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Summer 2009

SUPPORTING THE FUTURE OF CANADA'S HIGH ARCTIC

Everywhere I go, regardless of the circumstances, and in keeping with the installation speech I gave on September 27, 2005, I make sure to listen, to understand, to reach out and to encourage, with sincerity, dignity, empathy and an open mind.

The most recent trip I took with my husband and our daughter to a number of communities in Nunavut and to Kuujuaq, in Nunavik, gave me an opportunity to express my affection for that virgin, northern land, a place of staggering beauty that covers 20 percent of Canada's landmass. (See some of the best moments of the visit on www.gg.ca and in my blog on www.citizenvoices.gg.ca) It was with great enthusiasm that I showed my solidarity with those women, men and children who are the jewels of their communities and who welcomed us with open arms, and with warmth and generosity, wanting every time to give us the very best of themselves. It was not surprising, then, that when it was time to eat, they shared their heart. You just have to know how to accept it.

In order to protect the Arctic and the North, we must respect the people who have been living there for thousands of years. I wanted to initiate a dialogue with young people—who account for the vast the majority of the Arctic population—and learn about their dreams; I wanted to tell them that we are confident in their potential, that we are determined to keep their aspirations in mind, and that education is the key to success.

Young people in the North must be given the tools they need to take part in the development of their communities and in Canada's prosperity. It is essential that they preserve their cultures, their languages and all the knowledge they inherited from their ancestors, as well as the benefits and accomplishments of the government of Nunavut, which is celebrating its 10th anniversary this year. We would also like to salute the work and determination of the Makivik Corporation, in Nunavik, which would also like to see the communities themselves assume more responsibility in managing their resources, sharing their perspectives and making their own decisions.

We must acknowledge and support the human capital of the northern people, as they help to enrich our country and all of humanity.

Michaëlle Jean, C.C., C.M.M., C.O.M., C.D.
Governor General of Canada

The Governor General visiting with the Pond Inlet community on May 28, 2009.





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Their Excellencies the Right Honourable Michaëlle Jean, Governor General of Canada, and her husband, Mr. Jean-Daniel Lafond, went to Kugluktuk High School, in Nunavut, to hold a discussion with community leaders and youth involved in the school's Alcohol Education Committee.



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The Governor General also awarded the 2008-2009 Governor General's Academic Medal to student Beverly Anablak. The Academic Medal was created in 1873 to encourage academic excellence and has become the most prestigious award that students in Canadian schools can receive.

THE NORTHERN MEDAL

May 21, 2009, at Rideau Hall



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Her Excellency the Right Honourable Michaëlle Jean, Governor General of Canada, presented the Governor General's Northern Medal to Ms. Bertha Allen, C.M. and to Mr. Georges Henry Erasmus, O.C., at Rideau Hall, on May 21, 2009.

Bertha Allen, C.M.

INUUVIK, NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

A member of the Gwich'in First Nation, Bertha Allen is widely respected for her grassroots leadership supporting equality for Aboriginal and northern women. Founder of the Native Women's Association of the Northwest Territories, she was the only woman to serve on the Commission for Constitutional Development for the NWT. Other prestigious accomplishments include the establishment of the Native Women's Training Centres of both Yellowknife and Inuvik, her role as former president of the advisory council of the Status of Women of the NWT, and her current commitment to the Women's Voices Leadership Initiative. Ms. Allen is a source of inspiration for generations of Aboriginal peoples in the North.



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The Governor General's Northern Medal is awarded to a citizen whose actions and achievements have contributed to the evolution and constant re-affirmation of the Canadian North as part of our national identity.

Georges Henry Erasmus, O.C.

YELLOWKNIFE, NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

Georges Henry Erasmus has long been acclaimed for his leadership in promoting Native rights and improving living standards in northern communities. Elected president of the Dene Nation in 1976, Mr. Erasmus was later elected national chief of the Assembly of First Nations and subsequently appointed as the co-chair of the Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples. Currently, Mr. Erasmus is the president of the Aboriginal Healing Foundation, which serves to help individuals and communities deal with the traumatic effects of residential schools. A passionate advocate for Aboriginal peoples, Mr. Erasmus continues to champion northern development.



