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OCTOBER 22-24, 2014  
 ROCKFORD, ILLINOIS

*Awards  
 Ceremony*

**Program**

6 – 7 p.m. Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres  
 with music by LambiK

7 p.m. Dinner

7:30 p.m. Awards program

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**Tour Sites**

- Tinker Swiss Cottage Museum
- Ethnic Heritage Museum
- Anderson Japanese Gardens
- Klehm Arboretum & Botanic Garden

- Laurent House
- Nicholas Conservatory & Gardens
- Veterans Memorial Hall
- Coronado Theatre

**Host Museums**

- Discovery Center Museum
- Rockford Art Museum
- Burpee Museum of Natural History
- Midway Village Museum

**Wednesday, October 22, 2014**

# Award Winners:

## Individual Awards of Distinction

David Becker . . . . . *Professional of the Year*  
Joe Sosnowski . . . . . *Policy Maker of the Year*  
Brittany Contratto . . . . . *Graduate Student of the Year*  
Alison Balcanoff Bastian . . . . . *Graduate Student of the Year*

## Individual Service Award

Gail Zahm . . . . . *Silver Service Award - Tinker Swiss Cottage Museum*

## Anniversary Awards

Kline Creek Farm . . . . . *Silver Award*  
Vermillion Co. Museum Society . . . . . *Gold Award*

## Organizational Awards of Distinction

BRS Baseball Museum . . . . . *Volunteer Institution of the Year*  
Jefferson Co. History Society & Village . . . . . *Small Institution of the Year*

## Best Practices Awards

### Educational Programs

Dickson Mounds: *Tot Time* . . . . . *Award of Merit*

### Promotional/Informational Materials

DuPage County Historical Museum: *In Vogue... & Out* . . . . . *Award of Excellence*  
DuPage County Historical Museum: *Annual Report* . . . . . *Award of Merit*

### Collections Conservation

Tinker Swiss Cottage Museum: *Letter Restoration* . . . . . *Award of Excellence*

### Special Projects

Vermillion County Museum Society: *Pioneer Cemetery Project* . . . . . *Award of Excellence*

### Exhibits

Downers Grove Park District Museum: *Catalog Homes of Downers Grove* . . . . . *Award of Merit*  
Grayslake Heritage Center and Museum: *Farms: Seeds of Our Community* . . . . . *Award of Merit*  
Northern Illinois University Art Museum:  
*Looting, Hoarding, Collecting...Repatriation and Museums* . . . . . *Award of Merit*  
Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum: *Nature's Struggle: Survival & Extinction* . . . . . *Award of Merit*  
Elk Grove Historical Museum: *Folks with Spokes* . . . . . *Award of Excellence*  
Northern Illinois University Art Museum: *On Watching and Being Seen* . . . . . *Award of Excellence*  
Elmhurst Historical Museum: *Carl Sandburg in Elmhurst* . . . . . *Award of Excellence*  
Elmhurst Historical Museum:  
*Shutter to Think: The Rock & Roll Lens of Paul Natkin* . . . . . *Award of Excellence*  
Geneva History Center: *Start with a Sketch* . . . . . *Award of Excellence*  
Robert R. McCormick Museum: *Robert R. McCormick* . . . . . *Award of Excellence*  
The Raupp Museum: *The Crossroads Exhibit* . . . . . *Award of Excellence*  
Sycamore History Museum: *General Dutton's America* . . . . . *Award of Excellence*  
Winnetka Historical Society:  
*The Adventurers: Winnetka's Untold Tales of Travel 1899-1930* . . . . . *Award of Excellence*  
The Anthropology Museum at  
Northern Illinois University . . . . . *Superior Achievement Award -  
Fragments: Haiti Four Years after the Earthquake*

## About the program:

### Award of Best Practices

There are three levels of best practices. An Award of Merit recognizes a project that makes a significant contribution in its category and meets professional standards. An Award of Excellence recognizes work of excellent quality and that uses available resources well, is creative, and meets professional standards. Multiple Merit and Excellence Awards may be presented each year. A Superior Achievement Award recognizes achievements that are models for the profession and reach a greater audience than is normally reached by the nominating institution. Only one nomination per category will be chosen as Superior.

### Service Awards

Illinois Association of Museums honors member institutions that have crossed anniversary milestones. Many of these institutions would not survive without tremendous support from their volunteer forces. Thus, IAM would also like to recognize those volunteers who, over an extended period of time, have given of their time, effort, and expertise to an Illinois museum. For this reason, the Anniversary and Service Awards have been established.

### Award of Distinction

Awards of Distinction recognize achievements and excellence in the museum field. Typically, one institution or individual per category will be honored. However, the IAM Awards Committee reserves the right to grant more than one award in a category. No institution or individual may win the same award more often than once every five years.