

Executive Director's Message

This the autumn edition of Heritage features not only an excellent article on the rehabilitation of the Stable Building on the grounds of Rideau Hall, an important national historic site, but also an interview with the Right Honourable Adrienne Clarkson, Governor General of Canada. As Patron of the Heritage Canada Foundation, Her Excellency takes a keen personal interest in the work of this organization and in the larger community it serves. As readers will note from the comments she makes in the interview, the Governor General believes strongly in the need to preserve our heritage resources for current and future generations, and we are delighted to be able to provide Her Excellency with the opportunity to speak to the importance of heritage conservation.

Elsewhere in this edition you will find news of the 2004 winners of our awards and prizes, including the fifth winner of our prestigious Prince of Wales Prize. The 2004 winners were honoured at an awards ceremony, held in the context of our annual conference and presided over by His Honour Herménégilde Chiasson, Lieutenant Governor of New Brunswick, and I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate them again for their contributions to heritage conservation in Canada. I would also like to remind readers that the success of our awards and prizes program is entirely dependent on the quality and quantity of nominations made in each category. There are so many who deserve recognition, and I encourage you to review the awards and prizes information on our Web site and begin the process of nominating those whose achievements in this field merit being honoured. The deadline for receipt of nominations is March 31, 2005, and I look forward to a bumper crop of submissions by then.

On the subject of publications, I should mention that the proceedings of our recent annual conference will soon be published, and will be available for free upon request. Similarly, our 2003-2004 Annual Report, released at our recent conference in Saint John, is bound into this edition of the magazine. Our new strategic plan was unveiled at our recent annual general meeting. A copy of the executive summary was mailed to all members of the Foundation and was posted on our Web site, but those wishing the full version should contact the Foundation office. I would greatly appreciate any and all comments on the new strategic plan, and look forward to hearing from members and non-members alike. I thank you in advance for your interest and your input.

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