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Front Row (left to right): Audrey Thomas, O.C.; Judith Mappin, C.M.; Peter Boneham, C.M.; Suzanne Lapointe, C.M.; Steven Saryk, O.C.; Michael Snow, C.C.; Her Excellency the Right Honourable Michaëlle Jean, C.C., C.M.M., C.O.M., C.D.; His Excellency Jean-Daniel Lafond, C.C.; G. Wallace F. McCain, C.C., O.N.B.; The Honourable Myra A. Freeman, C.M., O.N.S.; The Honourable Brenda Robertson, C.M., O.N.B.; The Honourable Landon Pearson, O.C.; Martha Jodrey, O.C.; John S. Speakman, C.M.

Second Row: Judith Chernin Budovitch, C.M.; R. Gordon M. Macpherson, C.M.; Marcien Ferland, C.M.; Father André Poiève, C.M.; Constance Backhouse, C.M.; Tim Inkster, C.M.; Elke Inkster, C.M.; Patrick J. Keenan, C.M., O.Ont.; Joseph Schatzker, C.M.; Victor Ling, O.C., O.B.C.; Timothy R. Oke, O.C.; Marcel A. Desautels, C.M.; Carolyn McAskie, O.C.; John Fanning, C.M.

Third Row: John N. Smith, O.C.; Sister Christine Leyser, C.M.; Philip W. Owen, C.M.; Reginald Lorne Scott, C.M.; Kenneth C. Sauer, C.M., C.D.; Axel Meisen, C.M.; Mick Mallon, C.M.; Vladimir Hachinski, C.M.; Randolph C. (Randy) Bachman, O.C., O.M.; James C. Temerty, C.M.; T. Clayton Shields, C.M.; Claude R. Lamoureux, O.C., O.Ont.; George A. Zarb, C.M.; José Verstappen, C.M.

Absent: Maria Campbell, O.C., S.O.M.; Norman Levine, C.M.; The Honourable Allan J. MacEachen, P.C., O.C.; Piers McDonald, O.C.; Margaret E. Southern, C.C., L.V.O., A.O.E.

MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

Paying Tribute to Canada's Performing Arts



Photo: Sgt. Serge Gouin © Rideau Hall

Acadian singer Edith Butler, O.C., expressed her joy after being presented with the Governor General's Performing Arts Award at Rideau Hall, on May 8, 2009.



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Distinguished jazz legend Mr. Oliver T. Jones, O.C., C.Q., performs with his protégé, Ms. Dione Taylor, at the Governor General's Performing Arts Awards Gala, on May 9, 2009.

Other members of the Order of Canada who received the Governor General's Performing Arts Award for lifetime achievement include Peggy Baker, C.M.; James D. Fleck, O.C.; Robert Lepage, C.C.; and George F. Walker, C.M.



A YEAR OF BUILDING BRIDGES

The past few months have been a busy time for the participants in our mentorship program. Our mentorees were busy finishing the school year, attending to their various commitments

and interests and, in many cases, taking on new initiatives. As part of the wrap-up for the first year of this program, the Governor General will soon participate in another online chat, and receive feedback and suggestions for Year Two.

Although we knew that the members of the Order who agreed to become mentors would provide inspiration and guidance to our young participants, the same appears to be true for our mentorees who, in many cases, continued to impress their mentors, as well as the Governor General, who followed their blogs with interest! We wish them all continued success and look forward to Year Two of the program. **If you are interested in becoming a mentor, please contact us at info@gg.ca. Please make sure to indicate 'Mentorship Program' in the subject line of your message.**

YOU ASKED US!



Where can extra lapel pins be purchased?

Extra lapel pins can be purchased from Birks & Mayors Inc. 1-800-758-2511 ext 3066; or 514-397-2501 ext 3066; or via e-mail at: mracicot@birksandmayors.com

Where can miniature insignia for formal evening wear be purchased?

Miniature insignia for formal evening wear can be purchased via Joe Drouin Enterprises Ltd. Phone: 819-568-6669; www.joedrouin.com or via any military tailor.

NEW APPOINTMENTS

On July 1, 2009, Her Excellency the Right Honourable Michaëlle Jean, Governor General of Canada, announced 59 new appointments to the Order of Canada.

The appointments listed below are those confirmed at the time of publication.

Honorary Officer

Sima Samar, O.C.

For her worldwide contributions to human rights, and to women's rights in particular, as chairperson of the Afghanistan Independent Human Rights Commission.

Honorary Member

Zachary Richard, C.M.

For his contributions as an author, composer, singer and poet, and for his important role in defending and promoting the French language and the "Cadian" and Acadian identity.

Companions

The Honourable Michel Bastarache, C.C.

