

## Storykeeper Award 2023

Every once in a while, if we are really fortunate, a quiet hero appears at just the right moment. Lynn Torrie is one such person. During the early days of the pandemic, when the world seemed frozen in time, she stepped forward to guide storytellers across Canada and beyond, into the virtual world of telling.

A passionate gardener, and a former children's occupational therapist, Lynn knows all about planting seeds and waiting patiently for new growth to appear. She took the same approach as she planted seeds of confidence and ease when using Zoom, guiding tellers to a blossoming of personal growth and experience, into unknown worlds of possibilities, always building on individual strengths. Those skills also brought renewed growth to the York Storytelling Guild, taking it to a new level of professionalism.

Lynn's career as a renowned storyteller is also a story of her own continuing personal growth. She began with the telling of folk and traditional tales and then developed her repertoire to include stories of historical events, some literary tales, and is now exploring the world of personal story.

A life-long teacher and learner, Lynn has been extraordinarily generous with the sharing of her skills in both technical areas and in performance. She has shown grace and sincere welcoming in her role as the host of various events, including Toronto's 1001 Friday Nights of Storytelling.



It is an honour to be able to bestow this award on Lynn, a confident and respectful storyteller, an incredible addition to the Storytellers of Canada - Conteurs du Canada membership, who offers nothing but encouragement to those willing to take either to the screen or to the stage, to share their love of story.

*Photo: Lynn receiving her award at the Sudbury Conference. Photo by Cindy Campbell-Stone.*