

## Biographies

**Wanuskewin Heritage Park, Saskatoon – Winner:** ITAC Indigenous Tourism Award.

Wanuskewin Heritage Park, on the northern edge of Saskatoon, has been a centre for sharing Indigenous culture, traditions and history for more than 26 years. The park is on Canada's tentative list for UNESCO World Heritage designation.

**Harvest Eatery, Shaunavon – Finalist:** Restaurants Canada and Diversey Culinary Tourism Award.

Harvest Eatery has put rural Saskatchewan on the culinary map. The 45-seat farm-to-table operation is the brainchild and creative collaboration of husband and wife duo, Chef Garrett "Rusty" and Kristy Thienes.

**Over the Hill Orchards & Winery, Lumsden – Finalist:** Hilton Small Business of the Year Award.

Over the Hill Orchards & Winery is owned by Dean and Sylvia Kreutzer. Over the past 18 years, the family business has evolved from selling raw fruit to processed fruit products to wine and now specialty dinners that combine the products grown on the property.

**Brenda Peterson, Grasslands National Park – Finalist:** Tourism HR Canada Employee of the Year Award.

Brenda Peterson is recognized for her unwavering loyalty and service to Grasslands National Park. She is Visitor Experience Lead for the East Block. She wears many hats as Visitor Experience Lead, along with roles as Interpretation Co-ordinator, Quality Visitor Experience trainer, Park Duty Officer and Fire Patrol in the East Block.

**Tourism Saskatoon, Saskatoon – Finalist:** Tourism Innovation Award.

Tourism Saskatoon is a membership-based, non-profit visitor and convention bureau that markets Saskatchewan and region as a destination of choice for leisure and business travel. The Tourism Innovation Award recognized Tourism Saskatoon's VIPlane initiative, designed to boost attendance at the 2019 Canadian Innovation Conference and create a VIP experience.