



**2025 National Awards Committee**

**Updated February 18, 2025**

**National Chair:**

Jason Crabill, Decorative Arts Center of Ohio, Lancaster, OH, [crabill@decartsohio.org](mailto:crabill@decartsohio.org) (2023-2025)

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**Chair:** Gavin Kleespies, Gore Place, Waltham, MA, [gavinkleespies@goreplace.org](mailto:gavinkleespies@goreplace.org) (2021-2025)

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**Massachusetts:** Ryan Ullrich, The Trustees of Reservations, Beverly, MA, [rullrich@thetrustees.org](mailto:rullrich@thetrustees.org) (2025-2027)

**New Hampshire:** Emma Stratton, Portsmouth Historical Society, Portsmouth, NH, [emma@portsmouthhistory.org](mailto:emma@portsmouthhistory.org) (2024-2026)

**Vermont:** Steve Perkins, Vermont Historical Society, Barre, VT, [steve.perkins@vermonthistory.org](mailto:steve.perkins@vermonthistory.org) (2023-2025)

**Region 2 (CT, NJ, NY, RI)**

**Chair:** Laurie Masciandaro, Historic New England, Roseland Cottage, Woodstock, CT, [lmasciandaro@historicnewengland.org](mailto:lmasciandaro@historicnewengland.org) (2021-2025)

**Connecticut:** *currently vacant, contact regional chair!*

**New Jersey:** Lynne M. Calamia, PhD, Roebling Museum, Roebling, NJ, [lynne.calamia@roebblingmuseum.org](mailto:lynne.calamia@roebblingmuseum.org) (2021-2025)

**New York:** Ian Kerrigan, National September 11 Memorial & Museum, NYC, NY, [ikerrigan@911memorial.org](mailto:ikerrigan@911memorial.org) (2022-2026)



**Rhode Island:** Cathy Saunders, Preserve RI, Providence, RI, [csaunders@preserveri.org](mailto:csaunders@preserveri.org) (2021-2025)

**Region 3 (DE, DC, MD, PA)**

**Chair:** Jina Lee, National Museum of African American History & Culture, Washington, DC, [LeeJl@si.edu](mailto:LeeJl@si.edu) (2021-2025)

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**Maryland:** Veronica Gallardo, Surratt House Museum, Clinton, MD, [veronica.gallardo@pgparks.com](mailto:veronica.gallardo@pgparks.com) (2022-2026)

**Pennsylvania:** Christopher Miller, Philadelphia, PA, [c.j.hawkins0073@gmail.com](mailto:c.j.hawkins0073@gmail.com) (2023-2025)

**Region 4 (AL, FL, GA)**

**Chair:** Erik N. H. London, Alabama Department of Archives and History, Montgomery, AL, [Erik.London@archives.alabama.gov](mailto:Erik.London@archives.alabama.gov) (2024-2026)

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**Florida:** Deb Van Horn, Walt Disney Imagineering, Orlando, FL, [Deb.r.van.horn@disney.com](mailto:Deb.r.van.horn@disney.com) (2021-2025)

**Georgia:** Christa McCay, M.H.P., Marietta History Center, Marietta, GA, [cmccay@mariettaga.gov](mailto:cmccay@mariettaga.gov) (2021-2025)

**Region 5 (KY, NC, SC, VA, WV)**

**Chair:** Christina K. Vida, The Valentine, Richmond, VA, [cvida@thevalentine.org](mailto:cvida@thevalentine.org) (2021-2025)



**Kentucky:** Chuck Welsko, KY Historical Society, Frankfort, KY, [charles.welsko@ky.gov](mailto:charles.welsko@ky.gov) (2023-2025)

**North Carolina:** *currently vacant, contact regional chair!*

**South Carolina:** Abigail Geedy, Horry County Museum, Conway, SC, [geedy.abigail@horrycounty.org](mailto:geedy.abigail@horrycounty.org) (2021-2025)

**Virginia:** Leah Brown, Moton Museum, Farmville, VA, [leah.brown@motonmuseum.org](mailto:leah.brown@motonmuseum.org) (2024-2026)

**West Virginia:** Elizabeth Satterfield, Arthurdale Heritage, Arthurdale, WV, [esatt7@gmail.com](mailto:esatt7@gmail.com) (2021-2025)

**Region 6 (IL, IN, MI, OH)**

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**Indiana:** Kaman Hillenburg, Evansville Museum of Arts, History & Science, Evansville, IN, [kaman@emuseum.org](mailto:kaman@emuseum.org) (2023-2025)

**Michigan:** Saige Jedele, Allen Park, MI, [saige.jedele@gmail.com](mailto:saige.jedele@gmail.com), (2023-2025)

**Ohio:** Erin Bartlett, Ohio History Connection, Columbus, OH, [ebartlett@ohiohistory.org](mailto:ebartlett@ohiohistory.org) (2022-2024)

**Region 7 (TN, AR, LA, MS)**

**Chair:**

Angie Albright, Shiloh Museum of Ozark History, Springdale, AR, [aalbright@springdalear.gov](mailto:aalbright@springdalear.gov) (2024-2026)

**Arkansas:** *currently vacant, contact regional chair!*



**Louisiana:** Cassandra Erb, independent curator, New Orleans, LA, [cassandrabrianneerb@gmail.com](mailto:cassandrabrianneerb@gmail.com) (2021-2025)

