

Historically, WEA awards began in 2004 with the **Michael J. Farrell Award for Education in the Arts**. Named in honour of an exemplary teacher and professor at the University of Windsor, the award was given to **Christine Goodchild**, former Curator of Arts Education at the Art Gallery of Windsor. Ms. Goodchild worked for over a decade as a leader in arts education working with school boards, universities and other galleries.

In 2007, the second **Michael J. Farrell Award for Education in the Arts** was awarded to **Merry Ellen Scully Mosna**. She has been a dedicated volunteer and professional in the arts for more than 30 years.

In November 2006 the first **Alistair McLeod Award for Literary Achievement** was presented to **Nino Ricci**, internationally known author of *Lives of the Saints* and *Origin of Species*. The award is named in honour of Alistair McLeod, short story writer and author of the novel, **No Great Mischief**. Professor McLeod, of the University of Windsor, won the 2001 International IMPAC Dublin Literary Award for *No Great Mischief*.

In 2008, the second **Alistair McLeod Award for Literary Achievement** was given to award-winning children's author, **Christopher Paul Curtis**. Mr. Curtis is the author of *Elijah of Buxton*, *The Watsons Go to Birmingham --- 1963*, and *Bud, not Buddy*.