

## 2026 Heritage Awards Recipients

### Heritage Recognition Awards:

- **Rosemary Curley, Barbara MacDonald, Johanne Vigneault and Chris Ortenburger:** for their work raising public awareness on the positive role of museums in Prince Edward Island/Epekwitk.
- **Benevolent Irish Society of Prince Edward Island:** for their efforts in celebrating Irish-Canadian culture in Prince Edward Island/Epekwitk
- **Andrews Tribune Newsletter:** for their work documenting and sharing the life stories and lived experiences of seniors in Prince Edward Island/Epekwitk.
- **Gary MacDougall and Carolyn McKillop:** for their work researching, writing and publishing the book *Tyne Valley: The People, Their History*.

### Mary Cornfoot Brehault Genealogy Award

- **Jean MacKay:** for her dedicated service as an archivist at the MacNaught History Centre and Archives in Summerside, Prince Edward Island/Epekwitk.

### Natural Heritage Activity Award

- **Jake Harding:** for his work catching, identifying, and cataloguing insects and arthropods on Prince Edward Island/Epekwitk.

### Volunteer of the Year Award

- **Percy Affleck:** for his leadership, passion and dedication to preserving and sharing the history of the Bedeque area in Prince Edward Island/Epekwitk.

### Irene Rogers Architectural Award

- **Mark Rodd:** for his leadership and initiative in conserving and restoring the historic Charlottetown Hotel.

### Wendell Boyle Performance Award

- **Richard Wood:** for performing and sharing Prince Edward Island/Epekwitk musical and cultural heritage for over forty years.

### **Academic Publication of the Year**

- **Frank Gillan:** for preserving and sharing Prince Edward Island/Epekwitk heritage through his book *They Can't Take the Kids*.

### **Creative Publication of the Year**

- **Kate MacQuarrie:** for preserving and sharing Prince Edward Island/Epekwitk heritage through her book *Wild Foods of Prince Edward Island*.

### **Catherine Hennessey Heritage Activism Award – Young Adult Category**

- **Town of Stratford:** for their work connecting youth to Stratford's heritage through their 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Book Project.

### **Catherine Hennessey Heritage Activism Award – Adult Category**

- **Town of Stratford:** for their efforts to engage residents with their history of military service through a knit and crochet poppy project.

### **Boyde Beck Memorial Award**

- **Connecting Conversations Indigenous Language & Drumming Program:** for their work teaching and sharing Mi'kmaq language, culture and heritage in Prince Edward Island/Epekwitk.

### **Boyde Beck Memorial Bursary**

- **Miyuki Fujimaru:** for her enthusiasm and effort in studying, sharing and preserving culture and heritage on Prince Edward Island/Epekwitk.

### **Award of Honour**

- **Clarence Ryan:** for his outstanding contributions to conservation, research and education in natural heritage on Prince Edward Island/Epekwitk.