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Kim Wheatley finishes up her presentation as keynote speaker during the Arts Alive awards at the Cultural Centre on Jan. 28.

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### **Awards presented during Cultural Symposium**

The Halton Hills Cultural Roundtable rec- Mentorship Alex Hilson. ognized heritage during its Canada 150 Arts Alive Awards event at the Cultural Centre last Friday evening.

The awards are presented every three years and recognize the extraordinary contribution that local residents have made to the cultural vibrancy of Halton Hills. There were 27 nominations for the 10 award categories. Recipients included:

Excellence in Visual Performing and/or Literary Arts Ron Greidanus.

Excellence in Cultural Development Al

Arts Alive/Heritage Halton Hills Award for Heritage Willow Park Ecology Centre.

Youth Leadership Award Kaleigh Hal-

Ralph Ursel Award for Volunteerism Kevin Hazard.

Kenneth R. Harrison Award for Youth

Patron of the Arts, Culture and /or Heritage Don Ablett and Carol-Ann Michaelson.

Award for Local Business Partner

New Arts Culture and/or Heritage Event, Group or Program Head for the Hills Craft Beer Festival.

Established Arts, Culture and/or Heritage Event, Group, or Program Acton and Glen Williams Canada Day Event Teams.

Lifetime Achievement Award Mackenzie.

The keynote speaker for the Awards Evening was Kim Wheatley an Anishinaabe band member of the Shawanaga First Nation. Wheatley's presentation provided the audience with a new perspective on the Aboriginal experience and what the community can do during the Canada 150 year to embrace this part of our heritage.

