

List of Past Awards

Award for Excellence in the Museum Field

2022: Kodiak History Museum

2021: Dawn Biddison, Smithsonian Arctic Studies Center

2020: Funter Bay Project at the Juneau-Douglas City Museum

2019: City of Kodiak for support of the Kodiak History Museum, Alutiiq Museum, and Kodiak

Maritime Museum

2018: Bethany Buckingham Follett, Wasilla

2017: Exhibit - Pililuki-Make Them!, Alutiiq Museum and Archaeological Repository

2016: Lani Hotch, Jilkaat Kwaan Cultural Heritage Center

2015: State Library, Archives, and Museum, Juneau

2014: UA Museum of the North, Fairbanks

2013: Gray Whale Project, Pratt Museum

2012: Sue Thorson, Sitka

2011: Scott Carrlee, Alaska State Museum

2010: Jean Turner, Director of Eagle Historical Society & Museums

2009: Exhibit - Kachemak Bay: An Exploration of People and Place, Pratt Museum

2008: Exhibit – Yuungnaqpiallerput: The Way We Genuinely Live: Masterworks of Yup'ik Science and Survival, Anchorage Museum at Rasmuson Center, curated by Ann Fienup-Riordan, Marie Mead, Alice Rearden and Suzi Jone and Calista Elders; and Exhibit – Giinaquq: Like a Face,

Alutiig Museum, curated by Sven Haakanson

2007: Patricia Wolf, Anchorage Museum at Rasmuson Center

2006: Robert Banghart, Juneau

2005: Amy Steffian, Alutiiq Museum and Archaeological Repository

2004: Michael Hawfield

2003: Gail Hollinger, Heritage Library Museum; and Terry Dickey, University of Alaska Museum and founder of Museums Alaska

2002: Peter Corey, Alaska State Museum; and Steven Henrikson, Alaska State Museum

2001: Diane Brenner, Anchorage Museum of History and Art

2000: Pratt Museum

1999: Mary Louise and Elmer Rasmuson

1998: Cynthia (CJ) Jones, Sheldon Museum and Cultural Center; and Lydia Black

1997: Donna Matthews, Museums Alaska

1996: Ann Fienup-Riordan; and The Pratt Museum

1995: Jerry Howard, Alaska State Museum

1994: Janelle Matz

1993: Helen Alten, Alaska State Museum

1992: Roxana Adams, Ketchikan Museums

1991: The Pratt Museum



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1990: Barbara Sweetland Smith

Volunteer of the Year Award

2022: Michael Marks, Haines

2021: Paul Gill, Kodiak

2020: Katherine Spahr, Anchorage

2019: Alice Ryser, Kodiak

2018: Rosemary Carlton, Sitka

2017: Allegra Hamer, Anchorage

2016: Cynthia (CJ) Jones, Haines 2015: Joellen Bye, Talkeetna

2014: Shannon Kovac, Jean Schwafel & Colleen Kelly, Resurrection Bay HS Collections

Committee, Seward

2013: David Pahl, Haines

2012: ?

2011: Collin MacCarty, Pratt Museum

2010: Frances Mallory

2009: Fran Dameron, Alaska State Museum

2008: Virginia Lacy, Cordova; and Louise Gallop, Anchorage

2007: Dan Gullickson, Fairbanks; and Lee Poleske, Seward

2006: John Borg, Eagle

2005: Beverly Horn, Kodiak; and Dr. Chelton Feeny, Hope

2004: Brian Davies, Anchorage; Sharon Davies, Anchorage

2003: Jon Loring, Alaska State Museum

2002: ?

2001: Natasha Calvin

2000: Ruth A. Dawson, Alutiiq Heritage Foundation Board Member and former Chair

1999: Sharon Ermold, Cordova

1998: ?

1997: Elva Scott, Eagle

1996: Sabra Reid, Anchorage

President's Award in Honor of Lifetime Achievement

2022: June Simeonoff Pardue, Kodiak

2021: Elaine Kingeekuk, St Lawrence Island

2020: Patricia Relay, Valdez



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2019: Aldona Jonaitis, Fairbanks; and Sunny Cook, McCarthy

2018: Jane Lindsey, Juneau 2017: Lisa Golisek, Juneau 2016: Michael Hawfield, Homer

2015: LaRue Barnes, Cordova

2014: Nancy Ricketts

Museum Champion

2022: Randall Lamb and Carvel Glenn, supported Friends of the Sheldon Jackson Museum

2021: Dr. Donald W. Clark, supported several museums in Kodiak

2020: Anjuli Grantham, Juneau and Kodiak

Other Past Awards:

2009 "Outstanding Individual" Award: Joan Hamilton, Yupiit Piciryaralt Cultural Center