



2026 National Awards Committee

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National Chair:

Jason Crabill, Decorative Arts Center of Ohio, Lancaster, OH, crabill@decartsohio.org

Region 1 (ME, MA, NH, VT)

Chair: Nikki Stewart, Old North Illuminated, Boston, MA, nstewart@oldnorth.com

Maine: *currently vacant, contact regional chair!*

Massachusetts: Ryan Ullrich, The Trustees of Reservations, Beverly, MA, rullrich@thetrustees.org

New Hampshire: Emma Stratton, Portsmouth Historical Society, Portsmouth, NH, emma@portsmouthhistory.org

Vermont: *currently vacant, contact regional chair!*

Region 2 (CT, NJ, NY, RI)

Chair: Ian Kerrigan, National September 11 Memorial & Museum, New York, NY, ikerrigan@911memorial.org

Connecticut: *currently vacant, contact regional chair!*

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

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

Rhode Island: Cathy Saunders, Preserve RI, Providence, RI, csaunders@preserveri.org

Region 3 (DE, DC, MD, PA)

Chair: Jenney Fazande, Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture, Washington, D.C., jfazande1@gmail.com



Delaware: Mike Denison, National Museum of American History, Washington, D.C., denisonm@si.edu

District of Columbia: *currently vacant, contact regional chair!*

Maryland: Veronica Gallardo, Surratt House Museum, Clinton, MD, veronica.gallardo@pgparks.com

Pennsylvania: *currently vacant, contact regional chair!*

Region 4 (AL, FL, GA)

Chair: Erik N. H. London, Alabama Department of Archives and History, Montgomery, AL, Erik.London@archives.alabama.gov

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

Florida: *currently vacant, contact regional chair!*

Georgia: *currently vacant, contact regional chair!*

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

Chair: *Stay tuned for the new Region 5 chair!*

Kentucky: Chuck Welsko, Kentucky Historical Society, Frankfort, KY, charles.welsko@ky.gov

North Carolina: Kayla Leonard, State Archives of North Carolina, New Bern, NC, kayla.leonard@dncr.nc.gov

South Carolina: Abigail Geedy, Horry County Museum, Conway, SC, geedy.abigail@horrycounty.org

Virginia: Leah Brown, Moton Museum, Farmville, VA, leah.brown@motonmuseum.org



West Virginia: Elizabeth Satterfield, Arthurdale Heritage, Arthurdale, WV, esatt7@gmail.com

Region 6 (IL, IN, MI, OH)

Chair: Amanda Bryden, Illinois State Museum, Springfield, IL, amanda.bryden@illinois.gov

Illinois: Angela Wolfgram, Visit Springfield, Springfield, IL, angela.wolfgram@springfield.il.us

Indiana: Claire Eagle, Tippecanoe County Historical Association, Lafayette, IN, director@tippecanoehistory.org

Michigan: Saige Jedele, Allen Park, MI, saige.jedele@gmail.com

Ohio: Steve Jacobs, Ohio History Connection, Columbus, OH, sjacobs@ohiohistory.org

Region 7 (TN, AR, LA, MS)

Chair:

Angie Albright, Shiloh Museum of Ozark History, Springdale, AR, aalbright@springdalear.gov

Arkansas: *currently vacant, contact regional chair!*

Louisiana: *currently vacant, contact regional chair!*

Mississippi: Meredith Kent, Two Mississippi Museums, Jackson, MS, mekent@mdah.ms.gov

Tennessee: Tonya Staggs, Historic Castalian Springs, Castalian Springs, TN, director@historiccastaliansprings.org

Region 8 (OK, NM, TX)

Chair: Emily Hermans, Texas Historical Commission, Austin, TX, emily.hermans@thc.texas.gov



New Mexico: Karen Kincaid Brady, New Mexico Museum of Space History, Alamogordo, NM, karen.kincaidbrady@dca.nm.gov

Oklahoma: Jake Krumwiede, OKPOP, Tulsa, OK, jkrumwiede@okhistory.org

Texas: Andrea Ordoñez, Webb County Heritage Foundation, Laredo, TX, aordonez@webbheritage.org

Region 9 (IA, MN, WI)

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

Iowa: Teresa Stenstrup, Iowa Museums Association, Cedar Falls, IA, director@iowamuseums.org

Minnesota: Ryan Barland, City of Plymouth, Plymouth, MN, rbarland@plymouthmn.gov

Wisconsin: Kristen Leffelman, Wisconsin Historical Society, Milwaukee, WI, kristen.leffelman@wisconsinhistory.org

Region 10 (MO, KS, NE)

Chair: Trae Johnson, Kansas Historical Society, Topeka, KS, trae.johnson@ks.gov

Kansas: Kara Heitz, Kansas City Art Institute, Kansas City, MO, kara@cliosscroll.com

Missouri: Amy Coale, Missouri Town Living History Museum, Lee's Summit, MO, amylcoale@gmail.com

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

Colorado: *currently vacant, contact regional chair!*

Montana: Anna Killian, Big Hole National Battlefield/Bear Paw Battlefield, Wisdom, MT, anna_killian@nps.gov



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

South Dakota: Kevin Larsen, South Dakota State Historical Society, Pierre, SD,
kevin.larsen@state.sd.us

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

Alaska: *currently vacant, contact regional chair!*

Idaho: *currently vacant, contact regional chair!*

Oregon: *currently vacant, contact regional chair!*

Washington: Taylor Russell, Snohomish Walks, Snohomish, WA, taylor@snohomishwalks.com

Jay Baersten, Washington State Historical Society, Tacoma, WA, jay.baersten@wshs.wa.gov

Region 13 (CA and HI)

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

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

California (northern): Molly Bloom, Sutter County Museum, Yuba City, CA, mbloom@suttercountymuseum.org

Hawaii: *currently vacant, contact regional chair!*

Region 14 (AZ, NV, UT)

Chair: Jami Van Huss, Hyrum City Museum, Hyrum, UT, museum@hyrumcity.com



Arizona: Nate Meyers, Sedona Historical Society and Sedona Heritage Museum, Sedona, AZ, director@sedonamuseum.org

Nevada: *currently vacant, contact regional chair!*

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