



# Ontario Native Women's Association

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## Ontario Aboriginal Women Recognized for their Contributions to Canada

The Ontario Native Women's Association (ONWA) is proud to announce that six Aboriginal women from Ontario have been selected by the Native Women's Association of Canada (NWAC) to receive the prestigious Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal.

The Diamond Jubilee Medal was created in honour of the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II's accession to the Throne. The medal recognizes Canadians from all walks of life who have made significant contributions to Canada or whose achievements abroad have brought credit to Canada.

"The women nominated through the Native Women's Association of Canada have chosen a path in life that is under-represented, but greatly needed," explains NWAC. "The recipients of this award have been nominated by their peers for service to improve the lives of Aboriginal people. These women have served their families, their communities, and their nations. Their contributions range from bringing national attention to issues affecting Aboriginal women and girls to contributing valuable time and effort to enhance their community's life on a day-to-day basis."

Please join us in congratulating the following recipients:

Josephine Mandamin  
Elize Hartley  
Dorothy Wynne  
Corrine Nabigon  
Agnes Bachmann  
Dr. Dawn Harvard (ONWA President)

"ONWA is very proud of each and every one of these outstanding women for all of their hard work and dedication towards Aboriginal issues within Ontario," says Betty Kennedy, ONWA Executive Director. "These women are true leaders whose strength and commitment has made lasting contributions to the lives of Aboriginal women, their families and their communities."

The recipients will be presented their medals at a special Feast to be hosted by ONWA in the New Year.

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