

SMALL MUSEUM ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIPS & AWARDS

Awards Program & Nominations
2009 Small Museum Association Annual Conference
February 22-24, 2009
Ocean City, MD

The Small Museum Association, Inc. (SMA) is requesting nominations for the annual Small Museum awards. This is an excellent opportunity to acknowledge any person who has made a significant contribution to their local institution or who has helped advance the cause of small museums at the regional or state level. The awards will be presented at the SMA Annual Conference scheduled for February 22-24, 2009. This year, two awards will be presented in the following categories:

The Hunter-Burley Award for an individual's outstanding contributions to the advancement of public access and professional growth for an individual institution;

The Small Museum Association Award for an individual's outstanding contributions to the advancement of funding for, professional growth within, and/or the accessibility of information to the small museum community on a regional or state level.

CRITERIA:

The nominee must have attended at least one Small Museum Association conference.

An individual may be nominated for only one award by the same nominator.

The nominee must serve at an institution that is located in the Mid-Atlantic region and whose primary field of discipline is culture, history, heritage or natural science. The award is for recognition of SMA peers, not political persons.

The nominee must be an individual, not a staff or organization.

Nominations are open to any level of museum staff including volunteers and board members.

STANDARDS:

The following general standards will be used to evaluate nominations for the Awards:

Nominations will be evaluated in terms of the quality of the nominee's contribution to the advancement of his or her institution or to the small museum community. The nominee will be evaluated on his or her accomplishments, not plans for the future.

Nominations based on contributions in professional growth, public programming and information accessibility will be evaluated more favorably than those based on financial contributions.

The mere act of fulfilling award requirements does not insure eligibility for an award.

NOMINATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY December 1, 2008.

To receive a nomination form by email, please email Jason Illari at

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Lesley van der Lee Scholarships
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The SMA Annual Conference Scholarship has been established to offer funding for ten SMA Conference attendees. Lesley van der Lee is an important part of the history of the SMA. She was responsible for planning the SMA Conference during many of its formative years. Lesley designed legislation that provided for the Maryland Historical and Cultural Museum Assistance Program and taught up-and-coming museum professionals as part of the Museum Studies program at the George Washington University. The scholarship, named in her honor, will cover the cost of the conference registration, room, meals and a one-year membership in the SMA.

Eligibility: Anyone affiliated with a museum or historical society may apply. This includes students, interns, full-time or part-time employees, or volunteers. ***Past conference attendees are now encouraged to apply*** but previous Lesley van der Lee Scholarship winners are not eligible. Scholarship recipients will be asked to assist the conference staff for four hours during the conference. Information on specific expectations will be communicated after the selection process is complete.

To receive a copy of the scholarship application by email, please email Jason Illari at jillari@cityofbowie.org

Application Deadline: postmarked December 1, 2008