



Seeking Nominations for The Willamette Heritage Center at The Mill's Annual Heritage Awards

The Willamette Heritage Center is seeking nominations for our 19th Annual Heritage Awards. It is an honor and a privilege for a museum to be able recognize leaders and organizations who have contributed significantly to the community's heritage. **The deadline for awards nominations is March 1.** The recipients will be honored at The Willamette Heritage Center at The Mill's Annual Award Presentation on April 28.

Awards are presented in the following six categories:

David Duniway Historian Award. This honor combines the MMM Lifetime Historian Award and the MCHS David Duniway.

Heritage Education Award. This award recognizes programs, projects and other endeavors which have provided high quality, history-focused educational opportunities to area residents for any age group or a range of age groups.

Heritage Enterprise Award. This award recognizes a business enterprise which has made a significant long-term contribution to the economy and quality of life of the community.

Heritage Center Service Award. This award combines the MMM Service Award and the MCHS Award of Merit, and recognizes meritorious efforts by individuals, groups or organizations in support of the Heritage Center's mission and vision.

Distinguished Board Service Award. This award recognizes the service of Board members and longtime committee members.

George Strozut Award for Preservation. The George Strozut Award for Preservation was named in honor of a man who served two terms as President of the Marion County Historical Society and advocated for historic preservation for more than forty years. It is awarded in recognition to those who have spent many years of advocating for historic preservation.

To make a nomination for one or more of the awards, please submit a letter that includes the award category, your proposed nomination, and a description of why the person, persons, or organization should be honored. Also include your and the proposed nominee's address, phone number and email. Send the nomination to Peter Booth, Executive Director, Willamette Heritage Center, 1313 Mill Street, SE, Salem, OR 97301 or via email at peterb@missionmill.org. **The deadline for award nominations is March 1.**

For a complete list of past award winners, please visit www.missionmill.org.

The Willamette Heritage Center at The Mill, a unification between Mission Mill Museum and Marion County Historical Society, is a stroll through the history of the Willamette Valley. Its 5-acre campus is home to the 1841 Jason Lee house (arguably the oldest wooden framed house in Oregon), 1841 Willamette Mission Parsonage, 1847 John Boon home, 1858 Pleasant Grove Church and the 1896 Thomas Kay Woolen Mill, named an *American Treasure* by the

National Park Service. Since its founding in 1964 as a private non-profit association, Mission Mill Museum has established a reputation as a leader in the preservation and interpretation of Oregon's history. The museum's histories are shared with visitors through daily and group tours, speakers, living history, children's programs, hands-on activities, special events, the museum store and rental facilities. For more information call 503-585-7012 or visit <http://www.missionmill.org>.

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