

The Owen B. Augspurgen Award was established in 1974 in honor of Owen B. Augspurgen (1913-1969), a former History Museum president, and a Red Jacket awardee (1969). The award is presented to an individual for outstanding service to the cause of local history.

The following criteria should guide you in the nomination of awardees:

- That the activities supporting the nomination shall have been performed during a significant period of time, unless the committee finds unusual extenuating circumstances.
- That activities related to local history may include publication of books, articles, or pamphlets; service in a historical agency; reporting of local history through the news media; collection of historical data or objects and provision for their public enjoyment; research and writing leading to broadening the knowledge of local history in Erie County; and development of significant local history programs.

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***Please note nominees are not to be told they are under consideration.***

Nominations must be submitted online and are due by 11:59pm on Friday, March 28, 2025. Click [here](#) to nominate. If you have any questions on the online tool or nominations process, please contact Katie McIntyre, Director of Advancement, [kmcintyre@buffalohistory.org](mailto:kmcintyre@buffalohistory.org), 716.873.9644, ext. 344

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1. Nominee Contact Information

- Nominee Name
- Nominee Occupation/Job  
title Company
- Nominee Address
- Nominee City/Town
- Nominee State
- Nominee ZIP Code
- Nominee Email
- Nominee Phone  
Number

2. Your relationship to the nominee (ie, professional colleague, volunteer colleague, friend)

3. Please enter your contact information (in case we have questions about your nomination)

- Your Name
- Your Company
- Your Address
- Your City/Town
- Your State
- Your ZIP Code
- Your Address
- Your Phone  
Number

4. Please provide documentation of work and/or research (publications, exhibits, videos, blogs, web sites), articles, research studies, or pamphlets related to Western New York history authored by the candidate.

5. Please describe the candidate's area(s) of research or study.

6. Has the candidate developed public programs on local history? Please describe the type of program and audience outreach.

**OWEN B. AUGSPURGER AWARD RECIPIENTS**

2024 Tyler Bagwell
2023 Thomas Reigstad Melissa Dunlap
2022 Angela Keppel Paul McDonnell
2021 Lillion Batchelor Shonnie Finnegan
2020 John A. Edens
2019 William B. Koch, posthumously
2018 Martin Wachadlo
2017 Dennis Galucki
2016 Jennifer Liber Raines
2015 Doug DeCroix
2014 Raymond Massey Molly Quackenbush
2013 Madeline Davis Dr. Edwin A. Mirand
2012 Christopher Hawley
2011 Douglas Kohler
2010 Charles A. LaChiusa
2009 Mark Goldman, Ph.D.
2007 Joseph A. Grande, Ph.D. John C. Mohawk, Ph.D.
2006 Francis R. Kowsky, Ph.D.
2005 Fred R. Whaley, Jr. Lillian S. Williams, Ph.D.
2004 Dr. V. Roger Lalli
2003 Theodore L. Lownie
2001 Jack Quinan
2000 Christopher Densmore

1999 Daniel I. Larkin
1998 Thomas E. Leary Elizabeth C. Sholes
1997 Scott Eberle David A. Gerber
1996 Milton Rogovin
1995 Henry H. Baxter
1994 Joseph Overfield
1993 Andrea Shaw (posthumous)
1992 William B. Hoyt (posthumous)
1991 Msgr. Walter O. Kern
1990 Mike Vogel
1989 James Keysa
1988 Lillian Geiger
1987 John Conlin
1986 Barbara Brandt
1985 Monroe Fordham, Ph.D.
1984 Gen. Brainard Prescott
1983 Edward E. Godfrey
1982 John W. Percy
1981 Lester W. Smith
1980 Joseph A. Grande, Ph.D.
1979 Richard C. Brown
1978 Austin M. Fox
1977 Olaf W. Shelgren, Jr.
1975 Roy E. Nagle (posthumous)
1974 John W. Horton