MAYOR’S AWARDS FOR THE ARTS

The Mayor’s Awards for the Arts recognize outstanding commitment and dedication to the arts in Sangamon and Menard Counties, the area served by the Springfield Area Arts Council. Mayor Jim Langfelder and the Springfield Area Arts Council invite citizens in these counties to participate in the twentieth celebration of support for the arts in our communities by submitting nominations in any of seven categories. An awards selection committee, appointed by the Mayor, will review all nominations and select the award recipients. The recipients of the 2020 Mayor’s Awards for the Arts will receive artwork by local artist Michelle Smith who has been commissioned to design the awards.

CATEGORIES

**Individual Artist – Visual Artist:** A living artist, residing in Sangamon or Menard County, who has produced a significant body of work in the field of visual arts and who has contributed to the arts in our area.

**Individual Artist – Performing/Literary Artist:** A living artist, residing in Sangamon or Menard County, who has produced a significant body of work in the field of performing/literary arts and who has contributed to the arts in our area; includes music, theater, dance, and literature (poetry or prose).

**Arts Organization:** A nonprofit organization that has made a substantial impact on the cultural development of this area as demonstrated through exceptional artistic achievement and outstanding programming.

**Business:** A local business that has demonstrated a significant commitment to the arts, recognizing the imperative role of public/private partnerships. This commitment may be in the form of financial, personnel, or resources support.

**Arts Volunteer:** A volunteer who consistently supports the arts through a commitment of personal time, energy, and devotion.

**Arts Educator:** An individual who has made a significant contribution to kindergarten through twelfth grade arts education, as a teacher, mentor, or catalyst who educates children through the arts.

**Exceptional Arts Student:** A high school or college student, residing in Sangamon or Menard County, who has demonstrated exceptional talent as a visual, performing, or literary artist and who has made a significant contribution to the arts community.

PREVIOUS WINNERS

**ARTIST**
- Kenneth E. Barton, Sr. *
- Karen Lynne Deal
- Michael Dunbar
- Jim Edwards
- Jessie Mae Finley *
- Deanna Funk
- Doug Hahn
- Jane Hartman
- Joe Hennessy *
- Shannon Keith Kelley
- Kenneth Kiesler
- John Knoepfler
- Peter Lynch
- Jack Madura
- Henry Miles
- Grace Luttrell Nanavati
- Johnnie Owens
- Sheri Ramsey
- Helen E. Rilling *

**ARTS ORGANIZATION**
- Active and Creative Teen Theatre
- Bells in Motion
- Eastside Theater **
- Great American People Show **
- Illinois Central Blues Club
- Lincoln’s New Salem State Historic Site
- Liturgical Arts Festival of Springfield
- Old Capitol Art Fair
- Prairie Art Alliance **
- Sangamon Valley Youth Symphony
- Springfield Art Association
- Springfield Ballet Company
- Springfield Comm. Concert Assoc. **
- Springfield Muni Opera
- Springfield Municipal Band
- Springfield Symphony Orchestra/ISO
- Springfield Theatre Centre

**BUSINESS**
- Marine Bank/Bank One/Chase Bank
- Central Illinois Light Company/Ameren
- Family Video
- First of America Bank/PNC
- First National Bank of Springfield/
- US Bank
- FloraScape ** - Alison Novak *
- Gateway Foundation - Springfield Center
- IBM Corporation
- Illinois National Bank
- Magna Bank/Regions Bank
- Persian Rug Center
- Robbie’s - Archer and Lori Bailey
- Springfield Van Lines/Bekins
- Trout Lily Cafe ** - Kate Hawkes
- UMedia - David Cain
- United Community Bank
- Watts Copy Systems
- WICS-TV
- WSEC-TV

**ARTS EDUCATOR**
- Joan Burmeister
- John T. Crisp, Jr.
- Kathy Elmore
- Martha Kichinko
- Priscilla Kluge
- Linda Post-Lucas
- Wanda Riseman
- Marianne Stremsterfer
- Roberta Volkman

**ARTS STUDENT**
- Tania Brodsky
- Maggie Day
- Richard Kohliras
- Casey Sheehan

**VOLUNTEER**
- Patricia Anderson *
- Elaine Birtch
- Julie Edwards *
- Phyllis Eubanks
- Jim Allan Histon
- Debi Iams
- George King
- Mary McDonald
- James Murray *
- Paul Presney, Jr.
- Polly Roesch *
- Gene Rubley
- Molly Schlich
- Devera Victor *
- Roanna Victor
- Bonnie Wabner *
- Carole and Don Walton

**SPECIAL RECOGNITION**
- Margaret Boswell
- Rosemary Buffington
- Hazen * and Roland Folsom
- Charles and Kathleen Hoogland
- Bernadette Nolan
- Prairie House **
- Security Federal Saving and Loan/Security Bank
- Sangamon Auditorium/
- UIS Performing Arts Center
- Linda Younkin

* Deceased
** No longer in business