

2025 PROVINCIAL HERITAGE FAIR

SPECIAL PRIZE RECIPIENTS

| Special Prizes | | |
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| Organization | Theme | Winner(s) |
| 4H PEI Provincial Council | PEI 4H or Rural Life | Olivia Martell, “Maud Lewis”, Georgetown Elementary |
| Archives Council of PEI | Best use of archival, primary sources, or oral history | Ada Leggott, “Benjamin Chappell”, Immanuel Christian School |
| Benevolent Irish Society | Irish or Celtic history – 3 prizes | (1) Lydia MacKay, “RMS Titanic”, Gulf Shore (2) Amalia Barbosa, “Canada: A Country of Migration”, Stonepark (3) John Mokler, “Les Vikings”, Sherwood Elementary |
| Black Cultural Society of PEI | Black history | Ellie Arsenault, “The Canadian Underground Railway”, Summerside Intermediate |
| Canadian Parents for French | Immersion student presenting in French – 3 prizes | (1) Lucy Gillis, “Dr. John Gillis et Gillis Lodge”, Spring Park Elementary (2) Callum MacLaine, “Les Deux Frères: MacLaine vs. MacLean”, Gulf Shore (3) Nicolas Park, “La Guerre coreen et les contributions canadiennes”, Colonel Grey |
| City of Charlottetown | Aspect of Charlottetown’s history | Sophia Guanzon, “St. Dunstan's Cathedral Basilica”, West Royalty Elementary |
| Comité historique Soeur-Antoinette-DesRoches | Acadian history and heritage | (1) Benjamin Adams and Benoît Arsenault, Grade 6, École Évangeline for the "Le Festival Acadien" (2) Faith Brine, “La Drapeau d’Acadie”, Spring Park Elementary |
| Community Museums Association of PEI | Local or community history; best use of community museum resources - 3 prizes | (1) Harper MacDonald, “PEI Province House”, Mt. Stewart Consolidated (2) Phoenix Labobe, “Point Prim Lighthouse”, Parkdale Elementary (3) Lydia MacKay, “RMS Titanic”, Gulf Shore |
| Confederation Centre of the Arts | Legacies of Canadian History and Heritage | Henry Davis, “North American Beaver”, Morell Consolidated |
| Culture Summerside | History of Summerside, or project by a Summerside student | Adrien Steele, Arkhiel Karl Honrado, Geordie Schell, “D-Day”, Summerside Intermediate |
| Dept of Fisheries, Tourism, Sport & Culture - Sports, Recreation & Physical Activity | Sports history | KJ Stewart, “1968 – 1971 Islanders”, Spring Park Elementary |
| Dept of Fisheries, Tourism, Sport & Culture - Heritage Places | Built heritage / heritage places / architecture | Sophia Guanzon, “St. Dunstan's Cathedral Basilica”, West Royalty Elementary |
| Farm & Food Care PEI | Agricultural History and/or Food Production | Nora Policelli, “Farming”, L.M. Montgomery |

