



1113 MARGINAL RD HALIFAX NS B3H 4P7 / PH 902-423-4677 1-800-355-6873 / FX 902-422-0881 / WWW.ANSM.NS.CA

Award for Excellence in Museum Practices: Programming by an Organization

Description

Each year, organizations throughout Nova Scotia make significant contributions within the museum field. This award honours an organization who has gone above and beyond to offer exceptional programming and/or resources to the public in the past 12 months. This award honours projects that have been completed or fully implemented within the preceding 12-month period.

Eligibility

- Eligible nominees are organizations, with volunteer or paid staff, who have made remarkable contributions to a better knowledge of Nova Scotia's human or natural history, and engaged the community with their mandate and values, through exemplary museum practices and programming.
- The award is conferred on projects and/or programming that have been completed and/or fully implemented between June 1 of the previous year and June 1 of the current year. Programming may still be ongoing, but must be fully operational at the time of nomination.
- The lead contributor(s) of any organization's nominated project can be paid staff or volunteer(s); full-time, part-time or seasonal employee(s); senior staff or emerging professionals. The award is presented to the organization, so there is no minimum or maximum amount of contributors for the nominated project.
- Nominations may include innovative exhibits, interpretation, presentation and visitor experience programs; education programs; community partnerships; new approaches in collections and information management; positive changes to physical facilities; creative or collaborative marketing efforts; and other projects that provide museum resources and programming to the public.
- Nominees are considered on the basis of the quality of their contributions to best practices in the research, presentation, preservation, interpretation and promotion of Nova Scotia's human and natural history, and impact of their work in fostering a better understanding of our past, as well as their service to the public through accessible facilities, resources and programming.
- Awards Committee members' affiliated institutions are not eligible.

Nominator

- Any individual ANSM member or member organization may make a nomination.

Selection Criteria

This award is given for an achievement that:

- meets the eligibility requirements listed above

- is of community, provincial or national significance/relevance
- exceeds the current standard of museum practice
- demonstrates excellence in museum practices with new ideas, concepts, approaches, creativity and leadership
- advances a vision for the future of museums in Nova Scotia
- fosters a better understanding of Nova Scotia's past
- is of significance to other museums in the presentation of Nova Scotia's natural and human history
- makes effective use of available resources
- serves the public through accessible facilities, resources and/or programming

Selection Process

The Awards Committee will review nominations and make a recommendation to the chair of the Board of the Association of Nova Scotia Museums.

The Awards Committee reserves the right not to issue an award if nominees do not meet eligibility and selection requirements.

Award Presentation

The award will be presented annually in conjunction with the Association of Nova Scotia Museums Conference and Annual General Meeting.

The award recipient will be promoted throughout Nova Scotia using local media, the Beacon newsletter, the Association of Nova Scotia Museums web site and social media.

The recipient will receive a commemorative award and a framed certificate.

Submissions Guidelines

Nominations must include the following documentation:

- Completed Nomination Form signed by the Nominator. Nomination forms are available from the ANSM website www.ansm.ns.ca . Go to About/ ANSM Information/Awards.
- Nomination statement (from the nominator) that describes the nominated organization's achievement, details what makes the nominee's accomplishment an outstanding achievement and how it meets the selection criteria (max. 3 pages)
- Brief description of the organization, including its vision and mandate (max. 2 pages)
- Two letters of support from members of the museum community or project partners
- Relevant material such as links to websites, audio and video clips, podcasts, photographs, digital images, publications, local news coverage, press releases, magazine clippings, interviews, reviews, audience surveys, letters from visitors, critical testimonies from professionals (max. of 3 items/5 pages). Please be advised that all submitted material will not be returned. One copy of printed materials is required.

Submission Information

- Submit the completed nomination form and documentation to director@ansm.ns.ca or by mail:

Association of Nova Scotia Museums
 Attn: Awards Committee
 1113 Marginal Rd
 Halifax, NS B3H 4P7