

Recognizing Heritage Achievements

The following is a list of awards available to volunteers and professionals working with Oregon's heritage. Recognizing achievements motivates individuals already engaged in heritage work and the publicity can help recruit the next generation of archivists, historic preservationists, museum professionals, and volunteers.

Awards Offered by Oregon Heritage

OREGON HERITAGE EXCELLENCE AWARD



The Oregon Heritage Excellence Awards recognize individuals, businesses and

organizations for outstanding efforts on behalf of Oregon heritage and raise the quality of heritage-oriented activities. Nominations are encouraged for exceptional and meritorious work. Special consideration is given to the development of new ideas, approaches and innovations. The award is presented at the annual Oregon Heritage Conference. For more information, visit <http://www.oregon.gov/oprd/oprd/OH/awards>.

OREGON HERITAGE STEWARDSHIP AWARD

This award is for Oregon's heritage heroes! This award is given to Oregonians who, when tested, proactively do right by cultural resources and deserve to have their conscientious efforts publicized.

Examples of past winners include:

- A couple who voluntarily stopped construction on their home when they discovered what they correctly thought were archaeological deposits;
- A metal recycling company that noticed historic cemetery items in their facility and went the extra mile to ensure that they were returned to their rightful place and
- An eagle eyed construction equipment operator who noticed human remains in her worksite and diligently stopped the project and saw to it that the proper authorities were contacted.

Awardees are chosen by State Historic Preservation Office staff when they witness acts of earnest courage in the community.

Historic Preservation Awards

NATIONAL TRUST FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION AWARDS

For additional information, visit www.forum.savingplaces.org/act/preservation-awards.

NATIONAL PRESERVATION HONOR AWARD

Individuals, groups or projects that have done outstanding work preserving historic places in the last year.

THE AMERICAN EXPRESS ASIPRE AWARD

Individual award for an emerging leader in the preservation field.

PETER H. BRINK AWARD

Individual award for contributions to the preservation field in the last year.

TONY GOLDMAN AWARD

For outstanding projects that utilize Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credits

NTHP TRUSTEE'S AWARD FOR ORGANIZATIONAL EXCELLENCE

For non-profit organizations



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**LOUISE DU PONT
CROWNINSHIELD AWARD**

Individual lifetime achievement award.

MCMATH AWARD

Offered by the University of Oregon for individual lifetime achievement

For further information, visit www.archenvironment.uoregon.edu/hp/events/mcmath-award.

DEMURO AWARD

Offered by Restore Oregon for outstanding and exemplary historic rehabilitation projects in Oregon.

For further information, visit <http://restoreoregon.org/demuro-award/>.

Heritage Tourism Awards

For more information, visit www.industry.traveloregon.com/oregon-governors-conference-on-tourism/awards.

**OREGON HERITAGE
TOURISM AWARD**

The Heritage Tourism Award recognizes outstanding examples of the incorporation of Oregon's authentic cultural or natural history as a way to draw visitors to the state.

**OUTSTANDING OREGON TOURISM
VOLUNTEER AWARD**

This award recognizes the significant commitment of an individual or group exemplifying the positive impact of volunteers in Oregon travel and tourism industry.

Awards for Gravestone Studies

**ASSOCIATION FOR GRAVESTONE
STUDIES AWARDS**

For more information, visit www.gravestonestudies.org/

OAKLEY CERTIFICATE OF MERIT

This award is presented to individuals or groups that have helped to further the study of gravestones.

FORBES AWARD

This award recognizes exceptional service to the field of gravestone studies by an individual, institution or organization.

**Awards for Museums and
Museum Professionals**

**AMERICAN ALLIANCE OF MUSEUM
AWARDS**

For additional information visit www.aam-us.org/about-us/grants-awards-and-competitions.

EXCELLENCE IN LABEL WRITING

Recognizes outstanding and innovative label writing in museums, zoos, aquaria, universities and libraries.

**JOHN COTTON AWARD FOR
LEADERSHIP**

Recognizes individuals outside the field of museum education for outstanding efforts on the behalf of public education.

EXCELLENCE IN EXHIBITION

For outstanding achievement in the exhibition format of museums, zoos, aquaria, gardens etc.

**NANCY HANKS MEMORIAL AWARD
FOR PROFESSIONAL EXCELLENCE**

Recognizes outstanding individuals with less than ten years experience in the museum field.

**DISTINGUISHED SERVICE TO
MUSEUMS AWARD**

For individual excellence and contributions to the museums over at least the last 20 years.

EXCELLENCE IN RESOURCES

For outstanding print or multimedia resources.

