



2025 National Awards Committee

Updated March 7, 2025

National Chair:

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

Region 1 (ME, MA, NH, VT)

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

Maine: Cynthia Walker, Brick Store Museum, Kennebunk, ME, CWalker@brickstoremuseum.org (2021-2025)

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

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

Vermont: Steve Perkins, Vermont Historical Society, Barre, VT, 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 (2021-2025)

Connecticut: *currently vacant, contact regional chair!*

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

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



Rhode Island: Cathy Saunders, Preserve RI, Providence, RI, 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 (2021-2025)

Delaware: *currently vacant, contact regional chair!*

District of Columbia: Callie Hawkins, President Lincoln's Cottage, Washington, D.C., chawkins@lincolncottage.org (2022-2024)

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

Pennsylvania: Christopher Miller, Philadelphia, PA, 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 (2024-2026)

Alabama: Dr. Alex Colvin, Alabama Department of Archives and History, Montgomery, AL, alex.colvin@archives.alabama.gov (2024-2026)

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

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

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

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



Kentucky: Chuck Welsko, KY Historical Society, Frankfort, KY, 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 (2021-2025)

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

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

Region 6 (IL, IN, MI, OH)

Chair: Amanda Bryden, Illinois State Museum, Springfield, IL, amanda.bryden@illinois.gov (2021-2025)

Illinois: Brian Failing, Aurora Regional Fire Museum, Aurora, IL, ed@auroraregionalfiremuseum.org (2023-2025)

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

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

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

Region 7 (TN, AR, LA, MS)

Chair:

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

Arkansas: *currently vacant, contact regional chair!*



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

Mississippi: Meredith Kent, Two Mississippi Museums, Jackson, MS, mekent@mdah.ms.gov (2025-2027)

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

Region 8 (OK, NM, TX)

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

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

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

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

Region 9 (IA, MN, WI)

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

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

Minnesota: Ryan Barland, City of Plymouth, Plymouth, MN, rbarland@plymouthmn.gov (2025-2027)

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

Region 10 (MO, KS, NE)

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



Kansas: Kara Heitz, Kansas City Art Institute, Kansas City, MO, 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 (2024-2026)

Colorado: *currently vacant, contact regional chair!*

Montana: Anna Killian, Big Hole National Battlefield/Bear Paw Battlefield, Wisdom, MT, 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 (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 (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 (2021-2025)



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

Jay Baersten, Washington State Historical Society, Tacoma, WA, jay.baersten@wshs.wa.gov (2022-2026)

Region 13 (CA and HI)

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

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

California (northern): Molly Bloom, Sutter County Museum, Yuba City, CA, 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 (2022-2026)

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

Nevada: *currently vacant, contact regional chair!*

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