

AL MERITO AWARD RECIPIENTS



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HISTORICAL
SOCIETY

Over 40 years ago, the Arizona Historical Society established the Al Merito Award to recognize those who have contributed significantly to preserving and promoting Arizona history. Named for the nineteenth-century award bestowed by a newly independent government of Mexico for meritorious service to the Republic, almerito literally translates to for merit. Today, the Arizona Historical Society's highest honor acknowledges meritorious service for those who preserve and celebrate Arizona history.

2019

Janeen Trevillyan
Desert Caballeros Western
Museum

2018

Vernelda J. Grant
James Klein

2017

James Babbitt
Sulphur Springs Valley Historical
Society

2016

Charles Flynn

2015

Shaw Kinsley, Tubac

2014

Patrick Foley, Kingman
Dr. Bernard "Bunny" Fontana,
Tucson
Dr. James "Big Jim" Griffith,
Tucson

2013

Arizona Military Museum

2012

Dan Messersmith, Kingman
George Dvorak and the Fort
Verde Volunteers, Camp Verde

2011

Marshall Trimble, Scottsdale

2010

Malcolm Mackey, Flagstaff

2009

John C. Lacy, Tucson

2008

Bill Porter, Kingman

2007

Jim Patterson, Chandler

2006

Victor Linoff, Tempe

2005

Melvin Van Vorst, Pine
Melissa Ruffner, Prescott

2004

Carol Cribbet-Bell, Tucson
Hazel "Billie" Thiesen, Quartzsite

2003

Betty Grounds, Kingman
Edith Denton, Sedona

2002

Nan and Harry Ames, Douglas

2001

Della Meadows, Florence
Mary L. Hunt, Pine

2000

Fred W. Jones

1999

Pine-Strawberry Historical
Society

1998

Dr. Wilbur A. Haak

1997

Mary Kukal

1996

The Honorable Barry M. Goldwater

1995

Marguerite Noble

1994

Karin Goudy

1993

Donald H. Bufkin

1992

Mrs. Billy Earley

1991

Howard P. Henlin

1990

City of Yuma

1989

Jerome Historical Society

1988

Carrillo School
Pat Callahan

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1987

Las Senoras de Socorro
Robert Hurley
Arizona Humanities Council
C.L. Sonnichsen

1985

Mr. and Mrs. John W. Murphey
Mr. and Mrs. Herb McLaughlin
Mr. Clap P. Bedorrd
Dr. Arthur Woodward

1984

Madeline Ferrin Paré
Mr. and Mrs. Arthur
Jim and Mary Faul
Elizabeth F. Ruffner
Elizabeth Garretson

1983

Mrs. Garnette Franklin
Mr. William E. Negus
Mrs. Eleanor B. Sloan
Dr. John (Jack) Alexander
Carroll, Troy State University

1982

Tucson Festival Society
Constance Wynn Altshuler
Joe and Vada C. Rodriguez

1981

Dr. Emil W. Haury
Tubac Historical Society
Pine-Strawberry Historical
Society

1980

Library Learning Center, Arizona
Western College, Yuma
Mr. Paul V. Long
Pimeria Alta Historical Society

1979

Billy and Lynn Earley
Prescott Courier
Al Hubbard

1978

Southwest Studies Institute,
Maricopa County Community
College District
Elizabeth Brownell
Colonel Eugene Murphy
5th Cavalry Memorial Regiment

1977

Casa Grande Valley Historical
Society
Mrs. Joseph Saba
Mrs. Dorothy Hall
Daughters of the Mojave County
Pioneers

1976

The Honorable Ruth Adams
Platt Cline
Bert M. Fireman
Junior League of Tucson, Inc.
Lester W. Ruffner

1975

George and Mary Alice Bradt
Dewey Farr
Northland Press
Mrs. Elizabeth S. Oldaker
Edward Soza

1974

John D. Driggs
First National Bank of Arizona
Historical Society
George W. Chambers
Howard Henson
Ernest Johannsen
Mrs. Emery C. Johnson (Ann Eve)
Sunnyside High School
Associated Press, Arizona
Bureau
William A. Small, Jr.
Roscoe G. Willson
Mrs. John W. Keickhefer



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