For his lifelong commitment to the promotion of linguistic duality and the protection of minority rights, as a law professor and a judge.

Harley Norman Hotchkiss, C.C., A.O.E.

For his contributions as a philanthropist who has supported innovative health care research, and as a respected sports leader, notably with the National Hockey League.

This is a promotion within the Order.

Robert Lepage, C.C., O.Q.

For his international contributions to the performing arts, particularly in film, theatre and opera, as an actor, producer and director.

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Chantal Petitclerc, C.C., C.Q.

For her achievements as a Paralympic champion known internationally as an inspiration, and for her commitment to developing sports for athletes with a disability.

Officers

George H. Beaton, O.C.

For his role in enhancing Canada's international reputation in the field of nutritional sciences, and for his contributions to the improvement of nutritional requirements for children in developing countries.

Ian Bruce, O.C.

For his contributions to the sport of sailing in Canada and abroad, notably for the design and development of high-performance crafts for young sailors.

John W. Crow, O.C.

For his leadership in the area of Canada's monetary policy, notably as governor of the Bank of Canada, and for his involvement with the International Monetary Fund.

Laurence Freeman, O.C., O.S.B.

For his contributions as the spiritual leader and director of the World Community for Christian Meditation, and as a proponent of peace and inter-religious dialogue and understanding.

Crawford S. Holling, O.C.

For his pioneering contributions to the field of ecology, notably for his work on ecosystem dynamics, resilience theory and ecological economics.

Peter Jaffe, O.C.

For his influential work and extensive voluntarism in improving the response of Canada's legal, educational and social service systems to family violence and the abuse of women and children.

Donald K. Johnson, O.C.

For his key role in changing Canada's tax laws to eliminate the capital gains tax on gifts of publicly traded securities to registered charities, and for his support of health care research and the arts.

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Anita Kunz, O.C.

For her contributions as an illustrator whose insightful works have graced publications around the world.

The Honourable Sterling R. Lyon, O.C., O.M.

For his contributions as a judge and long-time politician in Manitoba, where, as premier, he led the expansion of community-based health and social services, and modernized governmental financial procedures.

The Honourable John P. Manley, P.C., O.C.

For his contributions to Canadian politics, notably as a cabinet minister, and as a business and community leader who has played an important role in the promotion of international aid and co-operation.

The Honourable A. Anne McLellan, P.C., O.C.

For her leadership and dedication as a politician and law professor, and for her contributions as a community volunteer.

The Honourable R. Roy McMurtry, O.C., O.Ont.

For his distinguished career of public service, notably as chief justice of Ontario, and for his extensive volunteer involvement in many social and multicultural initiatives.

Wajdi Mouawad, O.C.

For his contributions as a writer, actor, stage director and playwright known internationally for the quality and scope of his theatrical creations.

Cornelia Hahn Oberlander, O.C.

For her influence and contributions as a landscape architect who sets new standards of excellence through her environmentally responsible landscape designs.

Jack Rabinovitch, O.C., O.Ont.

For his continued dedication to the Giller Prize, one of Canada's top literary awards, as well as to institutions focussed on scientific innovation and governance.

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Françoise Sullivan, O.C., C.Q.

For her influence as a leading figure in Canada's contemporary art scene as a painter, choreographer, teacher and mentor whose body of work continues to have an impact abroad.

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Donald Thompson, O.C.

For his exceptional and wide-ranging contributions to jazz, as a multi-faceted musician, composer, arranger, producer and teacher.

Members

Carroll Baker, C.M.

For her achievements as a Canadian country music singer and songwriter.

Stan Bevington, C.M.

For his contributions as founder of Coach House Press, and for his role in the development of literary publishing in Canada.

Melvin J. Boutilier, C.M.

For his outstanding leadership and commitment as a community volunteer in Halifax.

Deane Cameron, C.M.

For his contributions to the Canadian recording industry, and for his commitment to copyright protection for performers and composers.

Savvas Chamberlain, C.M.

For his contributions to Canada's reputation as a global leader in high-performance imaging and semiconductors.

Archie Charles, C.M.

For his contributions to the promotion of community infrastructure development, Aboriginal self-government and cross-cultural reconciliation as an Elder of the Stó:lô Nation.

Victor Cicansky, C.M.

For his contributions as an educator, mentor and sculptor, recognized for his imaginative pieces depicting scenes and elements from Saskatchewan's agricultural heritage and daily life.

