

ANSM Award Citation 2019

The Association of Nova Scotia Museums is presenting the seventh annual Award for Excellence in Museum Practices this year, an initiative that began in 2013. The award acknowledges and celebrates individuals, volunteer or paid, who have made remarkable contributions to a better knowledge of Nova Scotia's human or natural history.

Past winners of the award are Heather Watts (2013), Ken Adams (2014), Lynn Hayne (2015), Maggie MacIntyre (2016), Sheryl Stanton (2017) and Peter Crowell (2018).

We encourage you to start thinking now about nominations for next year, as the awards program is an important way to honour and recognize those who have dedicated their careers to telling the stories of our province and our rich shared heritage. Most of the work in the museum community is done with little or no recognition, so the ANSM awards program pays tribute to us all. Stay tuned to the ANSM website and Beacon newsletter early in 2020 when the next round of nominations begins, and make sure to nominate someone who deserves to be celebrated for their work!

ANSM consists of more than 100 member organizations and individuals. The Association's vision is that museums in Nova Scotia are valued for their community service, are sustainable, and operate according to recognized standards of excellence. The awards program puts a spotlight on individuals who exemplify these values.

Over the past year, the dedicated work of the ANSM Board of Directors and Awards Committee members—Chair Katie Tanner and members Del Muise, Kathy Sullivan, Lynn Hayne, Ken Adams, Maggie MacIntyre and our Executive Director Anita Price—have made this year's award presentation possible.

This year ANSM is pleased to present the Award of Excellence in Museum Practices, Individual Contribution to Lisa Wolfe of Ross Farm Museum.

Lisa has recently retired as the Director of Ross Farm Museum, an agricultural museum that is part of Nova Scotia's family of provincial museums. Under Lisa's leadership, the museum raised \$4.4 million dollars (\$1.6 million from private donors) to build the state-of-the-art Ross Farm Heritage Skills Learning Centre.

Lisa made great contributions to the local community during her 20-year tenure at Ross Farm Museum, notably organizing community workshops to keep stakeholders engaged with the museum and involved with its major projects. She also forged partnerships to connect the heritage skills interpreted on the farm with sustainability practices, even ensuring that the new learning centre is equipped with a geothermal system for long-term sustainability.

Lisa was also part of the team that put together the Province of Nova Scotia's Interpretive Master Plan. She served as the Chair of Nova Scotia's M8 Group of Museums, as an active

member of the Southwest Nova Curators Group and as President of ANSM (a position she held for two of her four years on the ANSM board).

Lisa has been an exemplary leader of her staff, a champion for her community, a successful project manager, a visionary for the heritage sector and an excellent steward of Nova Scotia history. Her passionate work has put Ross Farm and the Nova Scotia museum community on the map at an international level.

The ANSM Award of Excellence in Museum Practices, Individual Contribution 2019 is presented to Lisa Wolfe.

