

The First Winners of the Minnesota History Awards Announced

In mid-September, a committee of past-presidents of the Minnesota Alliance of Local history Museums and current board members evaluated the submissions for the first annual Minnesota History Awards. The awards program not only provides recognition to the excellent work being done in Minnesota's public history community, but we hope that it will also serve as maker to individuals and organizations in Minnesota on how to do great work.

Nominations were requested in four categories: Public Programs, Publications, Behind-the-Scenes, and Minnesota Sesquicentennial. The sesquicentennial category was a special category for the awards first year. A heartfelt thank you for the nominations that were submitted. We hope that the awards program will continue to grow in prominence and esteem in our field.

2008 Minnesota History Award Winners

Category: Public Programs

Arlington Historical Society for the Arlington Fire Hall Restoration Project.

Category: MN Sesquicentennial

Hennepin County Library for the program Minnovation: 150 Years of Ingenuity.

Jon Olson for the Minnesota Statehood Sesquicentennial Wagon Train.

The Ramsey County Historical Society, University UNITED, and the University Avenue History Group for "At The Center: 150 Years at Prior and University Avenues."

Robert Waltz for The Minnesota Heritage Songbook.

The inaugural class of Minnesota History Award winners will be recognized at the Minnesota Alliance of Local History Museum's October 26 annual meeting at the CSPS Sokol Hall in St. Paul. The meeting is open to the public. Please see page 2 for more information on the Alliance's annual meeting. Additional information about the winning projects can be found on the Alliance website at www.minnesotahistorymuseums.org

Congratulations to all of the winners!

2009 ALLIANCE ANNUAL MEETING & FALL WORKSHOP

Monday, October 26
CSPS Sokol Hall in St. Paul

- 10:00 *Registration*
- 10:30 *Alliance Annual Meeting*
- 10:45 *Keynote Address by James Fogerty*
- 12:00 *Lunch*
- 1:00 *Minnesota History Awards presentation*
- 1:30 *Final Thoughts and Tours of the CPSP Sokol Hall*

About Our Keynote Speaker

James Fogerty is the Head of Documentary Programs at the Minnesota Historical Society. His keynote address for the Alliance Annual Meeting is “CELEBRATING STORIES: ORAL HISTORY AT THE MINNESOTA HISTORICAL SOCIETY.” Oral history is a dynamic tool for preserving contemporary history. Fogerty will review MHS projects on recent immigration, the farm economy, resorts, and the World War II Greatest Generation and comment on the rewards and challenges of this exciting work.

About Our Host



The historic Česko-Slovenský Podporující Spolek (C.S.P.S.) Hall at 383 Michigan Street in Saint Paul has been our home since its construction in 1887, and the focal point for our activities in Saint Paul. It was declared a National and State Historic Site in 1977, placed on the National Register of Historic Sites, and is the longest serving Czech-Slovak cultural center in the United States.

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Alliance of Local History Museum 2009-2011 Board of Director Candidates

3rd Term

Ben Leonard, Nicollet County Historical Society

2nd Term

James Lundgren, Olmsted County Historical Society
Lori Pickell-Stangel, McLeod County Historical Society
Jessica Potter, Blue Earth County Historical Society

1st Term

Anne Dugan, Carleton County Historical Society

Candidates will be voted on by the Alliance membership at the Annual Meeting. If anyone is interested in a seat on the Board of Directors, please email Todd Mahon, Alliance President at todd@ac-hs.org

Legacy Grants Workshops Scheduled

Several statewide MHS Legacy Grant workshops have been scheduled for the first week of October. If you plan to apply for a Legacy Grant, come for updates on the grant program's process and bring ideas and questions to share with colleagues. Please RSVP with Melinda Hutchinson (melinda.hutchinson@mnhs.org) for these workshops.

- **Hennepin County Central Library** in Minneapolis will host **Monday, October 5** at 9 a.m. Refreshments available in the café on first floor.
- **Clearwater County Historical Society** in Shevlin will host **Thursday, October 8** at 11 a.m. Lunch will be provided.
- **Brown County Historical Society** in New Ulm will host at their annex **Friday, October 9** at 2 p.m. Workshops are free. Additional workshops will be announced on Local History News. Stay tuned!

MINNESOTA LOCAL HISTORY WEBLOG

Looking for a forum to discuss issues relating to local history museums in Minnesota? Then look no further than the Minnesota Historical Society's Minnesota Local History Weblog. Topics are added weekly. Viewers are strongly encouraged to add their thoughts and views to the forum. It is a simple way to share information between professionals in our field. Our thanks to the staff at MHS for hosting this vital service.

Find the Alliance on LinkedIn

Social Media is changing the way local historians work. One tool that is all about professional accomplishment is LinkedIn, which helps you reconnect with classmates, network your way to new jobs, and facilitates work-related discussions. There are 45 million professionals currently signed up on LinkedIn, including many local history professionals in Minnesota. Alliance members are encouraged to sign up for a free LinkedIn account, and then join MALHM's group on LinkedIn.

MUTUAL ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT

The Minnesota Alliance of Local History Museums is aware of the need for help when things go awry. To meet the needs of museums and historical societies with limited funds and staff, the Alliance created the Mutual Assistance Agreement (MAA) program. It allows many of us to band together to offer aid and our expertise at times when an organization needs it the most.

To become a participant in the MAA program, please note your interest on the membership form and additional information will be sent to you including the Agreement Form, a list of MAA participants and the phone numbers of their contact person(s). Designated regional members will serve as a local calling source. Call them to start a calling tree when you need help.

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Minnesota Alliance of Local History Museums 2009/10 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL AND FALL WORKSHOP REGISTRATION FORM

MEMBERSHIP

Alliance Membership year is October 1 - September 30

Join Today! 2009/10 Alliance Membership: Paid Staff (\$25) ___ Volunteer Staff (\$5)___

Institution: _____

Contact Person: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

E-Mail: _____ Website: _____

Please send additional information about the Mutual Assistance Agreement

WHAT DOES THE ALLIANCE DO?

- The Alliance sponsors workshops and an annual conference designed to assist you with practical information that can be applied to your situation. Alliance members receive a discount on conference fees.
- The Alliance publishes a semi-annual newsletter filled with helpful articles. Each newsletter also has space for information about events occurring at your organization.
- The Alliance provides a job posting section to announce position openings at museums across the state.
- The Alliance administers the Mutual Assistance Agreement (MAA) program. Signing up for this program provides you with a list of organizations that will help you in an emergency. MAA participants respond with a helping hand to pull you through in the first few days of a disaster.
- The Alliance is governed by a nine member Board of Directors elected from across the state.

ANNUAL MEETING and FALL WORKSHOP

Workshop Fees (includes lunch)

For **Alliance Members**:
\$20 per registrant = \$ _____

For non-Alliance members:
\$25 per registrant = \$ _____

Name(s): _____ Email _____

_____ Email _____

(please list additional participants on the back side)

TOTAL

Membership \$ _____

Conference \$ _____

Total Enclosed \$ _____

Make checks payable to the Alliance and mail to:

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Please return by October 19, 2009