



Longtime OHS Volunteers Honoured for Outstanding Dedication to Heritage

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In 1967, The Ontario Historical Society (OHS) established an awards program to recognize individuals, organizations, corporations, and authors who have contributed significantly to the preservation and promotion of Ontario's heritage.

The Ontario Historical Society's Cruikshank Medal is presented on rare occasions to individuals who have performed with distinction on behalf of the Society. This year, the OHS is proud to recognize **Geoff and Edith Geduld** with this honour.



OHS Executive Director Rob Leverty (left) and Chair of the OHS Honours and Awards Committee Ian Radforth (far right) present the 2016 OHS Cruikshank Gold Medal to Geoff Geduld (centre-right) and Edith Geduld.

The Gedulds have worked in close partnership with the Ontario Historical Society for over thirty years. Geoff served as a Director on the Ontario Historical Society's board and both Edith and Geoff have served as Presidents of the North York Historical Society, an organization that has worked closely with the OHS for decades. Since 1978, they have been involved in virtually all of the efforts to preserve the significant heritage structures of North York, including Milne House, Gibson House, Green Meadows, and of course, the John McKenzie House.

They were instrumental in the Society's campaign to save the John McKenzie House from demolition, volunteering their time and skills to countless fundraising events such as garage sales and book sales to finance the restoration of the main house, milk house, stable, coach house, and gardens. Geoff and Edith supported the OHS' efforts to secure a

heritage designation for the John McKenzie House and then more recently advocated for a heritage conservation easement to protect all the historic buildings and adjacent properties from future real estate development.

In 2010-2011, Edith and Geoff were instrumental in ensuring the legal transfer of the electronic assets of the Ontario Heritage Connection to the OHS in order for the Society to establish a permanent online directory of heritage organizations and institutions in Ontario. For years they have helped staff and volunteers welcome guests to the historic home for Door's Open Toronto, and they continue to offer their assistance as highly-skilled volunteers whenever possible. The Society would like to thank the Gedulds; not just for their contributions to the Ontario Historical Society's work, but for their tireless dedication to the preservation of Ontario's history. Congratulations, Edith and Geoff.

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's Honours and Awards Program, or to submit a nomination, please visit <https://www.ontariohistoricalsociety.ca/index.php/categories> or contact the Society's offices by telephone or e-mail.

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