

Nominations Open for Heritage Awards

Willamette Heritage Center is seeking nominations for their annual Heritage Awards. Awards will be presented at the Fall Gala on Friday, October 18 at Willamette Heritage Center. The Annual Heritage Awards honors and recognizes leaders and organizations who have significantly contributed to the preservation of our community's heritage. Awards cover five areas. All five awards may not be presented every year.

The categories are:

David Duniway Historian Award:

The David Duniway Historian Award recognizes distinguished and long-term contributions by an individual or organization to the public understanding and appreciation of the cultural history of the community and the Willamette Valley through teaching, writing, research, or historic preservation. Named for the founding Marion County Historical Society president and Mission Mill Museum founding member 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 wide range of age groups.

Heritage Enterprise Award:

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

George Strozut Award for Preservation

The George Strozut Award of Merit 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 for their many years of advocating for historic preservation.

Heritage Center Service Award:

Heritage Center Service Award recognizes meritorious efforts by individuals, groups or organizations in support of the Heritage Center's mission and vision.

Nominations should be submitted by Friday, September 13. Nominations can be made online at www.willametteheritage.org/, by emailing to Michelle Cordova, Executive Director at michellec@willametteheritage.org or send a hard copy to Willamette Heritage Center, 1313 Mill Street SE, Suite 200, Salem, OR 97301.