EXCELLENCE IN PROGRAMMING

Recognizes exemplary creativity and innovation in museum educational programming.

MUSE AWARD

Recognizes institutions that use digital media to engage audiences in museums, libraries archives or galleries.

**WESTERN MUSEUMS
ASSOCIATION**

Visit www.westmuse.org/annual-meeting/awards-scholarships/ for further information.

CHARLES REDD AWARD

This award honors excellence for exhibitions that further the study of the American West

DIRECTOR'S CHAIR AWARD

For an individual who has demonstrated outstanding achievements in the museum profession.



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General Volunteer Awards

GOVERNORS VOLUNTEER AWARDS

Offered by Oregon volunteers, these awards honor outstanding commitment from Oregon's many types of volunteers. For more information, visit www.oregonvolunteers.org/events/gva/.

POINT OF LIGHT AWARD

Offered by Points of Light, this award is given daily and honors groups or individuals making meaningful change in their communities through volunteering. Visit www.pointsoflight.org/programs/recognition for additional information.

Awards for Boardmembers

BOARD MEMBER OF THE MONTH AND YEAR AWARD

Offered by Points of Light and Board Source for outstanding organizational achievements by nonprofit boards. For more information, visit www.pointsoflight.org/programs/recognition.

Awards for Local History

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR STATE AND LOCAL HISTORY AWARDS

Visit www.aaslh.org/programs/leadership-in-history-awards/ for more information.

AWARD OF MERIT

Presented in recognition of projects and individual achievement in the study of local history.

AWARD OF DISTINCTION

This award is given infrequently to recognize a long and very distinguished individual service to local history.

National Council on Public History Awards

For more information, visit www.ncph.org/cms/awards

OUTSTANDING PUBLIC HISTORY PROJECT AWARD

For projects of all types that make outstanding contributions to public appreciation of the past.

MICHAEL C. ROBINSON PRIZE FOR HISTORIC ANALYSIS

Recognizes historical studies that contributes directly to the formation of public policy

EXCELLENCE IN CONSULTING AWARD

Recognizes outstanding work and contributions by consultants

Main Street Awards

Oregon Main Street offers numerous awards of recognition for outstanding participants in the Main Street Program. They are awarded at the annual Main Street Conference in the Fall. The categories are:

- Outstanding Partnership
- Best Creative Fundraising Effort
- Best Volunteer Project
- Best Downtown Retail Event
- Best Special Event
- Best Promotional Item

- Best Downtown Image Campaign or Event
- Best Design Education Project or Activity
- Best Historic Restoration Project
- Best Facade Rehabilitation Under \$7,500
- Best Facade Rehabilitation Over \$7,500
- Best Interior Renovation Project
- Best New Building Project
- Best Downtown Public Improvement Project - Built Environment
- Best Downtown Public Improvement Project - Beautification
- Sustainability/Green Award
- Best Downtown Business Development Program
- Outstanding Business
- Best Adaptive Reuse
- Best Upper Floor Rehabilitation
- Main Street Manager of the Year
- Volunteer of the Year

Archaeology Awards

SOCIETY FOR AMERICAN ARCHAEOLOGY

Visit www.saa.org/career-practice/ awards for more information.

EXCELLENCE IN PUBLIC EDUCATION AWARD

For institutions or individuals who bring about improved public understanding and appreciation of the field.



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PUBLIC SERVICE AWARD

Recognizes the important contributions of a public figure in the preservation of cultural resources.

GENE S. STUART AWARD

Given to a writer for the best newspaper article or series focusing on archaeology.

NANCY HANKS MEMORIAL AWARD FOR PROFESSIONAL EXCELLENCE

Recognizes individuals with less than ten years experience in the museum field.

CRABTREE AWARD

Recognizes individuals who despite little formal training in archaeology, have made significant contributions to the field.

AWARD OF MERIT

Offered by the Society for Historical Archaeology this award recognizes specific achievements of individuals or organizations in the field of historic archaeology. Visit www.sha.org/index.php/view/page/awards_awardees for further information.

OUTSTANDING PUBLIC SERVICE AWARD

Offered by Archaeological Institute of America, this award recognizes exceptional contributions by an individual or organization that promote public understanding of archaeology.

For additional information, visit www.archaeological.org/awards/outstanding-service.

Publicize your good news!

Awards are not just recognition to motivate individuals and organizations. When an organization gives a heritage project an award it validates the perpetuation of our shared heritage. Remember to write press releases, share your successes on social media and update your organization's website with the news. For help with outreach planning see *Heritage Bulletin 2: How to Spread the News*.



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