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Lewiston woman to receive Maryann Hartman Award

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LEWISTON — A Lewiston resident is one of three women who will be honored by the University of Maine's 12th annual Maryann Hartman Awards.

Madeleine Giguere, who is well-known for celebrating the state's Franco-American heritage, will receive the award Nov. 5 at the Wells Conference Center at the Orono campus with two others.

Giguere said she found out about her selection for the award in August.

"I'm very honored," she said. "I'm delighted to be one of the 36 women to have received this award."

The recipients of the Hartman awards are selected, from nominations, by a committee of members of the Women's Studies Program and the Women in the Curriculum organization. The awards honor Maine women whose work inspires and helps advance the status of women throughout the state.

Giguere, who is 72 years old Saturday, said she is keeping busy with a number of different projects, including the state commission to study Franco-American resources, a biography of fellow Mainer Charlotte Michaud, a literary project in the St. John Valley and a speech for the Franco-American Heritage Reading Room at the University of Southern Maine's Lewiston-Auburn College. She also belongs to the Sociologists for Women in Society, a national organization.



MADELEINE D. GIGUERE

She said she suspects she is receiving the award as much for the work she has done in the past as the work she is doing today.

In the 1970s she was appointed to the Governor's Council on the Status of Women and was chairwoman of the Maine State Advisory Committee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights and the Affirmative Action Committee at the University of Southern Maine.

"I really think it's that work that is being recognized," she said. "It was really my work for women that

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started me off."

In 1980 Giguere received an honorary doctoral degree in humane letters from Rhode Island College for her work in Franco-American studies.

Following her retirement from the University of Southern Maine as a professor emeritus of sociology in 1990, Giguere spent seven years as volunteer director of the Franco-American Heritage Reading Room

at Lewiston-Auburn College.

Also being recognized with the award are state Treasurer Dale McCormick of Hallowell, who founded an organization that encourages women to enter traditionally male-dominated occupations, and University of Maine Professor Constance Hunting of Orono, who has nurtured the talent of young writers for nearly three decades.