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Awards Ceremony
Program
6 – 7 p.m. Cocktails and hors d’oeuvres with music by LambiK
7 p.m. Dinner
7:30 p.m. Awards program

Wednesday, October 22, 2014

Tour Sites
Tinker Swiss Cottage Museum
Ethnic Heritage Museum
Anderson Japanese Gardens
Klehm Arboretum & Botanic Garden

Host Museums
Discovery Center Museum
Rockford Art Museum
Burpee Museum of Natural History
Midway Village Museum

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I AM ANNUAL MEETING AND CONFERENCE
OCTOBER 22-24, 2014
ROCKFORD, ILLINOIS
**Award Winners:**

**Individual Awards of Distinction**
- David Becker .......................... Professional of the Year
- Joe Sosnowski .......................... Policy Maker of the Year
- Brittany Contratto ..................... Graduate Student of the Year
- Alison Balcanoff Bastian  ............ Graduate Student of the Year

**Individual Service Award**
- Gail Zahm .............................. Silver Service Award - Tinker Swiss Cottage Museum

**Anniversary Awards**
- Kline Creek Farm ....................... Silver Award
- Vermillion Co. Museum Society ........ Gold Award

**Organizational Awards of Distinction**
- BRS Baseball Museum ................ Volunteer Institution of the Year
- Jefferson Co. History Society & Village ........................ Small Institution of the Year

**About the program:**

**Award of Best Practices**
There are three levels of best practices. An Award of Merit recognizes a project that makes a significant contribution in its category and meets professional standards. An Award of Excellence recognizes work of excellent quality and that uses available resources well, is creative, and meets professional standards. Multiple Merit and Excellence Awards may be presented each year. A Superior Achievement Award recognizes achievements that are models for the profession and reach a greater audience than is normally reached by the nominating institution. Only one nomination per category will be chosen as Superior.

**Award of Distinction**
Awards of Distinction recognize achievements and excellence in the museum field. Typically, one institution or individual per category will be honored. However, the IAM Awards Committee reserves the right to grant more than one award in a category. No institution or individual may win the same award more often than once every five years.

**Best Practices Awards**

**Educational Programs**
- Dickson Mounds: Tot Time .................. Award of Merit

**Promotional/Informational Materials**
- DuPage County Historical Museum: In Vogue... & Out .................. Award of Excellence
- DuPage County Historical Museum: Annual Report .................. Award of Merit

**Collections Conservation**
- Tinker Swiss Cottage Museum: Letter Restoration .................. Award of Excellence

**Special Projects**
- Vermilion County Museum Society: Pioneer Cemetery Project .................. Award of Excellence

**Exhibits**
- Downers Grove Park District Museum: Catalog Homes of Downers Grove .................. Award of Merit
- Grayslake Heritage Center and Museum: Farms: Seeds of Our Community .................. Award of Merit
- Northern Illinois University Art Museum:
  - Looting, Hoarding, Collecting...Repatriation and Museums .................. Award of Merit
  - Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum: Nature’s Struggle: Survival & Extinction ........ Award of Merit
- Elk Grove Historical Museum:
  - Folks with Spokes .................. Award of Merit
  - Dickson Mounds:
  - On Watching and Being Seen .................. Award of Excellence
- Elmhurst Historical Museum:
  - Carl Sandburg in Elmhurst .................. Award of Excellence
  - Shutter to Think: The Rock & Roll Lens of Paul Natkin .................. Award of Excellence
- Geneva History Center:
  - Start with a Sketch .................. Award of Excellence
- Robert R. McCormick Museum:
  - Robert R. McCormick .................. Award of Excellence
- The Raupp Museum:
  - The Crossroads Exhibit .................. Award of Excellence
- Sycamore History Museum:
  - General Dutton’s America .................. Award of Excellence
- Winnetka Historical Society:
  - The Adventurers: Winnetka’s Untold Tales of Travel 1899-1930 .................. Award of Excellence
- The Anthropology Museum at
  - Northern Illinois University .................. Superior Achievement Award - Fragments: Haiti Four Years after the Earthquake