SOUTHWEST SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL

Lyric Theatre

The 2021 Great Southwest Shakespeare Festival consisted of a pair of events, the first being two professional theatre productions of Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night" and "Macbeth", held in the festival tent at Riverside Park in downtown Swift Current. The productions celebrated identity and cultural diversity and had substantial community involvement, including a cast and production team of 18, along with 24 volunteers, 7 members of the Board of Directors, and 20 sponsors and grant agencies. The second event, the one-week youth camp, immersed youth from ages 10 to 13 in the world of Shakespeare, concluding with an original Shakespeare-themed theatre presentation. The festival engaged families and youth from around the southwest region. The involvement of the community is helping forge a legacy that speaks directly and eloquently to the heritage of the community and province.

PRESENTED TO:

Amy Couzens	Eric Epstein	John Leyshon	Sara Booth
Damien Oman	Georgia Graham	Jon Loptson	Stefan Rumpel
Denise Wall	Gordon McCall	Kirk Allison	Trish Ayrey
Desiree Leonard	Gwen Uher	Marc Ruel	Zac Oliver
Don Griffiths	Heather Christie	Maria Doyle	Zach Elliott
Ed Doyle	Isidro Rodriguez	Nan Gregory	
Emmanuel De Gala	James Dallas Smith	Randy Beler	



INTANGIBLE CULTURAL HERITAGE

LAND BASED LEARNING IN SOUTHEASTERN SASKATCHEWAN

Garrick Schmidt

Over the past two years, Garrick Schmidt has run a land based learning program for Ochapowace First Nation's school, with a new program beginning this year at Whitebear First Nations Education Complex. The program is never considered "complete" but instead goes from school year to school year, putting students on the land almost every day. There, they learn from the land and acquire traditional teachings that have been lost or forgotten as a result of the residential school program and the 60's Scoop. Schmidt also runs land-based camps through the summer and winter season for Métis Nation Saskatchewan, and other surrounding First Nations communities in Treaty Four Territory, providing valuable land based learning experiences to many.

PRESENTED TO:

Garrick Schmidt



PUBLIC OUTREACH

“AN HONEST, GENIAL AND KINDLY PEOPLE”

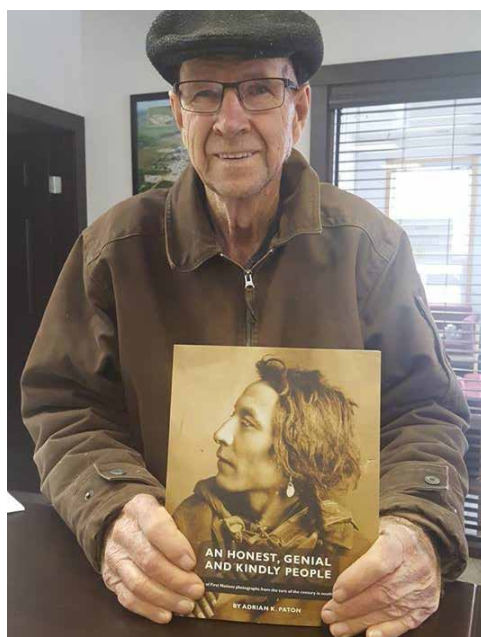
BY ADRIAN K. PATON

Adrian Paton's publication, "An Honest, Genial and Kindly People," includes a collection of photographs taken near the turn of the century, highlighting Indigenous people in southern Saskatchewan. Adrian captured the underlying stories and background to these rich images through his interviews of First Nations people and early settlers in the area, allowing an opportunity to better understand the cultural heritage of these communities and to recognize their significance. The publication provides a glimpse into Saskatchewan's past and ensures that this remarkable history, which was often passed down orally, is preserved for generations to come.

During the last decade, Adrian resided in a heritage building on the main street of Arcola, Saskatchewan where he conducted his research on the Indigenous people of the area and the rich history of his First Nations friends. Adrian passed away in January of 2021, reading, researching, and recording history until his very last day. He was almost 87 years old.

