

February 6, 2014

Dear Friend of History,

Since 1982 the East Tennessee Historical Society has recognized individuals or organizations that have made special contributions toward the preservation, promotion, and/or interpretation of the area's history. Previously, recipients have been chosen by the ETHS staff and board of directors.

In an effort to make these awards an accurate representation of the region's commitment to history, we are asking organizations across the area to consider making nominations for these awards. Societies also should feel free to nominate themselves when applicable. Nominated projects should have been completed within the past two years.

A brief description of these awards is listed below:

**Teaching Excellence**—for outstanding or innovative teaching of history or genealogy at any level, from grammar school through adult education.

**History in the Media**— in recognition of excellence in the promotion, preservation, or interpretation of history by an individual or organization connected through writing, production, performance, or the Internet.

**Award of Distinction**—(individual or organization) in recognition of a special project, such as a book or other publication; building preservation; or special programming (conference, heritage event, lecture series, other).

**Community History Award**—in recognition of excellence in community leadership, specifically in promoting the preservation of local/regional history and heritage.

**Ramsey Award for Lifetime Achievement**—individual who, over the course of a lifetime, has made outstanding contributions to the preservation, promotion, or interpretation of East Tennessee history.

We hope you will consider making nominations on behalf of your society. Please also announce these awards to your membership and in your newsletter to encourage individual nominations. Recipients will be recognized at the ETHS Annual Meeting in May.

An Award Nomination Application is enclosed. Nominations should be postmarked by April 11, 2014. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at 865-215-8823, or email [cherel@eastTNhistory.org](mailto:cherel@eastTNhistory.org)

Sincerely yours,



Cherel Henderson  
Director



**EAST TENNESSEE HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

..... *Making history personal*

**2014 Award of Excellence Nomination Application**

Name of Nominee \_\_\_\_\_  
(organization or individual)

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

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**1. Award Categories (choose one)**

- **Teaching Excellence Award**—outstanding or innovative teaching of history or genealogy at any level, from grammar school through adult education.
- **History in the Media Award**—television, radio, newspaper, magazine, Internet, or other medium for outstanding contributions to promotion, preservation, or interpretation of history.
- **Award of Distinction** (individual or organization)—in recognition of a special project, such as a book or other publication; building preservation; or special programming (conference, heritage event, lecture series, other).
- **Community History Award**—in recognition of excellence in community leadership, specifically in promoting the preservation of local/regional history and heritage.
- **Ramsey Award for Lifetime Achievement**—Nominee should be one who, over the course of a lifetime, has made outstanding contributions to the promotion, preservation, and/or interpretation of East Tennessee history.

**Award Nomination Guidelines:**

1. On a separate sheet of paper, give a brief written description (500 words or less), explaining why the individual or organization should be recognized and the impact of the project or individual work.
2. If a publication is being nominated, please send a copy of that book.
3. With all nominations, include copies of press releases, publicity, brochures, photos, and other materials pertaining to the project or person. A description of the impact of the project is also helpful.
4. Organizations should feel free to nominate their own projects.
5. Projects completed within the past two years are eligible for nomination.

Name & address of person submitting the application:  
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Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

*Awards will be presented at the Annual Meeting of the East Tennessee Historical Society in May 2014.*

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