

# WWHA

## SIX-SHOOTER AWARDS

### 2025 Publications

**NOMINATIONS REQUESTED**  
**DEADLINE – April 15, 2026**

We are pleased to announce the new 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 2025. Nominations are due by April 15, 2026.

**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 Albuquerque 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 2025, 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 2025.
- 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.

**XI. Robert G. McCubbin Award for multifaceted leadership**

**Send Books:** Tim Hagaman, P.O. Box 143, Mora, NM 87732 Email: timhagaman@msn.com

**Send Articles:** Donna Harrell, 3106 W Louise Dr., Phoenix, AZ 85027 Email: dmrosejyg@cox.net

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

1. Lifetime Contribution to Wild West History

**Dave Lauterborn**, *Wild West Magazine*

2. Best Book on Wild West History

**Peter Brand**, *Josephine “Sadie” Earp: The Sordid Truth 1870-1883*, September 2024

&

**Corey Recko**, *The Colfax County War: Violence and Corruption in Territorial New Mexico*, July 2024

3. Best Scholarly Article on Wild West History

**Margaret & Gary Kraisinger**, “The West Shawnee Cattle Trail Through Oklahoma, 1867-1871, Part 1 & 2,” *The Chronicles of Oklahoma*, Spring & Summer 2024

4. Best General Article on Wild West History

**Matt Bernstein**, “The Case of the Boiled Shirts: Mark Twain and George Hearst in Virginia City,” *Los Angeles Corral of Westerners Branding Iron*, Summer 2024

5. Best Wild West History Association Journal Article

**James A. Bailey & Kurt House**, “Death of Ben Thompson and King Fisher: Shooting Incident Reconstruction” *WWHA Journal*, September, 2024

7. Outstanding Non-literary Individual Contribution

**Eddie Lanham**, Videographer,  
*Wyatt & Josie “Sadie” Earp, Three-part Series*

8. Outstanding Non-literary Corporate Contribution

**Pedro Soto**, *WWHA Journal* covers and maps

9. Robert G. McCubbin Award

**Fred Holobird**, Leader as an auctioneer, collector, dealer, printer, and publisher