

## **TIANS RECOGNIZES TOURISM EXCELLENCE**

Halifax, N.S. (December 1, 2010) – Last evening, the Tourism Industry Association of Nova Scotia (TIANS) hosted the 2010 Crystal Tourism Awards of Excellence Gala Dinner. The event was the culmination of the three-day Tourism Summit – The Power of Tourism.

Nine Crystal Tourism Awards of Excellence were presented to individuals and organizations that have excelled in their particular category. This year's winners are:

**Mr. Nicholas Carson** – Alastair & Frances Campbell Tourism Achievement Award

**Mayor, John Leefe** – Ambassador Award

**Glenda Redden** - Golden Hospitality

**Windhorse Farm** – Parks Canada Sustainable Tourism Award

**Mr. Don Mingo** – Tourism Sector Person of the Year Award

**Upper Clements Park** – Tourism Innovator Award

**Ivan and Margaret Stinson** – Sustainable Tourism Award

**Dr. Margaret Bateman-Ellison** – Human Resources Leadership Award

**Authentic Seacoast Resorts** – Tourism Atlantic Technology Award

Also presented were the 2010 Pineapple Awards - a celebration of our Pride in Service and the individuals who go above and beyond to enrich visitor experiences. The Pineapple Awards recognize and celebrate the spirit of service in Nova Scotia. Throughout the year, visitors to Nova Scotia complete the Pineapple Awards ballots located in hundreds of establishments throughout the province. The winners this year are:

1. Cheryl Corkum - Lunenburg, Nova Scotia
2. John Marr – Halifax, Nova Scotia
3. Tammie MacDonald – Dartmouth, Nova Scotia
4. Jack and Sheila Henman – Waverley, Nova Scotia
5. Community of Meat Cove, Nova Scotia

TIANS mandate is to lead, support, represent and enhance Nova Scotia's tourism industry. TIANS is the provincial advocate for the Nova Scotia tourism industry and strives to enhance the industry's competitiveness and prosperity through increased professionalism and product development. In accomplishing this goal, TIANS works closely with many partners, regional and sector associations and all levels of government.

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