



HISTORY *Colorado*

Dear Friend of History,

Please find enclosed information about and guidelines for this year's Caroline Bancroft History Project Awards and Josephine H. Miles History Awards. These monetary awards are given annually by History Colorado to individuals, organizations, or museums in Colorado municipalities that have made a major contribution during the year to the advancement of Colorado history.

Past years' winners have included the: San Juan Mountains Association, City of Greeley, Denver Public Library, Eagle County Historical Society, Aspen Historical Society, Costilla County Economic Development Council, Inc., Longmont Museum, Arkansas Valley Heritage and Arts Partnership, the Bessemer Historical Society, Eads High School, the City of Steamboat Springs, and various individuals.

I would greatly appreciate your assistance in distributing this information to colleagues and friends who might wish to make nominations. Self nominations are welcome.

The nomination must be postmarked by August 31, 2016. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. If you send an e-mail please put "*Miles Bancroft Awards*" in the subject line.

Thank you for your help in getting the word out about the awards!

Yours truly,

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CAROLINE BANCROFT HISTORY PROJECT AWARD
JOSEPHINE H. MILES HISTORY AWARD

Colorado historian Caroline Bancroft and Colorado native Josephine H. Miles each provided for monetary awards to be given annually by History Colorado to the individual, organization, or museum in a municipality of Colorado which has made a major contribution during the year to the advancement of Colorado history. The Awards will be presented in February 2017.

The Caroline Bancroft History Award is designated for communities with a population of less than 50,000. The Josephine H. Miles History Award may go to a project in any size community. These Awards recognize accomplishments; they are not grant programs.

Caroline Bancroft History Project Award Eligibility Criteria

1. The applicant can be an individual, organization, or museum in a Colorado municipality with a population of less than 50,000.

2. Any project, program, or effort, including one that is ongoing, that has made a great contribution in the prior year to the advancement of Colorado history will be eligible. To qualify for the 2016 award, the project must have occurred, been presented, or been completed between July 1, 2015 and August 31, 2016. The Award recognizes accomplishments in history. As a guide, nominations may include one of the following or any combination thereof:
 - *Education:* programs, efforts, or initiatives that increase public awareness and understanding of Colorado history, such as lectures, K-12 teaching, and public tours.
 - *Exhibits:* an exhibit, which is open to the public, illustrating some aspect of Colorado history.
 - *Collections Management:* the enhancement of a collection through storage, conservation, or cataloging.
 - *Research:* original research that expands knowledge and/or interpretation of Colorado history or encourages scholarship.
 - *Historic Preservation:* the preservation, restoration, stabilization, or rehabilitation of a significant historic structure or district.
 - *Legislation:* a local historic preservation ordinance or preservation plan.
 - *Publications:* a publication (books, periodicals, brochures, etc) or visual medium (videos, films, etc) that expands understanding of Colorado history.

Josephine H. Miles History Award Eligibility Criteria

Eligibility for the Miles Award is the same as for the Bancroft with this exception:

- A project from any size community is eligible.



2016 HISTORY AWARDS NOMINATION FORM
CAROLINE BANCROFT HISTORY PROJECT AWARD _____
JOSEPHINE H. MILES AWARD _____
PLEASE MARK THE APPLICABLE AWARD(S)

NOMINEE INFORMATION

Name (if group, enter full name)

Name of contact person

Mailing address for contact person City Zip

Daytime telephone number E-mail address

NOMINATOR INFORMATION

Nominator's name

Title and organization of nominator

Mailing address City Zip

Daytime telephone number E-mail address

PROJECT INFORMATION

Name of project being nominated

Please include a 2-4 page, typed or printed statement that separately addresses Part A and Part B (detailed below). When writing your statement, keep in mind the evaluation criteria listed in the award description.

- A. Describe the project being nominated.
- B. Describe how the project has contributed to public awareness, interest, or involvement in Colorado history, or to its advancement.
- C. Attach supporting documentation that illustrates the scope and quality of the project.

For example: a copy of a publication, photographs of a preservation project, photographs of an exhibit and samples of the text and label copy, a copy of curriculum materials, etc.