



2018 Awards Program

The Mountain-Plains Museums Association (MPMA) is accepting nominations for its annual awards ceremony to be held at the MPMA Conference in Billings, Montana, September 11-15.

Deadline Extended: All nominations must be received by May 11, 2018

THE 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).

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 ■ 2012 Arthur H. Wolf ■ 2016 Kathy Dickson ■ 2016 Eileen Johnson ■ 2017 Michael J. Smith

LEADERSHIP & INNOVATION

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 AWARD

The President’s award is given for significant service to MPMA and the recipient is selected by the current MPMA President. Applications/nominations for this award are not accepted. The award can be presented to an individual, institution, or business that is a member of MPMA in recognition for extra-ordinary 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.

CAROLYN GARRETT POOL AWARD

The Carolyn Garrett Pool Award is given in recognition of an outstanding student at a university within the MPMA region. The student must be enrolled in a museum studies program or history, archaeology or anthropology with a strong museum emphasis. Students must have demonstrated outstanding academic success, leadership, and ability to complete projects within a museum setting. Self-nominations are permitted. The student must have completed a minimum of 12 hours in the program to qualify. Eligibility for the award extends through the first full semester following graduation.

Nominations must consist of:

- Cover letter describing the student's qualifications and how the qualifications meet the award criteria
- Description of museum project completed and an evaluation of the project
- Verification of enrollment in one of the defined areas of study at a university within the MPMA region
- Letter of support from a faculty member at the university detailing the student's academic performance and describing the museum studies component of the program if the area of study is not museum studies
- Letter of support from a staff member or volunteer at the museum where the museum project was completed

Additional letters of support may be included along with other supporting materials (i.e. photographs) where appropriate.

Award Notice

Entrants will be notified of their awards status via email by July 1, 2018. Presentation of the awards will be made during the awards banquet at the MPMA annual meeting.

Questions?

Contact MPMA Awards Chair Hyojung Cho at 806-834-0221 or Hyojung.cho@ttu.edu ; Deb Arenz, MPMA Executive Director at 402-904-6938 or director@mpma.net

How to Apply

To submit a nomination for any of MPMA's awards, please complete 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. If they are unable to attend the award will be held for a future presentation.

Deadline Extended: Nominations must be RECEIVED by May 11, 2018. Late nominations cannot be accepted.

If you are making more than one nomination, please submit a separate form for each nomination.



2018 Award Nomination Form

Deadline Extended: Must be RECEIVED by
May 11, 2018

Nomination is for the Following Award

- Hugo G. Rodeck Award for Excellence Leadership and Innovation Award
- Carolyn Garrett Pool Award

Nominator's Contact Information

Nominator's Name:

Title:

Nominator's Institution:

Mailing Address:

City/State/Zip:

Phone:

Email:

Nominee Contact Information

Nominee's Name:

Nominee's Title:

Nominee's Institution:

Mailing Address:

City/State/Zip:

Phone:

Email:

Send nominations and supporting materials for all awards to:

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