

2017 Illinois Association of Museum Award Winners

Awards of Distinction

Small Institution of the Year- Aurora Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Museum, Aurora, IL

Graduate Student of the Year- Adina Salmansohn, Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL

Anniversary & Service Awards

Lifetime Professional Award- Nancy Wilson, Elmhurst History Museum, Elmhurst, IL

Anniversary: Gold (50)- DuPage County Historical Museum, Wheaton, IL

Best Practices Awards

Exhibits

Superior- Contemporary Native Women: Opening Doors to Change, Mitchell Museum of the American Indian, Evanston, IL

Excellent- A Tale of Donkeys and Elephants: Satire with the Wink of a Fox, Art Museum, Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL

Excellent- Market Squared: Ten Decades of Business and Beauty, Lake Forest-Lake Bluff Historical Society, Lake Forest, IL

Excellent-From Flame to Fluorescent, DuPage County Historical Museum, Wheaton, IL

Merit- What a Frightful Spectacle! Lithographs of Honoré Daumie, Art Museum, Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL

Merit- Easy As Pie, Jack Olson Gallery, Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL

Merit- Midwest on Fire: The Salvation Army in the Central Territory, Salvation Army Central Territory Historical Museum, Hoffman Estates, IL

Special Projects

Superior- Jarrett Prairie Center Museum Renovation, Jarrett Prairie Center Museum, Byron, IL

Excellent- Collections Storage Renovation, Kenilworth Historical Society, Kenilworth, IL

Excellent- Interactive Kiosk Installation, Midwest Museum of Natural History, Sycamore, IL

Excellent- Haunted Hilltop: Legends, Lore, and More from the Archives, Khalaf Al Habtoor Archives and Paul Findley Congressional Office Museum, Jacksonville, IL

Excellent- Kenilworth: The Suburban Ideal, Kenilworth Historical Society, Kenilworth, IL

Merit- History on the Move, Lake Forest-Lake Bluff Historical Society, Lake Forest, IL

Printed Materials

Superior- Passage to Chicago: A Journey on the Illinois & Michigan Canal in the Year 1860, Illinois & Michigan Canal National Heritage Area, LaSalle, IL

Merit- Congress 2017 Activity Book, Salvation Army Central Territory Historical Museum, Hoffman Estates, IL

Building/Site preservation

Excellent- New Roof, DuPage County Historical Museum, Wheaton, IL

IAM Awards Committee- Pam Rohleder- chair, Claudia Dant, Betsy Glenn

The Awards Committee would like to thank the 20 award reviewers nationwide who donated their time and expert knowledge in reading, assigning scoring and providing their feedback on the applications.