



DELAWARE MUSEUM ASSOCIATION



2017 Delaware Diamond Award




Every year, the Delaware Museum Association recognized an individual (volunteer or staff member) who has made outstanding, long-term contributions to Delaware museums and/or historical societies. Eligible individuals will have reached across institutional boundaries to contribute to the museum community as a whole, mentored volunteers and professionals, and worked or volunteered for at least five years in Delaware museums (see reverse for full criteria).

The Delaware Museum Association will present the 2017 award at the Small Museum Association Conference in February 2018.

To nominate an individual for this award, please submit a detailed nomination letter to:

**Delaware Diamond Award, c/o
Milford Museum, 121 S. Walnut St., Milford, DE 19962
or
claudia@milfordmuseum.org**



Criteria for the 2017 Delaware Diamond Award

- 1) This award recognizes individual contribution and achievement, it is not a group or organizational award.
- 2) Both paid and volunteer staff members are eligible.
- 3) The individual does not have to live within the State of Delaware to receive the award, but the contribution cited must be to a Delaware organization.
- 4) Outstanding work at a single organization does not qualify an individual for this award. It is intended to recognize someone who reaches across boundaries to add to the efficiency and capability of the museum community as a whole.
- 8) Outstanding scholarship in and of itself is not a criteria for the award. Publication of a significant monograph, book or other work is eligible.
- 5) Mentoring of other volunteers or professionals within the field is a significant factor.
- 6) The period of the award must include at least five years of service. An outstanding one-year project is too narrow to fit the intent of the award.
- 8) This award may not be given for contribution of money or collections, but it may be awarded to a person who raises funds or negotiates the acquisition of a collection. (A person or family who donates money or a collection makes a significant contribution to a museum or historical society, however the effort involved to go out and raise funds or to locate and acquire a collection is what rises to the level required for this award.)
- 9) This is not a retirement award.