

MPMA Awards Program

The Mountain-Plains Museums Association (MPMA) is accepting nominations for its annual awards ceremony to be held at MPMA's 2012 conference in Corpus Christi, Texas, October 1-5, 2012.

Deadline: All nominations must be postmarked no later than June 15, 2012.

Hugo G. Rodeck Award

The Rodeck Award recognizes an individual member of MPMA who has contributed significant service to the museum field within the MPMA region and to MPMA. It is given infrequently and only in recognition of long and very distinguished service. Recipients are noted for their contributions to the field of state, provincial, and local history, art, anthropology or natural history, and are recognized nationally as leaders in the profession. MPMA employees are not eligible. Recipient must be present to accept award.

Nominations must demonstrate:

- The nature and extent of individual service
- Significance of scope of service
- Contribution to the growth and development of the profession

Rodeck Award Nominations must consist of a cover letter describing the nominee's qualifications, and how they meet the award's criteria, supporting letters, and materials that outline the nominee's career (resume).

Nominations are considered by previous Rodeck Award winners.

Past recipients of the Hugo Rodeck Award for Excellence:

■ 1989 Hugo Rodeck ■ 1990 Cindy Sherrell-Leo ■ 1993 Jo Steward Randal ■ 1994 Aalbert Heine ■ 1998 Sam Hoyle ■ 1999 Dennis Medina ■ 2002 Anne Bond ■ 2003 Kittu Longstreth-Brown ■ 2004 Kit Neuman ■ 2004 Lorena Donahue ■ 2007 Georgianna Contiguglia ■ 2011 Peter Tirrell

Leadership & Innovation Award

Has your institution developed an exhibit that reached your audience in a new way? Have you developed a new system for tracking your collections? Have you found ways to reach a non-traditional audience? Have you found creative ways to work with new partners or found a new method for training staff and/or volunteers? Innovation is more important than ever and the MPMA Leadership and Innovation Award celebrates the creative spirit of MPMA member institutions honoring leadership in and innovation in all areas of museum operation.

Innovation can include, but is not limited to, the following areas: audience and community building, collections management, education programs, exhibits, interpretation, management practices, outreach initiatives, public programs, use of technology and visitor experience.

Award winners will receive free conference registration the day of banquet and a ticket to the awards banquet.

Nominations must demonstrate:

- **Originality and creativity**—How original and creative is the project?
- **Practicality and Replication**—Is the project practical and can it be done by others?
- **Connection to Mission**—Does the project relate to the institution’s mission?
- **Impact on Community**—Does the project provide benefits beyond the institution?

Nominations must include a description of the program up to five pages in length. The description must include:

- Institutional mission
- Project goals
- How project fits within the institutions long-range plan
- Project cost
- Target audience (This might include staff and/or volunteers.)
- Measurable outcomes

The nomination may include photographs or illustrations.

President’s Service Award

The President’s award is given for significant service to MPMA. The award can be presented to an individual, institution, or business that is a member of MPMA in recognition for extraordinary service to the organization. The award is a public recognition of those people, institutions or businesses that have contributed significantly in any capacity to the continued growth and success of MPMA.

Award Announcement

Entrants will be notified of their awards status via email by August 1, 2012. Presentation of the awards will be made during the awards banquet at the MPMA annual meeting.

Questions?

Contact Kathy Dickson, MPMA Awards Chair at 405-522-5231 or kdickson@okhistory.org

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Monta Lee Dakin, MPMA Executive Director at 303-979-9358 or mountplains@aol.com

Mountain-Plains Museums Association

MPMA'S NOMINATION FORM 2012

How to apply: To submit a nomination for any of MPMA's awards, please submit this form and a cover letter outlining the nominee's qualifications and how they meet the award's criteria (use specific examples) and why you believe this person should be selected. Two or more letters of support must be submitted with the nomination form.

Those selected as a recipient of the Hugo G. Rodeck Award for Excellence must be present at the MPMA Awards Banquet to accept the award or they will not be considered as the Rodeck Award winner.

Deadline: Nominations must be RECEIVED by June 15, 2012. Late nominations cannot be accepted.

If you are suggesting more than one person, please duplicate this form and *submit one form per person*.

Nominee is being nominated for the following award:

Hugo G. Rodeck Award for Excellence Leadership and Innovation Award

Nominator's Contact Information

Nominator's Name:

Title:

Nominator's Institution:

Phone:

Email:

Nominee's Contact

Nominee's Name:

Nominee's Title:

Nominee's Institution:

Mailing Address:

City/State/Zip:

Phone:

Email:

Website Address:

Send nominations and supporting materials for all awards to Kathy Dickson, MPMA Awards Chair at Oklahoma Historical Society / 800 Nazih Zuhdi Drive / Oklahoma City, OK 73105

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