

2015 Illinois Association of Museums Awards

Anniversary and Service Awards, Museum or Individual Honored

The Anthropology Museum at NIU, Anniversary: Gold (50)

DuPage Society of Model Engineers, Anniversary: Gold (50)

Bishop Hill Heritage Association, Anniversary: Gold (50)

Awards of Distinction

Leader Institution of the Year- Chicago Academy of Sciences' Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum

Mid-size Institution of the Year- Elmhurst Historical Museum

Volunteer Institution of the Year- Livingston County War Museum and Dal Estes Education Center

Professional of the Year- Doug Taron, Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum

Policy Maker of the Year-Senator Andy Manar, 48th District

Policy Maker of the Year-Representative Tim Butler, 87th District

Graduate Student of the Year - Michelle Stewart, Northern Illinois University

Awards of Best Practices

Exhibits

Superior -*Many Faces, One Community*, Midway Village Museum

Excellence- *By All Accounts: The Story of Elmhurst*, Elmhurst Historical Museum

Excellence-*Over There: Grayslake in the Great War*, Grayslake Heritage Center/Grayslake Historical Society

Excellence -*Connecting a Community: How One Railroad Shaped a Small Town*, Sycamore History Museum

Excellence-*Inheriting DuPage: A Family History*, DuPage County Historical Museum

Excellence-*West Side Stories: The History of West Lake Forest*, Lake Forest-Lake Bluff Historical Society,

Excellence-*Local Visions: Selections from Area Collections*, Northern Illinois University Art Museum

Excellence-*Capturing Culture: The Diverse Art of John Phillips*, The Museums at Lisle Station Park

Excellence- *Curated by DeKalb: 50 Years of the Anthropology Museum*, The Anthropology Museum at Northern Illinois University

Merit- *Brewing Identity: The Art of Craft Beer*, Jack Olson Gallery, Northern Illinois University

Merit- *Mission, Method, Memory: The Lab School at EIU*, Historical Administration Program, Eastern Illinois University

Merit-*Permanent Exhibit Renovation: The Grand Prairie Story*, Museum of the Grand Prairie

Merit-*Movie Magic: Celebrating 86 Years of the Tivoli Theatre*, Downers Grove Museum

Educational Programming

Excellence-*Museum Mondays*, Museum of the Grand Prairie

Merit-*Dissection Series*, Midwest Museum of Natural History

Special Projects

Excellence-*Belleville Bicentennial Exhibition*, St. Clair County Historical Society

Conservation/Collections

Merit-*Photographic Re-housing and Digitization Project*, Downers Grove Museum

Printed Materials

Excellence-*Shorefront Journal*, Shorefront Legacy Center

Merit-*Graffiti Imagery in Contemporary Art*, Jack Olson Gallery, Northern Illinois University

Merit-*Bike Tour of Historic Morton Grove*, Morton Grove Historical Museum

2015 Peer Reviewers

Tamara Biggs

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