League of Local Historical Societies and Museums
2027 Achievement Award Nominations

The Vermont Historical Society seeks nominations for the 2027 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 calendar year 2026 as well as for individual achievement over an extended period of time.

Monetary Awards: This year we will provide a monetary award of $250 each for up to 3 of our Award of Excellence winners.

250th Awards: Projects that advanced the commemoration of the 250th anniversary of the United States will be given a special designation this year.

Awards will be presented in conjunction with the LLHSM Annual Meeting in May 2027 (date & location TBD) **Nominations must be postmarked or received by Friday, February 12, 2027.** 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 2026 calendar year.)

PUBLICATIONS AND MULTIMEDIA

For original works that advance 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. Formats may include but are not limited to books, videos, podcasts, websites, and theater productions.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION AND COLLECTIONS CARE

For the preservation or 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, ENGAGEMENT, & PUBLIC PROGRAMS

For the creation of exhibits that reflect the imaginative interpretation of some aspect of local history, for educational or public programs that encourage the study and appreciation of local history, or for projects that encourage and incorporate civic or community engagement.

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.

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, videos, letters of support, or other materials that represent the project. Materials submitted with the application become the property of the Vermont Historical Society. **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. If there are more than 3 Award of Excellence winners, the judges will choose the top 3 to receive monetary awards.

SUBMISSION DEADLINE

All nominations must be postmarked or received by Friday, February 12, 2027. Late entries will not be considered for awards.

SEND NOMINATIONS TO:

Electronically (PREFERRED): Complete the nomination form at: https://form.jotform.com/263224961214150 or email materials directly to director.outreach@vermonthistory.org

Mailed: Vermont Historical Society, Attn: Eileen Corcoran, 60 Washington Street, Ste. 1 Barre, VT 05641

Access to the online nomination form, 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 Director of Service & Outreach Eileen Corcoran at (802) 479-8522 or director.outreach@vermonthistory.org

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Organization:

Category *(choose one)*:

☐ Publications/Multimedia
☐ Exhibitions/Engagement/Public Programs
☐ Individual/Group Achievement
☐ Historic Preservation/Collections Care
☐ Access/Digitization

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, including goals/objectives and impact. (1 page max.)
- Supporting evidence such as digital or printed images, website urls, newspaper articles, reviews, etc. Published/print works need to include a copy of the publication (electronic copies preferred).
- 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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