

Six Nations and New Credit Diamond Jubilee medal recipients

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It was a moment of pride for Six Nations and New Credit families when five community members received Diamond Jubilee medals for excellence in community service.

The Sanderson Centre was packed Saturday morning for ceremonies.

Six Nations band members Nina Burnham, Suzie Miller, Gayle Myke, and New Credit members Carolyn King, and Margaret Sault were honored with Diamond Jubilee medals.

The medals celebrate the 60th anniversary of Queen Elizabeth II's ascension as Queen of Canada, an event that hasn't happened since Queen Victoria's rule in 1897. 60,000 individuals across Canada are being

Dr. Nina Burnham was the first from the Six Nations community to receive a medal for her "constant presence and selfless commitment to the people of



New Credit Chief Bryan Laforme pins a medal on Margaret Sault.

Six Nations."

Six Nations' Suzie Miller came next. She "developed Pen-Pal program between First Nations schools and

King said it was great to receive the award. "It was a nice honour." She said that as a band employee she's tried to keep the Anishinaabe name out there and

to "create an awareness about our culture."

New Credit's Margaret Sault received a jubilee medal for being "one of the finest historians in Ontario" and a strong advocate for the people of Mississauga's of the New Credit."

MP Phil McColeman told the packed audience the recipients were from all walks of life that helped make up what he called the "mosaic" of Canada.

Six Nations Elected Chief Montour congratulated the recipients for moving the



Elected Chief Bill Montour presents Dr. Nina Burnham with her medal (Photos by Chase Jarrett)

Six Nations community forward. "These people help us live to what we can be. The future is what I see," he said. "These people have created a future for us to see with their help, with

their families. We really appreciate your contribution," he said.

New Credit Chief LaForme said awards like this help acknowledge the contributions of community mem-

bers that sometimes fly under the radar. "Quite often their contributions and their activities go unheard, or unseen, but not today," he said. "Today they will be recognized."



Suzie Miller awaits her medal.

honoured with medals as true heroes of communities.

A total of 54 medals were given out to the Brantford, Brant County and Six Nations and New Credit community members. Elected Chiefs Bill Montour of Six Nations and Brian LaForme of New Credit were on hand with MP Phil McColeman and Brant MPP Dave Levac to present the medals.

non native schools promoting peace and understanding."

Gayle Myke from Six Nations was honoured as "founder of 'arts after school kids' program and for her "tireless devotion to fundraising for art education for children."

Carolyn King followed for being "a strong advocate of First Nations history and culture and co-founder of New Credit Public Library."