

CAROLINE BANCROFT HISTORY PROJECT AWARD
JOSEPHINE H. MILES HISTORY AWARD

Colorado journalist Caroline Bancroft and Colorado native Josephine H. Miles each generously 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 Caroline Bancroft History Project 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. The awards recognize accomplishments; they are not grant programs.

Caroline Bancroft History Project Award Guidelines

1. The applicant can be an individual, organization, or museum in a Colorado municipality with a population of fewer 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 2018 award, the project must have occurred, or been completed between September 1, 2017 and August 31, 2018. The Award recognizes accomplishments related to Colorado history. As a guide, nominations may include one of the following or any combination thereof:
 - *Education:* programs or initiatives that increase public awareness and understanding of Colorado history, such as lectures, public events, or K-12 education programs.
 - *Exhibits:* an exhibit, which is open to the public, highlighting an aspect of Colorado history.
 - *Collections Management:* preserving and providing access to historic collection materials through activities such as cataloguing, conservation, and digitization.
 - *Research:* doing publicly accessible 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 property or the creation of a local historic preservation ordinance or preservation plan.
 - *Publication and Media:* print publications such as books and periodicals or visual media including a website or film that expands understanding of Colorado history.

Josephine H. Miles History Guidelines

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

- A project from any size community is eligible.

Nomination Procedure

1. Submissions must be postmarked by October 1, 2018. Please submit the nomination form and supporting documentation to:

Miles & Bancroft History Awards
Attn: Elisa Phelps
History Colorado
1200 Broadway, Denver, CO 80203
OR
E-mail: cosearch@state.co.us
2. If you are submitting electronically **please put “2018 Miles & Bancroft Awards Nomination” in the subject line.**
3. The nomination may be for a single project or for an organization as a whole.
4. Self nominations are encouraged and you may submit a single nomination packet for both awards (if eligible).
5. The information you include in the nomination packet is the only material reviewers will have to evaluate the nomination so including documentation sufficient to support and demonstrate the quality of the project is important. For example: if you nominate an exhibit project, you might want to include exhibit images and copies of the interpretive labels and text. Please keep in mind, the supporting documentation will not be returned to you.
6. Award winners will be announced in early 2019.

Evaluation Criteria for the program, project, or effort:

1. How has it expanded or furthered knowledge of Colorado history?
2. In what ways does it set examples for emulation?
3. What is its significance when ranked with the other applicants?
4. Is the project placed within the larger context of Colorado history?
5. Does it stimulate public interest or involvement in history?

For further information about the awards competition please contact:

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