2020 Tennessee Association of Museums Awards of Excellence Ceremony

March 18, 2020
McKinney Center
Jonesborough, TN
Category 1 Museums

$50,000 or less

“The Little Museums That Could”
Granville Museum
Granville
Special Recognition – Lighted Display Cases and Additional Exhibit Space

Award of Commendation
Heritage Center of Murfreesboro and Rutherford County
Murfreesboro
Permanent Exhibit - Stories of the Road: Personal Accounts of Migrations Through Middle Tennessee

Award of Excellence
Monterey Depot Museum
Monterey
Special Event - 40 Years of Gathering Around the Stone

Award of Commendation
Tennessee Walking Horse National Museum
Wartrace
Publications, Gallery Guide - Self-Guided Tour

Award of Commendation
West Tennessee Regional Art Center
Humboldt
Publication, Flat Paper - Printed Materials for An Artful Evening: The Jazz Age

Award of Commendation
Category 2 Museums

$50,000 - $200,000
Cookeville History Museum
Cookeville
Temporary Exhibit - Lane Motor Museum Travels To Cookeville

Award of Commendation
Doak House Museum
Greeneville
Educational Programming - Fooling Ourselves For Fun: Optical Illusion Toys of the 19th Century

Award of Excellence
Greeneville Greene County History Museum
Greeneville
Temporary Exhibit - Vintage Greeneville: Pictures From the Past

Award of Commendation

Don’t miss this wonderful exhibit now featured at
THE GREENEVILLE GREENE COUNTY HISTORY MUSEUM

Regular Hours: Tuesday - Saturday
11:00am - 4:00pm

For additional information or to arrange tours please call: 423-636-1558

Admission is free but donations are much appreciated!
Tennessee Agricultural Museum
Nashville
Educational Programming - First Farmers STEAM Programming 2019

Award of Excellence
Tennessee Aviation Hall of Fame
Gallatin
Publication, Book/Catalog/Annual Report - Tennessee Aviation Legends Coloring Book

Award of Commendation
Bible Museum on the Square
Collierville
Educational Programming - Survive UR

Award of Commendation
Special Event - Rebuilding History
Award of Commendation
ETSU Tipton and Slocumb Galleries
Johnson City
Temporary Exhibit - Diverse and Empowered: Africanx, Latinx and Asianx Art in Tennessee

Award of Excellence

Award of Commendation
Grassmere Historic Farm
Nashville
Educational Programming (with Tennessee State Library and Archives) - “Nashville to Miami to Havana” Public Program Series

Award of Excellence
Special Recognition - Grassmere Historic Farm New Interpretive Graphics

Award of Excellence
Heritage Alliance / Chester Inn State Historic Site and Museum
Jonesborough
Special Event - Voices of the Chester

Award of Excellence
Audio Visual, Video Blog - Chester Inn
YouTube Channel

Award of Excellence
Tipton County Museum, Veterans Memorial and Nature Center
Covington
Temporary Exhibit - Dr. Charlotte Fisher: Paving a Path in Tipton County

Award of Excellence
Special Event - A Time To Honor: The Lyons Brothers of Tipton County

Award of Excellence
Educational Programming - Summer Nature Camp

Award of Commendation
Special Recognition - Tea Time at the Museum

Award of Commendation
Category 3 Museums

$200,000 - $500,000
Abraham Lincoln Library and Museum
Harrogate
Educational Programming - Tad’s Tots

Award of Excellence
Davies Manor Plantation
Bartlett
Permanent Exhibit - Omitted In Mass: Rediscovering Lost Narratives of Enslavement, Migration and Memory Through the Davies Family’s Papers

Award of Excellence
Oaklands Mansion with AcTEENg Theatre Group
Murfreesboro
Special Event - Flashlight Nights 2019

Award of Excellence
President James K. Polk Home and Museum
Columbia
Temporary Exhibit - Crafted by Conscience: Material and Belief in Polk’s America

Award of Excellence

CHRISTIAN SLAVEHOLDER PRESIDENT

As President, James K. Polk encountered this juxtaposition head-on when he was sent a letter from Francis Jackson of the Massachusetts Anti-Slavery Society:

“You claim to be a democrat and a Christian, yet you are a slaveholder... No greater sin can be committed against GOD, no more atrocious crime against man, than this. Hear and obey [God’s] voice: ‘ Undo the heavy burdens, break every yoke, and let the oppressed go free.’”

