

Nomination statement

As Tineke's daughter and business partner I am pleased to nominate her for the Loyal Trinity Volunteer Ranger Award in recognition of her exceptional and sustained contribution to the preservation, presentation and promotion of Trinity's collective heritage. For more than 35 years, Tineke has demonstrated that historic preservation is not limited to protecting buildings from demolition. It also requires finding meaningful and sustainable ways for those buildings to remain part of the community. Through the restoration and stewardship of several important Trinity properties, she has helped preserve the architectural character of the town while allowing residents and visitors to experience its history firsthand. One of Tineke's earliest major projects was the restoration of Gover House, one of Trinity's oldest surviving homes. The work was recognized with a Southcott Award in 1993. The Southcott Awards were established by the Newfoundland Historic Trust to recognize excellence in the preservation of Newfoundland and Labrador's architectural heritage. This recognition reflected the care taken to preserve the building's historic character and return it to active use. Tineke also led the restoration and development of Campbell House, which became the foundation of the Artisan Inn. Rather than presenting the house as a static exhibit, she created an opportunity for guests to stay within a restored historic building and learn about Trinity's architecture, domestic life and traditional craftsmanship. In 2006, Campbell House–Artisan Inn received the Manning Award from the Historic Sites Association of Newfoundland and Labrador for providing visitors with a living museum and heritage craft experiences. Her preservation work continued at the Barbour premises, where historic structures connected to Trinity's fishing and mercantile history were carefully adapted for new uses. This included transforming Captain Barbour's former Twine Loft into the Twine Loft dining room. Through this work, buildings that might otherwise have deteriorated remained visible, useful and economically sustainable parts of Trinity's waterfront. Tineke's contribution extends beyond the physical restoration of these properties. Through Artisan Inn, she has used them to introduce visitors from across Canada and around the world to Trinity's history and culture. The inn and Trinity have been featured in publications including The New York Times, Financial Times, National Geographic Traveler, Travel + Leisure, Condé Nast Traveler, AFAR Magazine and Enroute Magazine. These stories have helped present Trinity internationally as a community distinguished by its preserved architecture, cultural traditions and sense of place. Additional recognition includes the Newfoundland and Labrador Tourism Achievement Award, presented by the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador in recognition of her outstanding contribution to the province's tourism industry through her commitment to heritage-based tourism. Her work has also been recognized with the Tourism Atlantic Technology Award for innovation in promoting Atlantic Canadian tourism, the Restaurant Association of Newfoundland and Labrador Restaurateur of the Year Award for strengthening culinary tourism, the Bed and Breakfast Association PRIDE Award and Norman Parsons Memorial Award for leadership in Newfoundland hospitality, and the Hospitality Newfoundland and Labrador Orchid Award recognizing excellence in the presentation of tourism properties. Together, these honours reflect not only excellence in tourism but also the

lasting success of using historic preservation as the foundation for sharing Trinity's heritage with visitors from around the world. Tineke's work represents a lifetime commitment to protecting Trinity's built heritage and ensuring it remains accessible, relevant and appreciated. For these reasons, I believe she is a highly deserving candidate for the Loyal Trinity Volunteer Ranger Award

Presentation of Award

Gover House. Campbell House. Barbour Premises. Artisan Inn. The Twine Loft.

These are just a few of the names that have come to define historic, culturally significant Trinity — and Newfoundland and Labrador as a whole. And our award recipient this evening has spent a lifetime helping preserve them, present them, and promote them — to our community, and to the visitors who return here, year after year.

For more than thirty-five years, Tineke Gow has shown us that historic preservation means more than saving a building from the wrecking ball. It means finding real, lasting ways for that building to stay part of the life of a community. Through her restoration and stewardship of Trinity's most treasured properties, she has helped preserve the architectural character of this town — while giving residents and visitors alike the chance to experience its history firsthand.

And beyond preservation, Tineke has done something just as lasting: she has led — and lifted up — a generation of strong women in leadership. Women who continue to grow, to lead, and to shape our businesses and our community, right here in Trinity.

Her record of recognition speaks for itself. A Southcott Award in 1993, for the restoration of Gover House. Then, working alongside her family, the restoration of Campbell House — recognized with the Manning Award from the Historic Sites Association of Newfoundland and Labrador. And never one to stand still, Tineke went on to create what has become one of the most recognizable scenes in our province, with the addition of the Twine Loft and the Artisan Inn.

Her peers and industry colleagues have honoured her many times over — with the Newfoundland and Labrador Tourism Achievement Award. The Tourism Atlantic Technology Award. The Restaurant Association of Newfoundland and Labrador's Restaurateur of the Year. The Bed and Breakfast Association's PRIDE Award. The Norman Parsons Memorial Award. And the Hospitality Newfoundland and Labrador Orchid Award.

Tineke's life's work is a lifetime commitment — to protecting Trinity's built heritage, and to making sure it stays accessible, relevant, and appreciated, for generations to come.

Tonight, we are proud to add one more honour to that remarkable list.

Please join me in congratulating Tineke Gow — the recipient of this year's Loyal Trinity Volunteer Ranger Award.

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