



League of Local Historical Societies and Museums 2020 Achievement Award Nominations

The Vermont Historical Society seeks nominations for the 2020 League of Local Historical Societies & Museums (LLHSM) Achievement Awards. These awards recognize the exceptional work being done by individuals and community heritage organizations throughout the state to collect, preserve and share Vermont's rich history. Nominations will be considered for projects that were undertaken or completed during the period from July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020 as well as for individual achievement over an extended period of time.

Awards will be presented in conjunction with the LLHSM Annual Meeting in the fall (date TBD) **Nominations must be postmarked or received by Friday, August 14, 2020.** This year's award nomination review will continue to be rigorous. Early applicants will receive the benefit of feedback, and have the opportunity to submit supplemental material if needed.

Nominations will be considered in the following categories:

ANNUAL PROJECT CATEGORIES

(For projects that were undertaken or completed during the period from July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020.)

PUBLICATIONS

For an original scholarly work that advances knowledge and appreciation of the history of a Vermont community, a project that records and shares recollections of community members, or a production that communicates stories from the community's past.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION AND COLLECTIONS CARE

For the preservation or accurate restoration of a structure or site that evokes the heritage of the community, or a project that significantly advances the long-term preservation of historical collections of importance to the community.

EXHIBITIONS AND PUBLIC PROGRAMS

For the creation of a permanent, temporary, traveling, or online exhibit that reflects the imaginative interpretation of some aspect of local history; or for public/educational programming that encourages the study and appreciation of local history.

ACCESS/DIGITIZATION

For projects which enhance or expand access to history collections for researchers, students, or the general public.

EXTENDED SERVICE CATEGORY

INDIVIDUAL or GROUP ACHIEVEMENT

Organizations may nominate an individual (or group of individuals) to recognize extended and purposeful service to a community heritage organization or to the advancement and study of local history in their community. Nominations for individual/group recognition must include two letters of support and provide strong evidence on the impact of their community heritage efforts.

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TO NOMINATE

Nominations may be made by the organization seeking the award, by another organization or by an individual. Nomination packets should be submitted along with supporting documentation, such as publications, brochures, news clippings, photographs, CDs or DVDs, letters of support, or other materials that represent the project. Materials submitted with the application become the property of the Vermont Historical Society. **This year, we recommend electronic/email submission of materials whenever possible.**

JUDGING

Awards will be made in recognition of exceptional work, with a particular emphasis upon innovation. Individual awards will be made in recognition of enduring and meritorious service. Awards do not have to be given in every category and there is also no limit on the number of Awards per category. VHS and Award Judges reserve the right to adjust the nomination category for any project/individual.

A panel of judges, appointed by the Vermont Historical Society, will review nominations and make award selections. Judges will identify nominations to receive an Award of Excellence (highest level) or an Award of Merit. All judges' decisions are final.

SUBMISSION DEADLINE

All nominations must be postmarked or received by Friday, August 14, 2020
Late entries will not be considered for awards.

SEND NOMINATIONS TO:

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mailed: Vermont Historical Society

Attn: Eileen Corcoran
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Barre, VT 05641

Information on past awards & tips for submitting a strong nomination can be found on our website: <https://vermonthistory.org/achievement-awards>

For more information, please contact Community Outreach Manager Eileen Corcoran at (802) 479-8522 or eileen.corcoran@vermonthistory.org



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2020 Achievement Award Nomination Form

Organization:

Category (*choose one*):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Publications | <input type="checkbox"/> Historic Preservation/Collections Care |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Exhibitions/Public Programs | <input type="checkbox"/> Access/Digitization |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Individual/Group Achievement | |

Title of nominated project or name of nominated individual(s):

Name of person submitting the nomination:

Address:

Phone Number:

Email:

NOMINATION PACKETS SHOULD INCLUDE:

- Narrative description of the project or person. (1 page max.)
- Supporting evidence such as digital or printed images, website urls, newspaper articles, etc. Published/print works need to include a copy of the publication (electronic copies accepted).
- Basic description of organization, including mission, overall budget, and examples of programs/initiatives.
- Additionally for the Individual Achievement Award: 250-500 word biography and two letters of support.
- Completed nomination form

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Late entries will not be considered. Application materials cannot be returned.

