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The CNSA Executive would like to extend many thanks to Jane Arnold, outgoing President, for her years of dedication and leadership!

We are delighted to welcome Catherine Fancy into the role of President, Alyssa Gallant as Vice President, and Hansel Cook, Membership & Nominations Member-at-Large! The CNSA would also like to take this opportunity to welcome Devon Fraser – our new Emerging Professional Member-at-Large! We're looking forward to working with her and the perspective she'll bring to the CNSA!

Congratulations to the recipients of the 2024 CNSA Members Awards!



Anna Hamilton Award: Pauline D'Entremont from the Musée des Acadiens des Pubnicos

Doug Kirby Award: Lunenburg County Historical Society

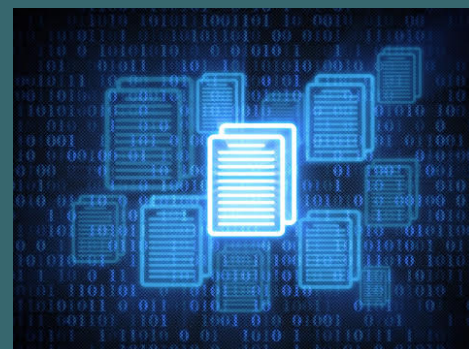
Dr. Phyllis Blakeley Award: University of King's College Library & Archives

Thank you to everyone who submitted nominations for this year's awards! Celebrating your accomplishments is an important part of the CNSA. It also inspires others to move forward with their archival projects! Do you have holdings begging for attention? Our [Archives Advisor, Sharon](#), can help you brainstorm ways to prioritize and tackle them!

Coming-Up this Year...

Born-Digital Archives Working Group

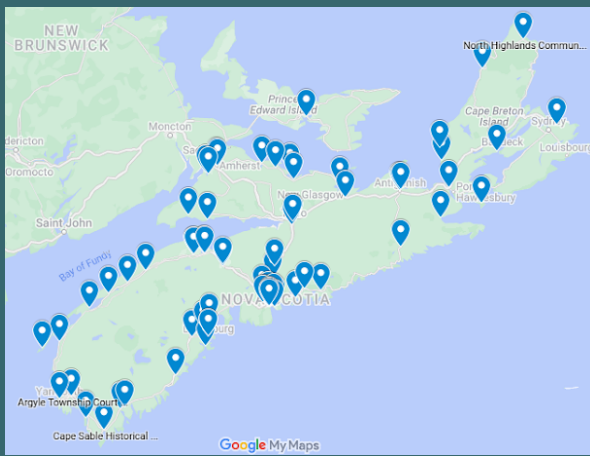
We will soon be recruiting for a new working-group for members who are actively preserving and processing born-digital archival records. We hope this group will be a place for knowledge-sharing and peer-to-peer support for those navigating the evolving (and emerging) best-practices for caring for, and providing access to, born-digital archives.



Members Acquisition Policies & CNSA Members Map

A priority for the CNSA this year is getting up-to-date copies of our Institutional members' Acquisition Policies. Why?

- This is one of the three policies that all full Institutional Members should have – Acquisition, Preservation, and Access Policies – and should be reviewed or updated at least every 5 years as part of the **review process for Institutional Members** (see full details [here](#)). Need to update or rework your Acquisition Policy? See our blog post on [Writing an Acquisition Policy](#) for guidance!
- We also want to update the (horribly out-of-date) page of our website, which lists the [acquisition policies of all Institutional Members of the CNSA](#). In keeping with our Cooperative Acquisition Strategy, making these policies available can help **direct researchers and potential donors to the most appropriate archive(s) in the province**. It can also help members learn more about each other!



- We want to add to our [CNSA Members' Map](#) information about our members' mandates and holdings (Institutional and Association Institutional)! We'll add these details to your pin on the map will, to help **promote your archives and increase discoverability of your holdings!** Feel free to email any questions – and the latest version of your mandate and/or Acquisition Policy – to Heidi at admin@councilofnsarchives.ca.

NEW: Disaster Preparedness & Recovery resources for members!

Coming soon! The new **Disaster Recovery Kit for Archival & Heritage Collections** (AKA: The Aftermath Kit) will contain supplies to help you salvage your collections and remedy damage to them caused by water, dirt, smoke, mould, and/or pests following an emergency. Any member institution can borrow the entire Kit or parts thereof. The Kit isn't yet complete, but in the meantime, you can find out more about its proposed contents and read the draft loan agreement on our new webpage on Disaster Preparedness and Recovery (link below).

The page also includes info about how to [restock your Disaster Kit](#) from Canadian Tire (or build one from scratch); [how-to videos](#) on handling and packing wet records as well as removing mould, dirt, etc; plus oodles of [resources on salvaging and remedying damage to archival collections](#).



[Disaster Preparedness & Recovery page](#)

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Proxacy and awareness for archivists	Roe, Kathleen; Wosh, Peter J.; Society of American Archivists	2019	book	https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1G7D0yH8p7Vn12BQV6x8u8p8u6Atrv0n8psu?usp=sharing		
Insects: A field guide to the insects America north of Mexico,	Borror, Donald Joyce; White, Richard E	1970	book	https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1G7D0yH8p7Vn12BQV6x8u8p8u6Atrv0n8psu?usp=sharing		
Archives: principles and practices	Millar, Laura	2010	book	https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1G7D0yH8p7Vn12BQV6x8u8p8u6Atrv0n8psu?usp=sharing		Arch
Archivaria.	Association of Canadian Archivists	1975-2023	journal Article	https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1G7D0yH8p7Vn12BQV6x8u8p8u6Atrv0n8psu?usp=sharing	Archivaria.	

