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**Canada's History Society Announces 2023 Recipients of the
John Bragg Award for Atlantic Canada**

Three organizations to receive a \$50,000 grant for projects that share the stories of inspiring people who have shaped Atlantic Canadian history and society.

April 11, 2023 — An immigrant photographer who championed wetlands conservation in Nova Scotia. A Jesuit priest who made it his earthly mission to support struggling farmers in P.E.I. And an Acadian architect whose vision helped to shape his community in New Brunswick.

The stories of these three innovators will be celebrated and shared thanks to the John Bragg Award for Atlantic Canada — a new granting program made possible by the River Philip Foundation that promotes and preserves the histories of community leaders in the region.

“So much of Canada’s history is stewarded at the local level by passionate and dedicated community members,” said Joanna Dawson, Director of Programs at Canada’s National History Society. “The John Bragg Award is a generous initiative that will make a significant impact in ensuring that these important histories are remembered for generations to come.”

“We are pleased that this award will support communities in Atlantic Canada and contribute to innovative projects that conserve and promote the stories of inspiring leaders in the region,” said John Bragg on behalf of the River Philip Foundation. “By recognizing and honouring the contributions of these history makers, we can inspire future generations to continue to make a positive impact in their communities.”

The 2023 recipients are:

- *Rosemary Eaton Legacy Project*, Cole Harbour Rural Heritage Society, Cole Harbour, Nova Scotia
- *Father Belcourt: Missionary, Educator, Visionary, Fighter for Human Rights*, Friends of the Farmers Bank of Rustico Inc., Rustico, Prince Edward Island
- *Nazaire Dugas*, Nordais Collectif, Tracadie, New Brunswick

Each organization will receive a \$50,000 contribution to carry out their initiative. In addition, they will be featured in a content piece developed by Canada’s History to help further share these stories with a national audience.

Each of the recipient projects aim to expand knowledge and increase public awareness of key leaders in their communities through activities that include the construction of an outdoor classroom, designing a travelling exhibit, and developing a provincial education kit.

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About Canada's National History Society

Canada's History Society is a national charitable organization that seeks to encourage Canadians to engage more deeply with their country's past. We share the stories behind the history through our magazines, *Canada's History* and *Kayak: Canada's History Magazine for Kids*, digitally at CanadasHistory.ca, as well as through our education and award programs, including the Governor General's History Awards. We believe all Canadians should see themselves reflected in our publications and programs.