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

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