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| Immigrant & Refugee Services Association of PEI | Newcomers to Canada/PEI | Chelsey Pelias, "What Philippines and PEI Have in Common", L.M. Montgomery |
| L.M. Montgomery Institute | Lucy Maud Montgomery | Freya Gallant, "Who is Lucy Maud Montgomery?", Gulf Shore |
| L'Nuey | Indigenous culture and history -- 3 prizes | (1) Kiara Coade, "My Sensational Senior: The Hon. Senator Brian Francis", Eliot River Elementary (2) Edwin Campbell, Creed Tuplin, "Traditional Hunting and Fishing", John J. Sark Memorial School (3) Mariah Bernard, "Beading", John J. Sark Memorial School |
| Mi'kmaq Confederacy of PEI | Indigenous culture or history – 3 prizes | (1) Lincoln Lewis, Dryden Sark-Duskey, "Sacred Medicines", John J. Sark Memorial School (2) Miah Andrew Lush, "Residential School", West Royalty Elementary (3) Cam MacIsaac, "Mawikwayk - Together We Are Strong", West Royalty Elementary |
| Music PEI | Music history | Owen Toms, "Why is Leonard Cohen important to Canada?", Georgetown Elementary |
| Native Council of PEI | Indigenous culture or history | Kiara Coade, "My Sensational Senior: The Hon. Senator Brian Francis", Eliot River Elementary |
| Newcomer Prize | For a newcomer student participating in the Provincial Heritage Fair (new to PEI and/or new to Canada) | Chelsey Pelias, "What Philippines and PEI Have in Common", L.M. Montgomery |
| Orwell Corner Historic Village Board of Directors | Rural life / agricultural history | Logan Pollock, "Draft Horses", Donagh Regional School |
| Parks Canada | In recognition of the best heritage fair project(s) portraying the history of PEI National Park or a person, place or event of national historic significance. | (1) Ryan Fitzpatrick, "RCMP", Birchwood (2) Ally Myers, "Terry Fox's Impact on Canada", Belfast Consolidated |
| PEI Advisory Council on the Status of Women | Two Prizes. (1) project focused on "Uncovering Hidden Heritage" for any diversity project focused on under-represented heritage; (2) project on theme of gender equality. | (1) Nicole Bootsma, "Women's Suffrage in Canada", Immanuel Christian School (2) Syrianna De Sousa, "Ethel Catherwood", Belfast Consolidated |
| PEI Federation of Agriculture | Agricultural theme | Logan Pollock, "Draft Horses", Donagh Regional School |
| PEI Home & School Federation | Family heritage - 2 prizes | (1) Felicity MacDonald "The Good & Happy Life of My Old Nanny", Eliot River Elementary (2) Ezra Arsenault, "Orella Arsenault: Predestined to be a Teacher", Homeschool Group |
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| PEI Human Rights Commission | Truth & Reconciliation, Human Rights, etc. – 2 prizes | Parkdale Elementary (2) Molly Mitchell, “Social Justice and Human Rights Past Present and Future”, East Wiltshire Int. |
| PEI Institute of Agrologists | Project related to the history of agriculture | Sadie Fraser, “PEI Honey”, Donagh Regional School |
| PEI Social Studies Teachers’ Association | Historical Thinking | Millie Doucette, “The History of Female Hockey in Canada”, St. Louis Elementary |
| PEI Scottish Settlers’ Historical Society | Scottish history; Scottish Genealogy, etc. | Ada Leggott, “Benjamin Chappell”, Immanuel Christian School |
| PEI Union of Public Sector Employee (UPSE) | Labour / Union History or History of Social Issues | Molly Mitchell, “Social Justice and Human Rights Past Present and Future”, East Wiltshire Intermediate |
| PEI Women’s Institute | Women’s history | Aven Clarie Munroe, “Claire Wallace, une femme extraordinaire”, École François-Buote |
| Town of Stratford | Stratford history, or project by a Stratford student | Julia MacAleer, Ronni Grace Martin, “North Nova Scotia Highlanders”, Colonel Grey |
| UPEI Department of History | 1 – History of the fisheries 2 – Arts and Culture | (1) Lance Bernard, “Upwest Lobster”, M.E. Callaghan (2) Abby Scotland, Canadian Pacific Railroad”, West Royalty Elementary |

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Since 1997, PEI students have participated in the Heritage Fair program with an annual participation of close to 30 schools and 1,700 students. Students develop heritage fair projects in the classroom and create a written report, visual display and an oral presentation. See [CanadasHistory.ca](https://canadahistory.ca) for heritage fair teacher resources and the student guide titled [What’s the Story?](#)
 Approximately 170 students move on to represent their schools at the Provincial Heritage Fair each May. Several students are selected each year to participate in a video contest by [Canada’s History Young Citizens](#).