



NEWS RELEASE

PA Museums Announces Statewide Awards for Museums and Individuals

April 4, 2022, Harrisburg – PA Museums has announced the winners of its 2022 Special Achievement Awards. Since the 1980s, PA Museums has invited nominations from its membership and chosen institutions, projects, and individuals to be recognized. This year, thirteen (13) organizations from every region of Pennsylvania have won Institutional Awards of Merit. Two (2) organizations are receiving PA Museums’ prestigious S.K. Stevens Award, and three (3) individuals, including a Carol Wickkiser Award recipient, being honored for their contributions to the field with Individual Awards.

PA Museums’ awardees are being celebrated at a safe distance this year with a multi-platform social media campaign in April 2022.

This year’s award winners are:

Institutional Achievement Awards

Ephrata Cloister - 2020 Holiday Programming, Ephrata

Stenton Museum - Virtual History Hunters Program, Philadelphia

Heinz History Center - American Democracy: A Great Leap of Faith, Pittsburgh

Heinz History Center - Portraits of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh

Jefferson County Historical Society - Pollywogs & Pollinators: Creating an ADA Accessible Garden Landscape & Education Area, Brookville

Science History Institute - Downstream Exhibition, Philadelphia

Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Hall & Museum - Remembering 9/11 and Honoring Our Fallen Exhibition, Pittsburgh

Museum of the American Revolution - When Women Lost the Vote: A Revolutionary Story, 1776-1807, Philadelphia

Bradford House Historical Association - Whiskey Rebellion Education and Visitor Center, Washington

Chester County History Center - Becoming Chester County Exhibition, West Chester

Westmoreland Historical Society - Penn's Woods Plenty for the Use of Man Exhibition, Greensburg

Christ Church Preservation Trust - Digitizing the Records of Philadelphia's Historic Congregations, Philadelphia

Centre County Historical Society - Centre County Encyclopedia of Culture & History, State College

Individual Awards

Madison Flaherty, Discovery Space of Central PA, Carol Wickkiser Award, State College

Mark Sheffield, Fulton County Historical Society, McConnellsburg

Tracie Liberatore, Bradford House Historical Association, Washington

S.K. Stevens Awards

Pittsburgh, Virginia (exhibit), Fort Pitt Museum, Pittsburgh

Cost of Revolution: The Life and Death of an Irish Soldier (exhibit), The Museum of the American Revolution, Philadelphia

PA Museums' Special Achievement Awards Campaign is leading up to the PA Museums virtual conference in April 2022. The upcoming campaign includes details about the people, museums, and projects PA Museums is recognizing with awards and will feature posts on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/Pennsylvania-Federation-of-Museums-and-Historical-Organizations-109132959231/> and Twitter @PA_Museums, as well as in direct emails to members.

“PA Museums’ annual awards are meant to inspire the museum field and impress visitors to museums,” said Rusty Baker, executive director of PA Museums. “Pennsylvania’s museums and historical organizations are star performers, and we are proud to recognize the great work being done throughout the Commonwealth.”

About PA Museums

PA Museums is Pennsylvania’s statewide museum association with 350 members across the Commonwealth. PA Museums’ membership includes museums and historical organizations of many types and sizes, and in addition to providing professional development opportunities for museum professionals, the organization also leads advocacy campaigns on behalf of the museum community.

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