

Louisville Historical Museum Advisory Board

Pioneer Award

Guidelines for Nominations

1. Introduction:

- The Louisville Historical Museum Advisory Board (HMAB) presents the Pioneer Award to a person or persons, or to an organization at the annual Chamber of Commerce Banquet to be held each year.

2. Qualifications for the Award:

- The recipient should be a person or persons or an organization who, through his/her or their business and personal activities, is recognized within the Louisville community as an active or previously active contributor to the ongoing or past successes and welfare of the community.
- As the Louisville Historical Museum is committed to collecting, preserving, and sharing a full range and diversity of experiences in our community, these values should be expressed with this award.
- The award is given in recognition of the past achievements in spirit and time in promoting the interests and future of the City of Louisville through his/her or their personal service to the community and its residents.
- The Pioneer Award may be presented as a posthumous award, in which case it will be presented to the recipient's family.
- The Pioneer Award may be presented to a living person.

3. Procedures for the Award:

- Anyone may nominate an individual, business, or organization for the Pioneer Award.
- Nominations may be made to any Louisville Historical Advisory Board Member or to the Louisville Historical Museum Supervisor for referral to HMAB.
- Nominations should include all relevant information and facts which would support the request.
- Nominations should be submitted as early as possible for HMAB to review.
- HMAB may ask for guidance from the Louisville Historical Museum Supervisor or anyone from within the community with an interest.
- All nominations are confidential and only the final award recipient will be identified.
- At the May meeting, HMAB shall make initial recommendations for nominations for the award.

- HMAB will consider initial background information for each nomination at the July meeting and seek to narrow the nominations down to two at that meeting.
- HMAB or a subcommittee of one or more members may research and provide any additional information for the nominations.
- Should there be more than one nomination, the nomination(s) not chosen may be considered for the following year's award.
- HMAB shall make the final nomination(s) at the November meeting.

**Louisville Historical Commission
Pioneer Award Past Recipients**

1985	J.J. Steinbaugh	2003	Glenn Steinbaugh
1986	Charles, Iona, & Quentin Thomas	2004	Donald Ross
1987	Dr. Lucius Cassidy Sr.	2005	Carolyn Conarro
1988	Joe Colacci	2006	Virginia Caranci
1989	John "Ring" Dionigi	2007	Bill and Betty Buffo
1990	Martha Eberharter	2008	David Ferguson
1991	G.R. Henning	2009	Patricia Seader
1992	Eugene Caranci	2010	Frank Domenico
1993	Susie DiGiacomo	2011	Lawrence Enrietto
1994	Lewton McCorkle	2012	George Brown
1995	Fr. Benedict Ingenito OSB	2013	Barbara DiSalle
1996	Frank Rizzi	2014	Marion Junior
1997	L.C. "Bun" Graves	2015	Dick DelPizzo
1998	Vera Taylor	2016	Ted & Carolyn Manzanares
1999	Eileen Schmidt	2017	Anthony "Joe" Madonna
2000	Eliseo Jacoe	2018	Donald William "Donnie" Buffo
2001	Joe Carnival	2019	Leon Wurl
2002	Robert Ross	2020	Keith Helart

2021 The Louisville Community

2022 Debbie Krueger

2023 Janet Russell

2024 Ed Helmstead

2025 Memory Delforge