



FRIENDS OF MAPLELAWN GARDEN

## **Media Release – 2007 OALA Award**

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### **Friends of Maplelawn Historic Garden Receive 2007 OALA Award for Service to the Environment**

Ottawa, Ontario, May 7, 2007. On May 4 at the Ottawa Congress Centre, Nancy E. M. Smith, representing the Friends of Maplelawn Garden accepted the 2007 "Award for Service to the Environment" given by the Ontario Association of Landscape Architects. The Award recognizes those who have made "a special contribution to the sensitive, sustainable design for human use of the environment". Gérald Lajeunesse, of the National Capital Commission, nominated the Friends for the award.

Since 1995, this most prestigious annual award has been given by the OALA to a non-landscape architectural individual, group, organization or agency to recognize and encourage a special or unusual contribution to the sensitive, sustainable design for human use of the environment. Previous recipients have included the Evergreen Foundation, the Humber Watershed Task Force and the National Capital Commission

Created in 1993, The Friends of Maplelawn Garden is an Ottawa-based volunteer group that has provided for the preservation, maintenance and interpretation of Maplelawn Garden, a National Historic Site located at 529 Richmond Road.

The Friends have received two previous awards in their short history of caring for this magnificent 19<sup>th</sup> Century walled garden located on the western edge of Westboro: **Volunteer Project of the Year** (*National Capital Commission* - 1994); and a formal recognition of their efforts in the "study, preservation, and beautification of this historic site" during the **Year of the Volunteer** (*National Capital Commission* - 2001).