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Matilda 'Tildy' MacMillan Good Mentorship

DESCRIPTION

Ruby Matheson was born and raised in Wood Island, PE, on the family farm, along with two brothers and four sisters. Ruby described her love for the rich community-spirit they enjoyed this way: "I like the old ways, when we had time to gather round the kitchen stove and exchange concerns for our neighbours... if a farmer took sick at harvest time, his neighbours put his crop in the barn. If he lost his house by fire, neighbours built another. There were no government assistance forms - no one wanted or needed them - but there was a genuine feeling of responsibility for the less fortunate..." This way of life served as a model for the young woman as she went on to become a teacher, a mother, a business-woman, an entrepreneur, an author, an artist and a community leader. Ruby was educated in a one-room school, and received her Teaching Certificate at Prince of Wales College, one of UPEI's predecessor institutions.

Throughout her life she was very involved in her community and its heritage. This inspired her to write, and she became an author and co-author of several books. The 'Echoes of Home: Stories of Bygone Days' focus on the people of Wood Islands, and preserve the heritage of her home community for future generations. In recognition of her outstanding service to community and preservation of heritage, Ruby was bestowed an honorary doctorate degree by the University of Prince Edward Island in 2003.

Ruby passed away in April 2010. In the same spirit of helping others, Ruby made a bequest to the University of Prince Edward Island to support a student mentorship in her sister's name. Reflecting Ruby's love of preservation of heritage, the Matilda "Tildy" MacMillan Good Mentorship was established in support of IslandArchives.ca, a digitization initiative that ensures Prince Edward Island's rich heritage is stewarded and preserved in perpetuity.

CRITERIA

Awarded to a third- or fourth-year student who demonstrates a strong interest in historical/archival material and in the creative and innovative use of technology in the storage and retrieval of such material. Applicants must demonstrate how they would like to participate in strengthening UPEI's IslandArchives.ca initiative during the upcoming academic year.

APPLICATION PROCESS

The successful applicant will have a unique opportunity to receiving mentoring from professionals at the UPEI Robertson Library in the development and delivery of digital collections in libraries and archives.

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Student applications must indicate how they would like to participate in strengthening UPEI's IslandArchives.ca initiative during the upcoming academic year, speaking to their interest in historical and archival material, and in the creative and innovative use in the storage and retrieval of such materials.

Examples of this participation may include:

- assisting with a range of tasks in the Library's digitization lab, such as image capture and processing, metadata provision, etc.;
- assisting in the preparation of research guides and other online documentation for IslandArchives.ca digital collections;
- contributing to systems management/task analyses studies of digitization-related workflow and technologies.

Once a successful recipient has been notified, Robertson Library personnel will meet with the recipient to determine the specific terms of the mentorship work project with the Library's digitization efforts within the academic year.

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APPLICATION FORM

Name: _____

Home Address: _____

UPEI Student ID: _____ Telephone: _____

UPEI Email Address: _____

Please include the following in your application package:

- Application Form** (Deadline – October 1)
- Application Personal Statement** (maximum one page typed)
 - Indicate how you would like to participate in strengthening UPEI's IslandArchives.ca initiative during the upcoming academic year, speaking to your interest in historical and archival material, and in the creative and innovative use in the storage and retrieval of such materials.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Note: Incomplete application packages will not be considered. For official communication purposes, the Scholarships and Awards Committee will contact successful recipients through their UPEI Email Address. It is the student's responsibility to check their UPEI email account.

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