

## CMA AWARDS | 2021

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### TWO ATLANTIC CANADIANS WIN CANADIAN MUSEUMS ASSOCIATION AWARD OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE

**Ottawa, May 17, 2021** – Marven E. Moore, of the Maritime Museum of the Atlantic in Halifax, NS and Teresita McCarthy, a founding member of the Bell Island Heritage Society in Newfoundland were awarded the prestigious Canadian Museums Association (CMA) Award of Distinguished Service at this year's CMA Conference.

In addition to celebrating achievement, the CMA Awards uplift and inspire by helping set community benchmarks of excellence. All are awarded following a competitive process and peer review by a volunteer jury.

Teresita McCarthy has been a staunch fighter for the museum sector in her roles as an educator and a volunteer and a champion of the heritage sector in her home province, fighting to preserve the culture and history of small museums.” said CMA Awards committee chair Benoît Légaré. “Nationally, Ms. McCarthy has been a strong advocate for community museums on the national stage, participating in CMA Hill Days and by participating in countless boards, committees, conferences, workshops and other museum sector events.”

Mr. Légaré said, “Marven E. Moore has been an integral partner to museums in Atlantic Canada throughout his more than 30-year career. On a national level, Mr. Moore was the Nova Scotia representative on the definitive CMA Ethical Guidelines. He also worked with the Canadian Heritage Information Network (CHIN) to develop a specialized classification system now used in Canadian maritime museums.”

The CMA conference brings together hundreds of museum professionals from every region of the country. It was held exceptionally online this year from May 3 to May 13.

#### **Additional quotes:**

"Winning the award is great honour. It makes me reflect upon the wonderful opportunities afforded to me by the provincial museum systems of Prince Edward Island and Nova Scotia. As invigorating as my early museum summer jobs were, I confess not being certain it would become a lengthy career. Throughout I greatly appreciated the guidance and expertise provided by the many people who shared their enthusiasm and experience in heritage preservation and museology. As a means of 'paying it forward', if you will, I continue to be involved with museums and heritage organizations where my expertise may be beneficial. Museums have invariably operate under resource constraints. To ensure their continued viability it is important that individuals who have knowledge and expertise step forward as volunteers. This award validates my efforts." — Marven E. Moore

"I am humbled and honored to have been selected to receive the 2021 CMA Award of Distinguished Service. To be counted among the incredible recipients who have preceded me, is more than I ever could have imagined possible. I did not win this award on my own.

My success is possible because good people who were committed to our heritage and culture allowed me to stand on their shoulders. I owe a great debt of gratitude to my husband Des and our children Shannon (Robin), Gavin (Amy) along with our granddaughters, Tessa and Tori. They inspire me every day." — Teresita McCarthy

**For more information:**

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*We advocate for public policies and support, we build skills across the profession, and we establish and inspire connections to strengthen and sustain museums.*