



CULTURAL ADVISORY BOARD COMMUNITY RECOGNITION AWARD HERITAGE ARTS JUDY MCGONIGAL

Judy McGonigal is an individual who has been a strong advocate in the preservation of arts, culture, and heritage in our community. Judy is a member of the Historic Sites Board since 2004. During this time she has had an active role in the 2005/2006 restoration and interpretation project of the Ermatinger Old Stone House, and continually participates in assisting with workshops, reenactments, restoration, collections, and programs/services. Through this she also has become involved on the War 1812 Bi-Centennial Regional Working Group, and sits on many of the sub-committees working towards the events and celebrations of 2012 to 2014.

Mrs. McGonigal's contributions have been expressed in a number of ways and include, but are certainly not limited to the following activities:

- Historic Sites Board Member
- Curator Sault Ste. Marie Museum from 1988 to 1998, and membership is still current
- Member and Past President of the Ontario Historical Society
- Member of Voyageur Heritage Network
- Volunteer at the Sault Ste. Marie Library Archives and Friends of the Public Library
- Volunteer at Prince Twp. Museum and Friends of Prince Library

- Board Member - Echoes of the World International Drum Festival
- Member of the Art Gallery of Algoma

Judy's contributions and tireless efforts have been a great benefit to culture in our Community. Her efforts in spear heading the documentation and cataloguing of the more than 35,000 archives and artifacts at the Sault Ste. Marie Museum have preserved the City's past culture for all to enjoy.

Through her workshops, Judy has worked with many people of all ages to teach them the art of basket weaving and other heritage crafts that have been of interest to her over the years. Her involvement with the many festivals and events, have brought together the cultures of the past and present so that others can learn from and take pleasure in. Judy constantly strives to keep the many organizations she is involved with, mindful of our mandates, and that each opportunity, festival, workshop, or tourist visit, can clearly be celebrated as a "teachable moment" reflecting on our community.

Although retired, Mrs. McGonigal is dedicated and devoted to volunteering her time with more than nine area museums, libraries, and agencies. Her knowledge of our local heritage and culture, her dedication to the importance of preservation, protection, and interpretation has been contributed to our community in immeasurable ways.

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Cultural Advisory Board Community Recognition Award Recipient
– Heritage Arts for 2008.