

PRESS RELEASE

Maureen Spencer Golovchenko, Mayors New Years Honours List Recipient for Heritage

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Eldon House is delighted to congratulate its nominee Maureen Spence Golovchenko for this years Mayors Honours list recipient for heritage! Maureen Spencer Golovchenko has been along time champion for London Heritage, contributing to the awareness of the City of London's heritage assets through her work to preserve and protect Eldon House Heritage Site and Gardens.



Maureen first became involved with Eldon House during it's 175th anniversary in 2008 when she was part of a collaborative committee to organize a year-long celebration of the milestone anniversary. Since then, Maureen has been a staunch volunteer at the museum and an eloquent advocate for heritage. She has contributed in countless ways in stabilizing Eldon House.

In 2013, Maureen was part of the inaugural Board of Directors, and assisted in numerous areas of governance, organizational policy, and assisting with special projects and initiatives. During her time on the Board, she consistently showed incredible perseverance and commitment to her work at the museum, with creativity and collaboration. Some of her achievements include assisting in organizing community celebrations, including Canada Day fundraisers and New Year's Levee, which welcomed hundreds of visitors through Eldon House, assisting in creating partnerships with other museum and heritage organizations, launching the Eldon House gift shop to allow the museum more diverse revenue streams, and expanding the museum's staffing opportunities to allow the organization to grow.

Maureen acted as the Museum's inaugural chair of the Board of Directors in 2013 and served for two terms in that role. She continued on the Board of Directors in the role of "past chair" before stepping back at the end of her term in November 2022. Currently, Maureen acts as the chair of the Eldon House "Strategy and Innovation" Committee and continues to contribute her energies to the benefit of the museum. One of the large projects currently undertaken by Maureen and the committee is the creation of street signage which would link Eldon House and other downtown landmarks and provide context to those interested in the history of London.

Maureen represents the spirit of Eldon House, as someone who is passionate about the history of London and focused on bringing community together in historic spaces. Her dedication to heritage preservation and education is important for the Eldon House site,

and the growth of heritage awareness and tourism within our community. The staff and current Board of Directors are all pleased to see Maureen recognized for her unfailing commitment to London's oldest residential heritage gem.

BACKGROUND

Eldon House is a community heritage museum operating in London's oldest home located at 481 Ridout Street North. Eldon House has a commitment to acquiring, conserving, researching, interpreting, promoting and exhibiting material culture that best illustrates the history of Eldon House and London, the Harris Family, and the people who worked in the house, from the period of 1834–1959. Eldon House maintains an active and accessible programme of public events. For details on the home, history, and events, visit www.eldonhouse.ca.

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