2015 Heritage Awards
Call for Nominations

Do you know someone who has made significant contributions to conserve and celebrate Yukon’s heritage?

The Yukon is home to a rich and diverse heritage. This inheritance is physically embodied through tangible heritage, such as buildings and landscapes, architecture, archival photos and documents, and museum collections. It is also expressed intangibly in ways that include stories, songs, and traditional knowledge and practices. When you feel a sense of pride walking downtown, visit a museum or teach someone a traditional craft, you are engaging in heritage activities.

The Yukon Heritage Awards were established in 1982 to recognize individuals and organizations which have made outstanding contributions to the protection, conservation and interpretation of the Yukon’s rich and diverse heritage.

The Yukon Historical & Museums Association is seeking nominations for the 2015 Heritage Awards. The deadline for submissions is February 5, 2016. A complete list of past award recipients can be found at www.heritageyukon.ca.

The Awards will be presented in conjunction with a celebration of Heritage Day on February 16, 2015, 6-8pm at the Yukon Archives (400 College Dr., Whitehorse). On this day we will celebrate those who have gone above and beyond in the name of heritage. We will think about the diversity and vulnerability of our heritage and the efforts required to ensure its ongoing protection, conservation and interpretation.

Nominations are accepted in the following categories:

**Annual Heritage Award**

The award will be presented to an individual, organization, First Nation or business for an outstanding contribution to Yukon heritage. The recipient must qualify in one of the following categories:

- Outstanding service to the protection, conservation, promotion or development of Yukon’s heritage;
- Project, exhibit or initiative that demonstrates outstanding innovation, creativity or impact in the research, documentation, promotion and interpretation of Yukon heritage;
- Meritorious service to YHMA; or
- Performance of a single action, deed or service that ranks far above the normal in the cause of Yukon heritage.

*Goody Sparling and Babe Richards (2008 Lifetime Heritage Award winners), with friends*
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History Maker Award

The award will be presented to an individual, organization, First Nation or business for outstanding contributions to Yukon heritage. The recipient must qualify in one of the following categories:

- Recognized service to the protection, conservation, promotion or development of Yukon’s heritage over a period of many years;
- Long-time Yukoner who has made the Yukon what it is today;
- Meritorious service to YHMA over a period of many years; or
- Recognized in the heritage community as a History Maker

Helen Couch Volunteer of the Year Award

This award is named after Helen Couch, who was a pioneer of the Yukon and a tireless volunteer for heritage organizations. She was a trustee on the board of MacBride Museum from 1988 to 2001, attended most if not all of the events and supplied home baking for most of them. Helen was also on the Board of YHMA from 1991 to 1992 and from 2003 through 2008. The Yukon heritage community is grateful to Helen for her long and distinguished service as a volunteer. In 2004 YHMA’s volunteer award was renamed the Helen Couch Volunteer of the Year Award.

The award will be presented to an individual for an outstanding volunteer contribution to Yukon heritage. The recipient must qualify in one of the following categories:

- Extensive volunteerism to a Yukon heritage organization,
- Extensive volunteerism for a Yukon heritage event, or
- Extensive volunteerism to YHMA.

Heritage Conservation Project of the Year Award

The award will be presented to an individual, community group, First Nation or business whose work to conserve, restore or rehabilitate a historic property best reflects the principles and practice outlined in the Standards and Guidelines for the Conservation of Historic Places in Canada.

This award is sponsored by the Historic Sites Unit, Yukon Department of Tourism and Culture. To be eligible:

- The recipient must be the owner or the representative of the owner of the historic property,
- The recipient must be the project manager or main proponent of the preservation, restoration or rehabilitation work, and
- The property must be listed in the Yukon Historic Sites Inventory.

Innovation, Education and Community Engagement Award

This award recognizes the importance of heritage to the social, cultural and educational fabric of the Yukon. The Yukon’s rich, diverse heritage plays an important role in developing and sustaining
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healthy, vibrant communities, and this award celebrates the various ways in which knowledge is shared and transmitted between generations and cultural groups.

The award will be presented to an individual, organization, First Nation or business who demonstrates leadership, innovative approaches or outstanding contributions in encouraging ongoing education and community engagement with the Yukon’s heritage. To be eligible, the recipient must qualify in one or more of the following categories:

- Outstanding or innovative initiative, exhibit, event or project that engages or inspires existing or new audiences with Yukon heritage; or
- Outstanding or innovative contribution to heritage education or interpretation through social media, publications, displays, exhibits, or other products or activities that promote heritage conservation.

Nomination Package Criteria

Each nomination should be about 1-2 pages in length and include the following information:

- Name and contact information of nominator (including telephone, email and relation to nominee)
- Name and contact information of nominee (include organization if applicable)
- Award category for which they are nominated
- Description of nominee and how they meet the criteria of the Award category. Here’s your chance to explain why this person or organization is deserving! Please provide as much relevant information as possible
- 1-2 photos of the nominee, project or historic site (these will be used for promotional purposes)

Submit your nominations by mail or e-mail to YHMA by 5pm, February 5, 2016.