



List of Past Awards

Award for Excellence in the Museum Field

2024: *Mana: The History We Inherit* - Exhibition Team (led by Tasha Elizarde, Shayne Nuesca, and Joshua Albeza Branstetter, with written contributions from Pearl-Grace Pantaleone and Matt Jardin)

2023: Faith Revell, Valdez Museum and Historical Archive

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*, Alutiiq 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



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1994: Janelle Matz
1993: Helen Alten, Alaska State Museum
1992: Roxana Adams, Ketchikan Museums
1991: The Pratt Museum
1990: Barbara Sweetland Smith

Volunteer of the Year Award

2024: Diana Wasson, Eagle Historical Society and Museum
2023: no nominations
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



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President's Award in Honor of Lifetime Achievement

2024: no nominations
2023: Sue Deyoe, Talkeetna Historical Society
2022: June Simeonoff Pardue, Kodiak
2021: Elaine Kingeekuk, St Lawrence Island
2020: Patricia Relay, Valdez
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

2024: Ron Inouye, Fairbanks (supporting University of Alaska Museum of the North, Tanana-Yukon Historical Society, and Museums Alaska, among other organizations)
2023: no nominations
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

Midnight Sun Award (only awarded occasionally by discretion of the committee)

2023: CJ Jones, Retired (but not really), Museum Professional & Independent Contractor

Other Past Awards:

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