Ian D. Clark, C.M.

For his sustained commitment to the advancement of Canadian public policy, public sector management and higher education in Ontario.

Hélène Desmarais, C.M.

For her contributions to the development of health care, education and arts organizations, and for her dynamic role in promoting entrepreneurship.

Maureen Doherty, C.M. and Patrick Doherty, C.M.

For their contributions as co-founders of Our Lady Queen of Peace Foundation, which provides funding and support for those in need throughout Alberta and in several developing countries.

George Gate, C.M.

For his contributions to the development of competitive swimming in Canada, as well as for his work with novice swimmers and persons with disabilities.

Daniel Germain, C.M., C.Q.

For his dedication and commitment to improving the lives of children and youth, notably as founder of the Quebec Breakfast Club and Breakfast Clubs of Canada.

A. Alan Giachino, C.M.

For his contributions to improving the availability and quality of health care in developing countries as a volunteer orthopaedic surgeon with Health Volunteers Overseas and World Orthopaedic Concern.

Susan Jane Glass, C.M.

For her commitment to and support of the arts in Western Canada, and for her leadership roles with the Royal Winnipeg Ballet, the Shaw Festival and the Banff Centre for the Arts.

Shirley E. Greenberg, C.M.

For her contributions as a lawyer who has advocated for equality and women's rights, and for her generous philanthropy in support of organizations in the arts, health care and legal sectors.

David G. Helwig, C.M.

For his contributions to Canadian literature as a writer, poet, editor and professor, and for his role in the creation of the *Best Canadian Stories* anthology.

Jack Hodgins, C.M.

For his contributions to Canadian literature as a writer whose work celebrates the people and landscape of Vancouver Island, and for his leadership as a teacher and mentor to many.

Jay Ingram, C.M.

For his contributions towards making complex science accessible to the public as a broadcaster, public speaker and author, and for his leadership of future generations of science journalists.

Winston Kassim, C.M.

For his contributions as a community volunteer who played a key role in establishing several community and religious centres that provide outreach services to refugees and immigrants.

Krishna Kumar, C.M., S.O.M.

For his contributions as a clinical professor and researcher in neurosurgery, and for the development of innovative brain and spinal implants used for the treatment of chronic pain.

Claude LeBouthillier, C.M.

For his influence on and contributions to the Canadian literary scene as an author, columnist and poet, and for his role in the renaissance of the Acadian novel.

Roderick R. McInnes, C.M., O.Ont.

For his contributions as a human geneticist and leader in the fields of eye development and inherited eye disease.

Sylvio Michaud, C.M.

For supporting, comforting and defending the homeless for many years, and for his leadership of *la Maison du Père*, in Montréal.

Mahmood Naqvi, C.M., O.N.S.

For introducing major improvements to health care services for the people of Cape Breton as a surgeon and administrator for over 40 years.

Jean O'Neil, C.M., C.Q.

For his contribution as a novelist, poet and playwright, notably for his skill in describing Quebec and its people with humour and lyricism.

Roland Priddle, C.M.

For his leadership role in the energy sector as a consultant at both the national and international levels, specializing in oil industry deregulation and policy development.

The Honourable Edward M. Roberts, C.M.

For his contributions as a former cabinet minister and lieutenant governor of the province of Newfoundland and Labrador.

Paul Stubbing, C.M.

For his contributions to the people of Iqaluit, as a physician and anaesthesiologist, and for his continued advocacy for the recruitment and retention of health care workers in Canada's North.

Peter R. Taylor, C.M.

For his contributions to innovative developments in bridge engineering, notably as an expert on cable-stayed bridges.

Ian M. Thom, C.M.

For his contributions as a curator of Canadian art and as an advocate for British Columbia artists.

Marvin Tile, C.M.

For his contributions as a clinical orthopaedic surgeon, teacher, and groundbreaking researcher.

Nancy Turner, C.M., O.B.C.

For her contributions to the field of ethnobotany (the scientific study of relationships between people and plants), and notably for her leadership in documenting the traditions of First Nations peoples.

Jeanne M. Wolfe, C.M.

For her contributions as a leading scholar and mentor in the field of urban planning in Canada and abroad.

Donald A. Young, C.M.

For his contributions as an agrologist and for his role in the development of new crop varieties.

Madeline Ziniak, C.M., O.Ont.

For her contributions as the major driving force behind the development and growth of multilingual and multicultural television in Canada.



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