PRESENTED TO:

Adrian K. Paton (posthumously)
Valerie Guillemin



PUBLIC OUTREACH

“HERITAGE MOMENTS”

Waskesiu Heritage Museum

“Heritage Moments” is a project which was made in order to create an accessible, online guide to 41 historic locations in the townsite of Waskesiu. Distinctive round signs with QR codes are located around the community. Users scan the QR code with their smartphone and then are taken to the webpage for that location. Stories, archival photos, videos, and information about that location in the past are shared. A brochure with map guides makes it easy for people wanting to visit the many locations. The main objective of this project was to move history out of the Museum and offer it to people in small, entertaining amounts as they move around the townsite. Another objective was to share the rich collection of photos from Parks Canada archives with the public, as well as providing entertaining stories, information, oral history interviews, and other media from the Museum collection.

PRESENTED TO:

Chris Arnstead
Derwin Arnstead
Waskesiu Heritage Museum



PUBLIC OUTREACH

OUTREACH

Yorkton Historic Flour Mill

The Yorkton Historic Flour Mill Committee has promoted community engagement in stabilizing and developing the community's mill heritage site. Invaluable support has been received from the Saskatchewan Heritage Foundation, Yorkton City Council and over sixty businesses. Four community outreach sessions were held to invite perspectives and advice on the proposed interpretive centre project. The Committee's fundraising Heritage Dinners continue to grow, reaching people throughout the region, alongside other efforts to engage new participants and communities. The Yorkton Tribal Council has taken a very active and supportive seat at the table, and the Yorkton Newcomers Group has participated in many activities at the mill. Other new additions include hosting events for Yorkton's Culture Days and the storyboard signs, publicly detailing the history of the mill and the region.

PRESENTED TO:

Larry Pearen

Thom Weir

Vern Brown



PHYSICAL HERITAGE CONSERVATION

MELFORT QUEEN'S BENCH COURT HOUSE Tenant Improvements & Security Upgrades

Wesley Moore

This restoration project involved interior modifications to improve function and provide increased security for personnel working at Melfort Queen's Bench Court House. The primary conservation approach taken was rehabilitation, as there was adaptive re-use of the building to enhance and prolong the use of the building in its existing manner while conserving and protecting the heritage value. All original components that were removed were salvaged and retained for future use. The alterations to the doorways and corridor are reversible and could be restored to original function if desired, ensuring the original appearance is not lost. The use of original material and components in the new configuration maintains the character and feel of the spaces, conserving the heritage fabric while providing desired function for continued use of the building.

PRESENTED TO:

Moore Architecture Consulting Group Ltd.

Perry Scott, SaskBuilds and Procurement

RNF Ventures Ltd.

Wesley Moore



PHYSICAL HERITAGE CONSERVATION

RENEWAL PROJECT

Wanuskewin Heritage Park

Nestled on the Opimihaw Creek Valley and the South Saskatchewan River near Saskatoon, Wanuskewin Heritage Park is a National Historic Site, interpretive centre, natural area, and an active archaeological site. The site, opened in 1992, transcends the line between buildings and land to fulfill the vision of the founding Elders to tell the story of the Northern Plains Indigenous peoples. The location, massing, orientation, and finishes of the Interpretive Centre are all reflective of this guiding principle, and the results combine these important historic elements with modern design elements.

In 2013, Wanuskewin completed a Visitor Experience Master Plan, intended to help revitalize and renew the facility for the future. The renewal project, completed in December 2020, includes the expansion of the Interpretive Centre, gallery spaces, and meeting rooms, as well as a refreshed restaurant, new playground, and trail connections.