**Mississippi:** Stephanie King, Mississippi Department of Archives and History, Jackson, MS, [sking@mdah.ms.gov](mailto:sking@mdah.ms.gov) (2022-2026)

**Tennessee:** Tonya Staggs, Historic Castalian Springs, Castalian Springs, TN, [director@historiccastaliansprings.org](mailto:director@historiccastaliansprings.org) (2021-2025)

***Region 8 (OK, NM, TX)***

**Chair:** Emily Hermans, Texas Historical Commission, Austin, TX, [emily.hermans@thc.texas.gov](mailto:emily.hermans@thc.texas.gov); (2024-2026)

**New Mexico:** *currently vacant, contact regional chair!*

**Oklahoma:** Jake Krumwiede, OKPOP, Tulsa, OK, [jkrumwiede@okhistory.org](mailto:jkrumwiede@okhistory.org) (2021-2025)

**Texas:** Pamela Morales de Hendricks, Edinburg, TX, [pamela.morales13@gmail.com](mailto:pamela.morales13@gmail.com) (2022-2026)

***Region 9 (IA, MN, WI)***

**Chair:** Milissa Brooks-Ojibway, Glensheen, Duluth, MN, [mbrookso@d.umn.edu](mailto:mbrookso@d.umn.edu) (2024-2026)

**Iowa:** Teresa Stenstrup, Iowa Museums Association, Cedar Falls, IA, [director@iowamuseums.org](mailto:director@iowamuseums.org) (2024-2026)

**Minnesota:** *currently vacant, contact regional chair!*

**Wisconsin:** Kristen Leffelman, Wisconsin Historical Society, Milwaukee, WI, [kristen.leffelman@wisconsinhistory.org](mailto:kristen.leffelman@wisconsinhistory.org) (2022-2026)

***Region 10 (MO, KS, NE)***

**Chair:** Trae Johnson, Kansas Historical Society, Topeka, KS, [trae.johnson@ks.gov](mailto:trae.johnson@ks.gov) (2024-2026)



**Kansas:** Kara Heitz, Kansas City Art Institute, Kansas City, MO, [kara@cliosscroll.com](mailto:kara@cliosscroll.com), (2024-2027)

**Missouri:** *currently vacant, contact regional chair!*

**Nebraska:** *currently vacant, contact regional chair!*

**Region 11 (CO, MT, ND, SD, WY)**

**Chair:** Kristjana Eyjólfsson, City of Greeley Museums, Greeley, CO, [Kristjana.eyjolfsson@greeleygov.com](mailto:Kristjana.eyjolfsson@greeleygov.com) (2024-2026)

**Colorado:** *currently vacant, contact regional chair!*

**Montana:** Anna Killian, Big Hole National Battlefield/Bear Paw Battlefield, Wisdom, MT, [anna\\_killian@nps.gov](mailto:anna_killian@nps.gov) (2025-2027)

**North Dakota:** *currently vacant, contact regional chair!*

**South Dakota:** Katie Wasley, South Dakota State Historical Society, Pierre, SD, [Katie.Wasley@state.sd.us](mailto:Katie.Wasley@state.sd.us) (2021-2025)

**Wyoming:** *currently vacant, contact regional chair!*

**Region 12: (AK, ID, OR, WA)**

**Chair:** MaryMikel Stump, Washington State Historical Society, Tacoma, WA, [marymikel.stump@wshs.wa.gov](mailto:marymikel.stump@wshs.wa.gov) (2023-2025)

**Alaska:** *currently vacant, contact regional chair!*

**Idaho:** *currently vacant, contact regional chair!*

**Oregon:** Katie Henry, Oregon Heritage, Salem, OR, [Katie.HENRY@opr.oregon.gov](mailto:Katie.HENRY@opr.oregon.gov) (2021-2025)



**Washington:** Taylor Russell, Snohomish Walks, Snohomish, WA, [taylor@snohomishwalks.com](mailto:taylor@snohomishwalks.com) (2022-2024)

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**Region 13 (CA and HI)**

**Chair:** Laurie Egan-Hedley, Barona Cultural Center and Museum, Lakeside, CA, [lhedley@barona-nsn.gov](mailto:lhedley@barona-nsn.gov) (2023-2025)

**California (southern):** Ariel Hammond, San Diego Natural History Museum, San Diego, CA, [ahammond@sdnhm.org](mailto:ahammond@sdnhm.org) (2023-2025)

**California (northern):** Molly Bloom, Sutter County Museum, Yuba City, CA, [mbloom@suttercountymuseum.org](mailto:mbloom@suttercountymuseum.org) (2021-2025)

**Hawaii:** *currently vacant, contact regional chair!*

**Region 14 (AZ, NV, UT)**

**Chair:** Jami Van Huss, Hyrum City Museum, Hyrum, UT, [museum@hyrumcity.com](mailto:museum@hyrumcity.com) (2022-2026)

**Arizona:** Nate Meyers, Sedona Historical Society and Sedona Heritage Museum, Sedona, AZ, [director@sedonamuseum.org](mailto:director@sedonamuseum.org) (2023-2025)

**Nevada:** *currently vacant, contact regional chair!*

**Utah:** Megan van Frank, Utah Humanities, Salt Lake City, UT, [vanfrank@utahhumanities.org](mailto:vanfrank@utahhumanities.org) (2025-2027)