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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**

Warrenville Historical Museum & Art Gallery, *Albright Art Exhibit: Warrenville –  
The Albrights' Kind of Town*, Warrenville  
Northern Illinois University Art Museum, *Examining Audubon*, Dekalb

### **Periodicals**

#### **Award of Excellence**

Elgin Public Museum, *Elgin Public Museum Summer 2008 Newsletter*, Elgin

### **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, *75<sup>th</sup> 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**

Northern Illinois University Art Museum, *Revisiting Modern Japanese Prints*, Dekalb

**Special Projects**

**Award of Merit**

Richland Heritage Museum Foundation, *Publication of the Henry William Shyrock Autobiography*, Olney

**Award of Excellence**

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

**Superior Achievement Award**

St. Charles Heritage Center, *75<sup>th</sup> 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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