Polk left no record of struggling to reconcile slavery and his religious beliefs, but his country was certainly wrestling with the question. As religious revival spread, so too did fiery debates about the divine perspective on slavery.
Category 4 Museums

$500,000 - $1M
Fort Loudoun State Historic Park
Vonore
Temporary Exhibit - Hernando Desoto in the Overhill Valley
Award of Commendation
Category 5 Museums

$1M - $5M
Birthplace of Country Music
Bristol
Educational Programming - Radio Bristol
Book Club (with Bristol Public Library)

Award of Excellence
Hunter Museum of American Art
Chattanooga
Temporary Exhibit - Noel Anderson: Blak Origin Movement

Award of Excellence
Stax Museum of American Soul Music
Memphis
Educational Programming - A New Generation of Soul: Kickin’ It With Kameron Whalum

Award of Commendation
Belle Meade Plantation
Nashville
Temporary Exhibit - Spring Sporting Exhibit

Award of Commendation
Special Event - D-Day Anniversary

Award of Commendation
Lane Motor Museum
Nashville
Audio Visual, Exhibit Component - The 1967 Gyro-X: Explained!

Award of Excellence
Temporary Exhibit - Then and Now

Award of Commendation
McClung Museum of Natural History and Culture
Knoxville
Temporary Exhibit - Debut: Recent Acquisitions

Award of Excellence
Educational Programming - Journey to India

Award of Excellence
Discovery Park of America
Union City
Digital Media, Podcast - Reelfoot Forward: A West Tennessee Podcast

Award of Excellence
Temporary Exhibit - Southern Artist Showcase

Award of Commendation
Educational Programming - Independence Day Celebration

Award of Commendation
East Tennessee Historical Society
Knoxville
Educational Programming - East Tennessee’s Place in History Artifact Cards

Award of Excellence
Temporary Exhibit - “It’ll Tickle Yore Innards” - A (Hillbilly) History of Mountain Dew

Award of Excellence
Special Event - DEW IT in Downtown Knoxville

Award of Excellence
Special / Novelty Item - “It’ll Tickle Yore Innards” T-Shirt

Award of Excellence
Tennessee State Museum
Nashville
Temporary Exhibit - Let’s Eat! Origins and Evolutions of Tennessee Food

Award of Excellence
Special Recognition - Let’s Eat Food Classes

Award of Excellence
Publications, Newsletter - Tennessee State Museum Quarterly Newsletters

Award of Excellence
Special Event - Space Day (with Nashville Public Television)

Award of Commendation
Memphis Pink Palace Museum
Memphis
Temporary Exhibit - Making Memphis: 200 Years of Community

Award of Excellence
Traveling Exhibit - Memphis’ Bicentennial Goes to Poland!

Award of Excellence
Permanent Exhibit - Audience Engagement Components (AEC’s)

Award of Excellence
Educational Programming - Memorable Memphians

Award of Excellence
Special Event - Making Memphis: Storytelling with Jimmy Ogle

Award of Excellence

MAKING MEMPHIS: STORYTELLING WITH JIMMY OGLE

Join Jimmy Ogle for a fascinating farewell speaker series in conjunction with the Pink Palace Bicentennial exhibit
Making Memphis: 200 Years of Community
On display March 2 - October 20, 2019
Special Recognition - Superpower Pup Pageant

Award of Commendation

Look-Alike

1st - Maci

Best in Show - Harry

2nd - Buzz

3rd - Garbanzo Bean

Are you and your pup twins?
Register before Oct. 6th!

