

Dufferin hauls in awards

Dufferin Aggregates hauled in a truckload of awards at the recent Ontario Stone, Sand and Gravel Association awards breakfast, including some for its Milton quarry.

The local operation received recognition in three categories — environmental achievement, progressive rehabilitation and community relations.

The Environmental Achievement award goes to producers that have developed and successfully implemented industry-leading policies, programs or projects that make positive contributions to the environment, raise awareness of environmental issues and motivate leadership within the industry.

The Progressive Rehabilitation award acknowledges ongoing site rehabilitation, while the award for community relations encourages and recognizes aggregate companies' efforts to establish relationships with the communities where they operate.

"We are pleased to be recognized for our continuing commitments to environmental management, land rehabilitation and community relations," said Dufferin Aggregates general manager Bill Galloway.

In total, Dufferin received 13 awards for its quarries and pits throughout Ontario.

Scotch Block winery wins lots of awards

Competing against some of the finest vintages around, wines from the local Scotch Block Winery claimed top spots at a recent competition.

The 23rd annual Toronto Wine and Cheese Show at the International Centre brought together exhibitors from Canada and around the world with both industry and professional judges.

The Scotch Block Winery received Best of Show for its Regal Black Currant dry wine, silver for its Cassis Black Currant dessert wine and bronze for its Desire Late Harvest Black Currant Signature Series.

Winemaker Fred Bulbeck and Bert Andrews, owner of Andrews' Scenic Acres, said they're honoured to have placed so well.

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Fundraising campaign launched at annual meeting

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operated by the Country Heritage Experience Inc., a not-for-profit association that formed in 1996 when the Province's decision to close the park was strongly opposed.

Ownership of the park is the final step to preserving the museum and agricultural history of Ontario, said the park's general manager Reg Cressman. "This is a great opportunity to own and operate this wonderful museum. It is a marvelous new chapter in the life of Country Heritage Park and the Ontario Agricultural Museum. This is what we've been looking forward to since the summer of 1998."

Cressman added that the park will remain under the same management but an endow-

ment fund needs to be developed to provide a source of stable funding to help with the future development.

"One major change is that we need to establish an endowment fund of \$2 million over the next three years as we will not have government funding," he said.

Cressman kicked off a fundraising campaign for the endowment fund by announcing a donation from CanPLOW '03 — a plowing championship event the park hosted in 2003. He explained that the \$98,210.71 contribution was made as a payment to reimburse the park for some of the costs it put out to support the event. Cressman had acted as chairman of the volunteer committee that produced CanPLOW event. He challenged oth-

ers at the meeting to match the donation.

David Nattress, Country Heritage Experience Inc.'s vice-president, said there has been considerable support from residents and now everyone has a chance to be involved.

"Over the past eight years, we've received tremendous encouragement from individuals, corporations, associations and communities. Now they have an opportunity to participate in a very tangible way. The public is encouraged to attend attractions at the park, rent facilities for meetings and special events or make a financial contribution to our endowment fund. Participation at all levels will ensure the future of the park," he said.

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