

Maria Patton Prize awarded

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school in House Harbour and completed secondary at the Island Polyvalent. She completed her education at Notre Dame de Foy in Cap-Rouge in May, 1987. She always loved to design and create clothing, and wanted to work with seal leather and furs. Fortunately she has a brother experienced in tanning hides and with his help and that of others she was on her way.

With assistance from SAFE (Support for Young Entrepreneurs), her perseverance and courage led to the opening of Les Curis ODY-C in March 1991. Today ODY-C has 2 full-time employees and 2 part-time. Her work has been displayed in Montreal, Quebec, the International Fur Salon, Newfoundland and several of her creations have even been sent to Paris. A young woman, Odette has persevered and

proved that dreams can be realized.

The objectives of presenting the Maria Patton Award are as follows: to promote women's quest for autonomy; to create a history for Island women; to

trace the lives of women who have made their mark in various domains and publish their accomplishments; to honour the work of an Island woman. The 1995 objectives for the Maria Patton Award were: the candidate must have her enterprise in the Island, must have gotten it underway herself, must exemplify the capacities of women (perseverance, autonomy, management and administration), candidate must be over the age of 18, and in 1995 the competition could not accept the candidature of deceased women.

Also nominated for the 1995 award were: Diane Aucoin-Vigneau, Pensée Fleuriste enr.; Evangeline Deveau, Tissus du Coin Inc.; Marquerite Massé, Boutique Plaisance; Simone Hamel, Distillateur L'Eauca; Diane Gallant, Les Entreprises Gallant; and Nicole Grégoire, Les Artisans du Sable.



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