PRESENTED TO:

Alena Sherwood
Chris Conley
Cory Richter
Craig Dunlop
Darlene Brander
Doug Thompson

Dr. Ernest Walker
Jesse Friggstad
Marilyn Gould
Mark Gress
Mitch Strocen
Victor Chorobik



PHYSICAL HERITAGE CONSERVATION

PHASE I STABILIZATION

Yorkton Historic Flour Mill

The Yorkton Flour Mill is also receiving special recognition in celebration of the Saskatchewan Heritage Foundation's 30th anniversary.

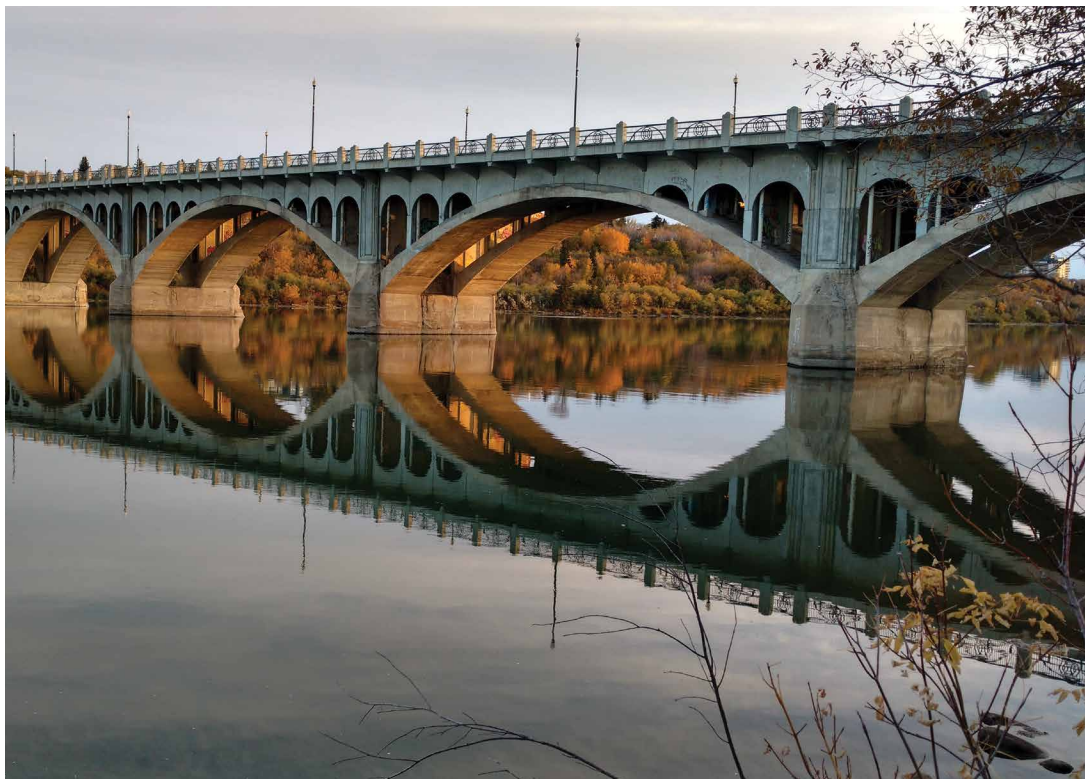
The Yorkton Brick Mill Heritage Society was formed in early 2012 by individuals interested in the preservation of the oldest surviving brick flour mill in Saskatchewan. A commissioned engineer's report determined that the mill could be saved with major repairs. With the help of the Saskatchewan Heritage Foundation, the committee has raised over \$330,000 through memberships, fundraising projects, and grants, reinvesting these earnings in the site. Major milestones include the installation of a new engineered roof (2014), the removal of graffiti (2017), foundation repairs (2018), and brick replacements and repointing (2019). In 2020, the addition of large storyboard signs displaying several different perspectives of the area's history, including the York Colony settlement of 1882, the railroad, the mill, and the First Nations community, added significant heritage value to the site.

PRESENTED TO:

Barry Sharpe
Glenn Wiseman

Larry Pearen
Vern Brown





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