

MARYLAND HISTORY DAY 2010 SPECIAL PRIZES

At the Maryland History Day state competition on April 24, 2010, a number of special prizes will be awarded. Recipients of special prizes will receive a cash award and a plaque, and in some cases, award winners will be invited to showcase their projects at special events and in museum and community settings.

Awards are determined by the Special Prize Committee, based on nominations made by judges as they review entries in both junior and senior divisions and in all categories.

All projects, whether or not they are entries for special prizes, must address the National History Day theme "Innovation in History: Impact and Change."

Below is a list of special prizes that may serve as topics for History Day 2009-2010 projects. *Students are not required to address one of the special prize themes below.*

Barry A. Lanman Award for Oral History Excellence, Martha Ross Center for Oral History, University of Maryland Baltimore County

This award is presented to recognize exemplary student participants for high academic performance and technical skill in the creation of new oral history research or for the use of existing oral history resources in the completion of a Maryland History Day project. The Award is established, on behalf of the Martha Ross Center for Oral History, as a lasting tribute to honor the distinguished career of Barry A. Lanman who has dedicated his professional life to the mentoring of students, the improvement of education, and the development of oral history as a distinct practice. <http://umbc.edu/mrc/>

Emily Hoffman Award for Outstanding Documentary – sponsored by Amy Plummer and Kenneth Hoffman

Ethical Issues in History – sponsored by the Hoffberger Center for Professional Ethics, University of Baltimore <http://www.ubalt.edu/hoffberger/>.

Historic Preservation – sponsored by the Maryland Historical Trust

The Maryland Historical Trust prize is awarded to student projects that successfully recognize and encourage the protection, use and appreciation of Maryland's diverse history. Projects should focus on resources such as historic buildings, artifacts or objects, historic districts, landscapes, and land and underwater archeology sites. Projects might include research on historic battlefields, industrial buildings like mills or canning and packing houses, archeological evidence of Native American settlements, historic schools, or historic ships. There are many more possibilities for research on historic preservation through museums and historical societies. Students who wish to do research at the Maryland Historical Trust library may contact mdesarran@mdp.state.md.us.

<http://www.marylandhistoricaltrust.net/>

Labor History – sponsored by the Community College of Baltimore County Labor Studies Program

<http://www.ccbcmd.edu/laborstudies/history.html>

Sample Topics under the 2009-2010 Theme:

- The impact of new technology on workers. For example, how did the power loom change human organization in the US, through the development of the factory system, the recruitment of young girls to be factory workers, the shift from agriculture to manufacturing?
- How did computers change the workplace? What new diseases or injuries are seen among workers, for example, or how have social groups changed.
- Innovation can also refer to organizational innovation. How have workers changed their organizing visions in response to changes in technology?

Legal and Constitutional History – sponsored by Paul Mogin, Esquire, of Williams & Connolly LLP, Washington, DC

Maryland History – sponsored by the Maryland Historical Society

<http://www.mdhs.org/>.

Michael E. Patten Memorial History Award for the Best Use of Primary Sources – sponsored by the Surratt Society, an associate group of the Surratt House Museum

<http://www.surratt.org/>.

The award is given to an individual or group project in the Senior Division, and an award is also made to the school of the winning student(s).

Military History – sponsored by the Historical Miniatures Gaming Society

<http://www.hmgs.org/>.

The Florence Li Tim Oi Special Award for Religious Freedom – sponsored by Rev. Florence L. Ledyard, Rector, St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church

The Florence Li Tim Oi Special Award is given to recognize superlative Maryland History Day projects that explore the history and spirit of the development and practice of Religious Freedoms found in the many nations, cultures and peoples of the world. This special prize celebrates the extraordinary contributions of Florence Li Tim Oi, who became the first woman ordained to the Priesthood in the Anglican Communion at the Lake of Seven Stars in January 1944. In the midst of war and persecution and at great personal risk, she chose to serve the spiritual needs of the people of Macau. She continues to stand as a beacon to all seeking justice and equality throughout the world and is a model of bold and righteous action for those of any faith.

Women's History

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