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Illinois Association of Museums announces 2008 award winners

Awards presented September 26 in Elmhurst

Elmhurst -- The Illinois Association of Museums (IAM) today announced the winners of their annual awards for the state’s cultural institutions. The awards were presented at the IAM Annual Conference at noon on Friday, September 26 at The Diplomat Conference Center in Elmhurst.

IAM is an independent, non-profit, statewide organization of museums and historical societies.

Audio-Visual Programs
Award of Merit
Parkland Art Gallery, For Art’s Sake: 2008 National Biennial Ceramics Invitational” Episode, Champaign

Superior Achievement Award
Richland Heritage Museum Foundation, Remember Ridgeway, Olney

Educational Programming
Award of Excellence
Sycamore Historical Society & Museum, Sycamore in the 1950s Compared to Today, Sycamore
Superior Achievement Award
The Science Center of Southern Illinois, *Science Cafes*, Carbondale
Midway Village & Museum Center, *Civil War Hands on History*, Rockford

**Exhibits**
**Award of Merit**
Winnetka Historical Society, *I Do, I Do*, Winnetka

**Award of Excellence**
Cahokia Mounds State Historic Site, *Indians of Southern Illinois*, Collinsville
Aurora Regional Fire Museum, *Getting There-Getting Water-Getting Rescued*, Aurora

Superior Achievement Award
Northern Illinois University Art Museum, *Examining Audubon*, Dekalb

**Periodicals**
**Award of Excellence**

**Popular Publications**
**Award of Merit**
Naper Settlement, *Tidbits of the Past – A Fun Collection of Historic Brainteasers*, Naperville
The Ernest Hemingway Foundation of Oak Park, *The Hemingway Despatch*, Oak Park

**Award of Excellence**
St. Charles Heritage Center, *75th Anniversary Diamond Celebration Memory Book*, St. Charles

**Promotional Merchandise**
**Award of Merit**
Vermillion County Museum Society, *Vermillion County Historical Coverlet*, Danville

**Promotional and Informational Material**
**Award of Merit**
Raupp Museum, *Raupp Museum Website Renovation*, Buffalo Grove

**Award of Excellence**
Naper Settlement, *Partnering for the Future*, Naperville

**Scholarly Publication**
**Superior Achievement Award**
**Special Projects**

**Award of Merit**

**Award of Excellence**
Parkland Art Gallery, 2008 *National Biennial Ceramics Invitational Catalogue*, Champaign
Naper Settlement, “*Memories of the Past*” *Sharing Moments Through History*, Naperville

**Superior Achievement Award**
St. Charles Heritage Center, 75th Anniversary *St. Charles History Crawl*, St. Charles
Bartlett History Museum, *Her Story, Meet the Remarkable Women of Early Bartlett*, Bartlett

**Service Awards**
Viola Manning, Silver Service Award, Graue Mill & Museum
Virginia Reisner, Silver Service Award, Graue Mill & Museum

**Anniversary Awards**
St. Charles Heritage Center, Platinum Anniversary
Ernest Hemingway Foundation, Silver Anniversary

**Volunteer of the Year**
Wilson “Bill” Dysart, McHenry County Historical Society

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