

# Call for Nominations

## The State Historical Society of Iowa invites nominations for Awards for Excellence in History 2002

The State Historical Society of Iowa's Annual Awards recognize individuals, organizations, and communities who have made outstanding contributions to the study and practice of Iowa history.

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### **Loren Horton Community History Award**

This award recognizes the best project that increases awareness and participation in Iowa history on a local level. This year's award will recognize an individual, group, or organization whose outstanding local history project was completed during calendar year 2001. Nominated projects may incorporate any or all of the following categories:

- Outstanding Program or Event
- Outstanding Use of Volunteers
- Outstanding Project related to a Museum, Library, Archives, Historic Preservation or Education Activity
- Outstanding Research or Publication
- Outstanding Youth Project

Several criteria will be used to select the award winner. Nominees shall have contributed a local history project that:

- Increases awareness and appreciation for local or community history
- Promotes future interest in the history of the community and continues to generate enthusiasm
- Provides long-term protection of community history, whether tangible or intangible
- Encourages collaboration and support from a cross-section of individuals and groups in the community

One Loren Horton Community History Award is given annually. In addition to the overall award, one Certificate of Recognition may be presented in each of the five categories listed above.

**Entries for the Loren Horton Community History Award must be submitted on the attached nomination form or a reasonable facsimile.**

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## **Petersen/Harlan Award**

This award recognizes an individual, group, or organization that has made significant long-term or continuing contributions to Iowa history.

Nominees shall have contributed a body of work advancing the preservation and interpretation of Iowa history. Each body of work will be evaluated for significance, professionalism, and influence on Iowans' perceptions of themselves. These criteria will be weighted equally.

The public may nominate entries for the Petersen/Harlan Award by mail. Nominations must be postmarked by February 1, 2002. Late entries will not be considered. Nominators must submit the following information:

- The name and address of the nominee
- A detailed description of the significant long-term or continuing contributions the nominee has made to Iowa history. This description must provide enough information for the review and selection committee to judge the work against the criteria outlined above.

Please provide a high-quality color photograph of the nominee. The award winner will be recognized at a ceremony in the spring, and the submitted photograph will be used during the ceremony.

Only one Petersen/Harlan Award is given each year.

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## **Benjamin F. Shambaugh Award**

This award recognizes the book judged as the most significant book on Iowa history published during the preceding year.

Each nominated book will be evaluated on the following, equally weighted, criteria: its contribution to knowledge about Iowa history; scholarship; readability; and appropriateness for the intended audience.

The public may nominate entries for the Shambaugh award by mail. Nominators must submit:

- Title of the book
- Name and address of the author
- Name and address of the publisher
- Year of publication

Only one Shambaugh Award is given each year. In addition, two Certificates of Recognition may be awarded.

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If you have questions about the Loren Horton Community History Award or the Petersen/Harlan Award, please contact Kathy Gourley by phone at 515-281-6913, or by email at [kathy.gourley@dca.state.ia.us](mailto:kathy.gourley@dca.state.ia.us)  
For questions about the Benjamin F. Shambaugh Award, please contact Marvin Bergman by phone at 319-335-3931, or by email at [<mbergman@blue.weeg.uiowa.edu>](mailto:mbergman@blue.weeg.uiowa.edu).

Mail all nominations to:

Attn: Awards Program  
State Historical Society of Iowa  
600 East Locust  
Des Moines, Iowa 50319-0290

***Entries must be postmarked by February 1, 2002.***

**Email entries will not be accepted.**

All award recipients will be recognized at award ceremonies in the spring. The Benjamin F. Shambaugh Award will be presented at *Iowa History Forum* on April 6<sup>th</sup>. The Loren Horton Community History Award and the Petersen/Harlan Award will be presented at *Celebrating Community History* on May 13<sup>th</sup>.

### **Selection Process**

Committees appointed by the Chair of the State Historical Society's Board of Trustees will review the submissions. The committees select the finalists, and the Board of Trustees will name the winners. Members of the Board of Trustees are not eligible for nomination in any award category during their terms on the board.



1. Please describe how the project increased awareness and appreciation of your local or community history.
2. Please describe how the project promoted future interest in the history of the community and how it will continue to generate enthusiasm.
3. Please describe how the project provides long term protection of your community history.
4. Please describe how the project encouraged collaboration and support from a cross-section of individuals and groups in the community.

**Please provide a high-quality color photograph illustrating any aspect of the nominated project. Recipients of the award and the certificates will be recognized at a ceremony in the spring, and the submitted photograph will be used during the ceremony.**