CNSA Lending Library – now at your fingertips!

You can now peruse the tables of contents for dozens of wonderful archival resources from the CNSA Office! If a title catches your eye, email admin@councilofnsarchives.ca to arrange delivery or to ask for help in tracking down a specific title! [Click here to access the Lending Library!](#)

2024 Conference Highlights

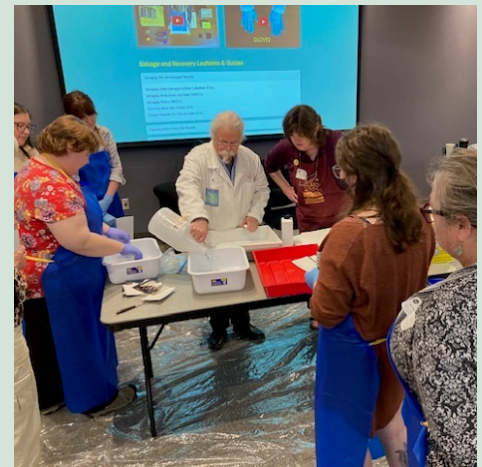
Hands-On Conference Workshop: Introduction to Disaster Recovery for Archival Materials

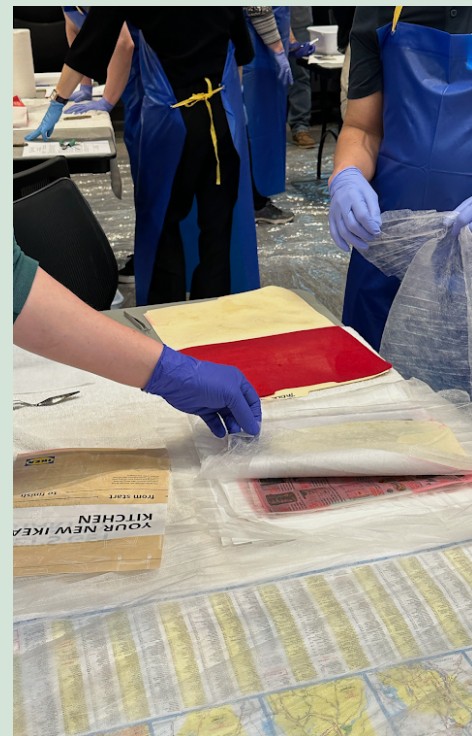
Under the tutelage of Conservator, **Julia Landry**, and her assistant Marcus Merrin, 20 CNSA Members rolled up their sleeves, donned aprons and gloves, and tried their hands and working with wet, dirty, and damaged paper-based items. Big thanks to Julia and Marcus and to all the participants and observers for being so keen! It was a great afternoon of learning and laughter, too!

The workshop was made possible by funding from the Nova Scotia Department of Communities, Culture, Tourism and Heritage.



Photo by Deanne Ryan-Meister (Individual Member) of her, Shannon Baxter (Dartmouth Heritage Museum), Heather Walker (Canadian Museum of Immigration at Pier 21), & Melanie Secco (Sisters of St. Martha Archives)





Round of Applause for the Conference Presenters!

- **Jill Baron**, Aanischaaukamikw Cree Cultural Institute
- **Joanne Boudreau**, Fultz House Corner Restoration Society
- **Andrea Davis**, Black Loyalist Heritage Centre
- **Christine Hines**, Shearwater Aviation Museum
- **Anna Jamieson**, CLIMAtlantic
- **Irene Kerr**, Museum of the Highwood, High River, Alberta
- **Emma Lang**, Heritage Trust of Nova Scotia
- **Mimi O'Handley**, Ecology Action Centre
- **Heather Walker**, Canadian Museum of Immigration at Pier 21
- **Thea Wilson Hammond**, Memory Lane Heritage Village & Eastern Shore Archives

Thank you for sharing your knowledge, skills, and experience! You've helped us feel more informed and armed us with resources to draw upon if disaster strikes. And a special thank-you to the presenters who courageously spoke about challenges, past and present, in their archives. Sharing your struggles inasmuch as success stories **helps to build community**, which is what the CNSA's all about!



Thank you, CNSA Members!



On behalf of the CNSA Conference Committee, we would like to express our gratitude to those who attended this year – in-person and/or online – and to everyone who presented, participated, and lent a helping hand. **None of this would have been possible without you!** We were overwhelmed by the positive response to the conference this year, which only reaffirmed our commitment to keep the conversation going on disaster preparedness and climate change's impacts on the heritage sector. So stay tuned – there's more to come!

Thank you, Conference Sponsors!



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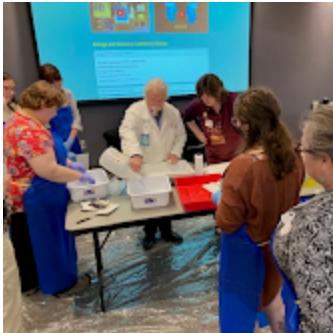


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