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WTJHS wins two Heritage Toronto Awards

by Pat Trusty with Joan Miles

The West Toronto Junction Historical Society has been honoured with two prestigious awards from Heritage Toronto: the 2012 Community Heritage Award and the 2012 Member's Choice Award.

The ceremonies were held October 9 at Koerner Hall in the Royal Conservatory of Music in conjunction with the William Kilbourn Memorial Lecture.

Host Mary Ito spoke of the West Toronto Junction Historical Society's "impressive, diligent, and rigorous

documenting of the built and cultural history of its neighbourhood in a sustained way over many years." She said "The jury commended the Society's approach to leveraging and sharing resources as a model for others to emulate."

The Community Heritage Award recognizes the range of WTJHS activities as a heritage preservation advocate. These include neighbourhood walking tours, monthly meetings, theatrical presentations, photo exhibits, the quarterly *Leader & Recorder*

newsletter and partnerships with local schools to involve primary and secondary students in local history. The WTJHS archive of thousands of area photos and historical documents are open to the public.

The Society also received the prestigious Heritage Toronto Member's Choice Award. From the nominees for the Community Heritage Award, Heritage Toronto membership voted WTJHS worthy of special recognition.



West Toronto Junction Historical Society was honoured with two top awards from Heritage Toronto in October: the 2012 Community Heritage Award and the 2012 Members' Choice Award. From left to right are Geoff Grist, Brook Restoration; Neil Ross, President, WTJHS; Eve Lewis, Woodcliffe Landmark Properties and Alex Pike, Heritage Toronto Board Chair.