To register your dog for the pageant, visit Superpowerpuppageant.bpt.me
To purchase tickets for this program call 901.636.2362
Metal Museum
Memphis
Temporary Exhibit - 40 Under 40: The Next Generation of American Metal Artists

Award of Excellence
Audio Visual, Exhibit Component - Virtual Reality Tour for “40 Under 40” Exhibit

Award of Excellence
Special Recognition - “Crafting a Legacy” Exhibition

Award of Excellence
Publications, Book/Catalog/Annual Report - “Crafting a Legacy” Catalog

Award of Excellence
Publication, Flat Paper - Apprenticeship + Internship Brochure

Award of Excellence

Publication, PR Kit - Metal on the Move

Award of Excellence
Special / Novelty Item - Repair Days
2019 Sarah Perkins Light Switch Plate

Award of Excellence

Publication, Gallery Guide -
Master Metalsmith Sarah Perkins Gallery Guide

Award of Commendation
Special Event - Artist Market

Award of Commendation
Category 6 Museums

$5M and Above
Tennessee Valley Railroad Museum
Chattanooga
Temporary Exhibit - All Aboard for Railroad Safety and Communication!

Award of Excellence
Educational Programming - Native Women Free Family Festival Day

Award of Excellence
Audio Visual, Exhibit Component - Frida’s Personal Style Touchscreen Interactive

Award of Excellence

Award of Excellence
Temporary Exhibit - Murals of North Nashville Now

Award of Excellence
Publication, Book/Catalog/Annual Report - Murals of North Nashville Now Book

Award of Commendation
Publication, Flat Paper - 2019 Frist Circle Reception Invitations

Award of Commendation
Volunteerism - Individuals
Vanessa Parker Presson
West Tennessee Regional Art Center, Humboldt

Award of Excellence
Jan Loveday-Dickens and Michele Cox
Historic Ramsey House, Knoxville
Award of Excellence
Paula Sweatt
Tipton County Museum, Veterans Memorial and Nature Center, Covington

Award of Excellence
Conner DeRamus
Bible Museum on the Square, Collierville

Award of Excellence
Anne Jones and Mary Montgomery
East Tennessee Historical Society, Knoxville

Award of Excellence
Alisa Dishner
Birthplace of Country Music, Bristol
Award of Excellence
Volunteerism: In-House Programs
Lichterman Nature Center Plant Propagation Volunteers
Memphis Pink Palace Museum

Award of Excellence
Emerging Museum Professional
From East Tennessee

Hunter Museum of Art, Chattanooga

Aly Haugland
From East Tennessee

East Tennessee Historical Society, Knoxville

Rebecca P’simer
From East Tennessee

Abraham Lincoln Library and Museum, Harragote

Natalie Sweet
Past Presidents Award
And the Contenders Are...

Permanent Exhibit - Omitted in Mass: Rediscovering Lost Narratives of Enslavement, Migration and Memory Through the Davies Family's Papers

Educational Programming - East Tennessee's Place in History Artifact Cards
And the Contenders Are...

Special Event - Voices of the Chester

Temporary Exhibit - Noel Anderson: Blak Origin Movement
And the Contenders Are...

Temporary Exhibit - Making Memphis: 200 Years of Community

Travelling Exhibit - Memphis’ Bicentennial Goes to Poland!
Congratulations to...
Permanent Exhibit - Omitted in Mass: Rediscovering Lost Narratives of Enslavement, Migration and Memory Through the Davies Family’s Papers
CONGRATULATIONS TO EVERYONE!!

Award certificates will be mailed to you soon. Thank you for all of your hard work and dedication!

We will see you in 2021 back in Kingsport! ❤️ your Awards Committee

Questions? Feel free to reach out! tmason@nashvillezoo.org