

## ***Minnesota Alliance of Local History Museums Announce History Award Winners for 2019***

The Minnesota Alliance of Local History Museums will be honoring seven local history projects with a Minnesota History Award and nine individuals with a Lifetime Achievement Award at their Annual Meeting and Conference on April 25. The event will be held at Treasure Island Resort & Casino, located just outside of Red Wing. This is the ninth award year. Award recipients' completed projects or achieved the criteria for lifetime achievement in 2018. "The Alliance is proud to honor this year's award winners," stated History Awards Committee Chair Adam Smith, an archives technician with Minnesota State University, Mankato Library Services. "Each project symbolizes the great work being done by local history organizations across the state and each individual's commitment to serving the local history community."

The 2019 list of award winners is the largest group in the program's history. "We are proud to honor so many great people and organizations for their efforts to preserve history in Minnesota," says Alliance Coordinator Dustin Heckman. Over nine years, the Alliance has honored over 40 organizations with a Minnesota History Award. The Lifetime Achievement Award, started in 2016, has honored over 20 individuals during that time. A complete list of previous award winners is located on the Alliance website.

### **Award recipients for the 2019 Minnesota History Awards include:**

Golden Valley Historical Society (Golden Valley) for their project to design, fabric, and install new permanent exhibits.

Hennepin History Museum (Minneapolis), Mapping Prejudice Project, and the University of Minnesota Heritage Studies & Public History Program for their exhibit, *Owning Up: Racism in Housing in Minneapolis*.

Hmong Cultural Center of Minnesota (St. Paul) for their exhibit, *The Hmong Folk Arts Experience*.

Minnesota Discovery Center (Chisholm) for their exhibit, *Underground: History Beneath your Feet*.

Otter Tail County Historical Society (Fergus Falls) for their public celebration of Otter Tail County's 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

Steele County Historical Society (Owatonna) and author Barry D. Adams for their publication, *Steele County in the Civil War*.

West Central Minnesota Historical Association (partnership of organizations in the counties of Big Stone, Chippewa, Kandiyohi, Lac qui Parle, Lincoln, Lyon, Redwood, Renville, Swift, and Yellow Medicine) for their traveling exhibit, *How the Great War Hit Home in West Central Minnesota: World War I*.

**Award recipients for the 2019 Lifetime Achievement Award include:**

Cindy Adams (Lake Bronson) for over 30 years of service to organizations in Northwest Minnesota including the Kittson County Historical Society and Minnesota's Historic Northwest.

Alden Anderson (Gary) for 40 years of service to organizations in Northwest Minnesota including the Norman County Historical and Genealogical Society and Minnesota's Historic Northwest.

Kathleen Klehr (Shakopee) for 25 years of service to organizations in across Minnesota including the Scott County Historical Society, Bakken Museum, Blue Earth County Historical Society, and Minnesota Association of Museums.

Louis Vital Marchand (Bemidji, deceased) for 25 years of service to the Beltrami County Historical Society.

Geraldine Pedersen (Jasper) for over 40 years of service to the Jaspar Historical Society.

Mark Peterson (Winona) for over 35 years of service to organizations across

Minnesota including the Winona County Historical Society, Preservation Alliance of Minnesota, and Minnesota Association of Museums.

Lee Radzak (Two Harbors) for over 40 years of service to the Minnesota Historical Society and Split Rock Lighthouse.

Janet Timmerman (Slayton) for 25 years of service to organizations across Minnesota including the Murray County Historical Society, History Center of Olmsted County, Minnesota Alliance of Local History Museums, Southwest Minnesota State University's Center for Rural and Regional Studies, and the Society for the Study of Local and Regional History.

Mike Worcester (Little Falls) for over 25 years of service to organizations across Minnesota including the Cokato Museum and the Minnesota Alliance of Local History Museums.