

Heritage Award 2020

Heritage conservation award goes to original 1908 Lake Echo summer cottage

In 2020, the Board of Directors of MHHA decided that this year's Architectural Heritage award would go to an original Lake Echo summer cottage. A committee of four—Doug Simon, James Jackson, Michelle Prévost and Don Stewart—toured three pre-World One homes before choosing the winner of this year's award. The award presentation was postponed to a future date due to COVID 19 restrictions.

The award was presented to the Poirier family for their totally-original 1908 summer cottage (*pictured above*) at 538 ch du Lac Echo. It sits high on a hill overlooking the lake. Originally owned by the Hennemuth and Brown families (for over 100 years), it is



now enjoyed by current owner David Poirier and his family. It's still a three-season cottage next to the one where David spent many happy childhood hours at his parents' cottage. And it is spectacularly original. The windows are original, with thick wavy glass panes. Water still comes from a spring

behind the house. Wiring—added years after construction—is still visible on the surface of the walls. There was one small addition over the years with a larger window, but otherwise the house is untouched. The old kitchen sink remains; the central fireplace and box stove are still the heat sources.

In short, this old summer cottage is a one-of-a-kind gem.