

WWHA

SIX-SHOOTER AWARDS

2024 Publications

NOMINATIONS REQUESTED
DEADLINE – April 15, 2025

We are pleased to announce the 2025 WWHA Awards Program. These awards are intended to recognize and honor those who have contributed the most to research, writing and service to the history of the Wild West during 2024. Nominations are due by April 15, 2025.

Please furnish the name, full address with zip code, phone number with area code, and email address, applicable, for each person nominated. Winners will be announced and awards presented at the WWHA Reno Roundup in July. Come and celebrate with us!

NOTE 1: In keeping with the WWHA focus and goals, the specific subjects eligible for consideration are Lawmen, Outlaws, Gunfighters, Rustlers, Vigilantes, Shady Ladies, Frontier Scouts, Buffalo Hunters, Feuds, Cattle Trails, Cowtowns, Indian Wars, Mining Camps, and all other Wild West subjects.

NOTE 2: In an effort to recognize and encourage new authors, the winners of literary awards—both books and articles—must not have won in the same category in the previous year.

I. WWHA Six-Shooter Award for Lifetime Contributions to Wild West History

- This award is given to an individual who, over an extended period of time (suggested 25+ years), has contributed significantly to the field of research and documentation of Wild West history.
- The nomination must be made, and signed, by a WWHA member.
- The nomination should be in typed format with a thorough discussion of why the nominee should be recognized, including citing of research, published books or articles, memberships in Western History organizations, and any other specific acts to confirm nominee's extensive activities.

II. WWHA Six-Shooter Award for Best Book on Wild West History - \$500.00 CASH PRIZE!

- Submission may be made by a WWHA Member, the author, or the publisher.
- The book must have been published in 2024, and the Subject matter should fit within the core period of 1850-1925.
- Nominated books will be judged on the basis of content, accuracy, readability, and overall presentation of material.
- Three copies of each book should be submitted for review by the panel of readers.

III. WWHA Six-Shooter Award for Best Scholarly Article on Wild West History - \$250 CASH PRIZE!

- This award will recognize an author whose article was published in a recognized Old West/Western History magazine or newspaper (other than the WWHA *Journal*) during 2024.
- The nomination must be made by a WWHA member, the author, or the publisher.
- The entry for this award will be judged on subject matter, content, accuracy, readability, and overall presentation.
- Three copies of each article plus the cover page (photocopy acceptable) of the periodical showing date of publication should be submitted.

IV. WWHA Six-Shooter Award for Best General Article on Wild West History - \$250 CASH PRIZE!

- This award will recognize an author whose commercial article was published outside of the WWHA *Journal*.

V. WWHA Six-Shooter Award for Best WWHA Journal Article - \$250 CASH PRIZE!

- This award will recognize an author whose article was published in the WWHA *Journal* for the previous year. The article for this award will be judged on subject matter, content, accuracy, readability and overall presentation.

VI. President's Silver Star Award for Meritorious Service to the Association

- This award will be determined and presented by President Paul Marquez, honoring the most deserving individual for service to the WWHA.

VII. WWHA Six-Shooter Award for Outstanding Contribution to Wild West History by an Individual.

- The award is to recognize other contributions (non-literary) to Wild West history, including art work, films, recordings (CDs, videos, etc.) or events.
- There is no time limit on when this contribution was made.
- The nomination must be made by a WWHA member, the creator, or the distributor.
- Three copies of the item or written discussion of the event must be submitted for judging purposes.

VIII. WWHA Six-Shooter Award for Outstanding Contribution to Wild West History by an Organization.

- The award is to recognize other contributions (non-literary) to Wild West history, including art work, films, recordings (CDs, videos, etc.) or events.
- There is no time limit on when this contribution was made.
- The nomination must be made by a WWHA member, the creator, or the distributor.
- Three copies of the item or written discussion of the event must be submitted for judging purposes.

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Nominations for I, VI, VII, and VIII should be sent to Tim Hagaman Awards Chair, timhagaman@msn.com

Last Year's Six-Shooter Award Winners.

1. Lifetime Contribution to Wild West History

Michael Wallis

2. Best Book on Wild West History

John Boessenecker, *Gentleman Bandit: The True Story of Black Bart, The Old West's Most infamous Stagecoach Robber*
Hanover Square Press, March 2023

3. Best Scholarly Article on Wild West History

Jeff Broome, "Walnut Creek Massacre of July 18, 1864"
Denver Westerns Roundup, Oct 2023

4. Best General Article on Wild West History

Mark Lee Gardner, "The Strange and Mesmerizing Death of the Outlaw Jesse James"
True West, February/March 2023

5. Best WWHA Journal Article

Peter Brand, "Josephine 'Sadie' Earp's Sordid Secrets and Lies"
WWHA Journal, March 2023

6. Meritorious Service

Jean Smith

7. Outstanding Non-literary Individual Contribution

James Locke, The Long Ride, 2010

8. Outstanding Non-literary Corporate Contribution

Craig Hummer, Video: *Last Cattle Drive of This Millenium*
Hubbard Museum of the American West,
Ruidoso Downs, New Mexico, 2000