

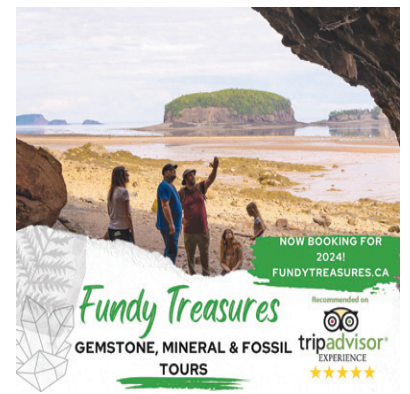
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Travelling the roads in Nova Scotia is always a pleasure, and this was one of the best falls in a long time. Often had to wait for a hole in the clouds for sunshine, but well worth the wait. Here are some from Colchester and Cumberland Counties.
 Lawrence R Nicoll



Creative Nova Scotia Awards Celebrate Artistic Excellence

The 20th annual Creative Nova Scotia Awards were presented in Halifax on November 2, celebrating excellence in artistic achievement.

The top honour - the Portia White Prize - was presented to celebrated musician and producer Joel Plaskett, recognizing his outstanding contribution to Nova Scotia's cultural life over a career spanning three decades. Plaskett named Crescendo Fest, a new festival showcasing Black music artists, as the recipient of the accompanying protégé prize.

"Nova Scotia's creative community continues to inspire us all," said Dave Ritcey,

Minister of Communities, Culture, Tourism and Heritage. "The artists we're celebrating tonight enrich our communities, strengthen our identity and help share the spirit of Nova Scotia with the world."

Other award recipients include:

Black Artist Recognition Award - Aquakulture (Lance Sampson); Halifax rapper, songwriter and storyteller whose third album, 1783, will be released in February.

Indigenous Artist Recognition Award - Morgan Toney; JUNO-nominated Mi'kmaq fiddler and singer.

Creative Community Impact

Award - Le Conseil des Arts de Chéticamp, for its commitment to promoting and preserving Acadian language and culture through inclusive, high-quality programming.

Established Artist Recognition Award - Christopher Webb (multidisciplinary visual artist) and Solomon Nagler (filmmaker, poet and community activist).

Emerging Artist Recognition Award - Nicola Miller (saxophonist and composer), Leah Johnston (filmmaker), and Vivian Zhou (cartoonist and illustrator).

Prix Grand-Pré - Yvette d'Entremont; singer-songwriter,

playwright, producer, documentarian and educator.

Quick Facts: the Creative Nova Scotia Awards are presented by Arts Nova Scotia and the Creative Nova Scotia Leadership Council; the event was held at the Lord Nelson Hotel in Halifax and was produced by live art company HEIST and hosted by theatre artists Zuppa; the Portia White Prize provides \$18,000 to the recipient and \$7,000 to the protégé, or secondary recipient, who is an emerging artist or a cultural organization and collectively, this year's recipients received \$75,000 in prizes.



Wentworth Bridal Falls. It has been a tough year for waterfall viewing, many are barely a trickle. Just after a rainfall I decided to visit Bridal Falls in Wentworth, and it still presented a beautiful image for me Nova Scotia is always worth the visit! (Lawrence R. Nicoll Photo)

Hants County Family Named Woodland Owner of the Year

The Bremner family of Falmouth, Hants County, is the central region and provincial winner of the 2025 Woodland Owner of the Year Award. The family is receiving the award in memory of the late Jim Bremner, who won the regional award in 1995.

"We're pleased to honour the memory of Jim Bremner and his dedication to responsible and sustainable forest management, which he instilled in his daughters," said Tory Rushton, former Minister of Natural Resources. "Like many private wood-

lots around the province, the Bremners' Castle Frederick Farms is a family operation that helps preserve our forests and contributes to our economy."

The western regional winners are Judy and Glenn Rosse of South Scots Bay, Kings County, and the eastern regional winner is Brian MacEachern of St. Andrews, Antigonish County.

The awards honour private landowners for exceptional management of their woodlands and superior forestry practices

on private land. They promote sustainable stewardship and raise public awareness about the significance of private woodlands in Nova Scotia.

Nominations were assessed based on integrated resource management practices, employing environmental standards, meeting sustainability goals, protection of wildlife habitats, enhancement of woodlots and understanding of forestry and woodlot management.

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