

Established in 1957, The Red Jacket Award is presented by The Buffalo History Museum in recognition of “quiet, continued, unbroken devotion to our civic progress and needs by one who, through such devotion, has thereby enlarged our awareness of our heritage in order that it may be built upon for the enrichment of our future.”

The award is named after the renowned orator and Seneca leader, Sagoyewatha, or Red Jacket. In 1792, President George Washington presented Red Jacket with the medal after which our award is modeled. The Red Jacket Medal is one of the most treasured items in our collection. Nearly seven inches tall, the medal bears symbolic imagery of peaceful coexistence between United States and Native Americans.

The tradition of The Red Jacket Award is inspired by the imperative to continue to acknowledge those who, with steady service, strive to support the connections in our region with our heritage.

Nominations must be submitted online and are due by Friday, March 24, 2017. [Click here](#) to nominate. Nominees are not to be told they are under consideration.

Nomination criteria:

- Emphasis should be placed on recognition of a continuum of quiet, unbroken devotion to our civic progress that enlarges awareness of our heritage and enriches our community.
- Through community leadership, the nominee makes a positive impact to our social well-being, or history is created.
- The award may be given for civic achievement and service in any category.
- Though elected officials may be considered, the award may only be given when the recipient no longer holds elected public office. Board members of The Buffalo History Museum will be considered when his/her term of service ends.

RED JACKET AWARD RECIPIENT LIST

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|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1957 Roy E. Nagle | 1977 Mason O. Damon | 1994 Max B.E. Clarkson | 2007 Hon. George K. Arthur |
| 1958 Charles Burchfield | 1978 Robert B. Adam | William M.E. Clarkson | Herbert Hauptman, Ph.D. |
| 1959 Hon. John Lord O'Brian | 1979 Elisabeth L. Petri | 1995 David W. Rumsey | 2008 JoAnn Falletta |
| 1960 Welles V. Moot | 1980 Frank G. Evans | Robert G. Wilmers | Edwin T. Bean, Jr. |
| 1961 Jane Keeler | Lydia T. Wright | 1996 Joan Bozer | 2009 Dr. V. Roger Lalli |
| 1962 George Forman | 1981 Peter G. Economou | 1997 William G. Gisel | Maryann Saccomando |
| Goodyear | 1982 Ralph Loew | 1998 D. Bruce Johnstone | Freedman |
| Seymour Knox II | 1983 Manly Fleischmann | Gail Johnstone | 2010 Christopher T. Greene |
| 1963 Julian Park | 1984 Cecilia Evans Taylor | 1999 Calvin Rand | Finley R. Greene |
| 1964 Dr. Clayton W. Green | 1985 Father James Demske | Charles Rand Penney | (posthumously) |
| 1965 Fenton M. Parke | 1986 Seymour Knox III | 2001 Sue S. Gardner | Wayne D. Wisbaum |
| 1966 Alfred Kirchhofer | Northrup Knox | Kevin P. Gaughan | 2011 Cindy Abbott Letro |
| 1967 George F. Phillips | 1987 John W. Koessler | 2002 Robert J.A. Irwin | John N. Walsh, III |
| 1968 Julius W. Pratt | Paul J. Koessler, Sr. | Frank B. Mesiah | 2012 Clement & Karen |
| 1969 Charles Desmond | 1988 Robert E. Rich, Sr. | 2003 William R. Greiner | Arrison |
| Owen B. Augspurgen | 1989 Robert D. Fernbach, Sr. | Hon. John J. LaFalce | Thomas R. Beecher, Jr. |
| 1970 Harold L. Olmsted | 1990 Paul A. Schoellkopf, Jr. | J. Warren Perry | 2013 James L. Magavern, Esq. |
| 1971 Edwin F. Jaeckle | Margaret G. Swift | 2004 Arnold B. Gardner | Edward F. Walsh, Jr. |
| 1972 Charles H. Diefendorf | 1991 Edward F. Walsh | Justice Ann T. Mikoll | 2014 Mary Ann Kresse |
| 1973 Frank A. Sedita | John N. Walsh, Jr. | Richard & Karen Penfold | Burton Notarius |
| 1974 Julia B. Reinstein | 1992 Robert J. Kresse | 2005 Hon. John T. Curtin | (posthumously) |
| 1975 William C. Baird | Robert L. Wilson | Sister Denise Roche | Eugene Vukelic |
| 1976 Katherine & Franz T. Stone | 1993 Jesse E. Nash, Jr. | James M. Wadsworth | 2016 John & Carol Kociela |
| | Mary-Kent Prentice | 2006 Richard C. Marcus | Stanford Lipsey |