Find updates below about the upcoming nomination process for the 2025 APHA Individual Laureate and Institutional Awards, an update from the Smithsonian's Print-o-Rama event, and news and stories about the history of printing. Have items of interest that you'd like to share with other members? Please contribute to APHA's newsletter by submitting your notice along with a digital image and internet link to publications@printinghistory.org.

Events and Announcements

2025 APHA INDIVIDUAL LAUREATE AND INSTITUTIONAL AWARDS

The American Printing History Association (APHA) Board of Trustees and the Awards Committee invite nominations for the 2025 APHA Individual Laureate and Institutional Awards! Submit your nomination(s) at our form now until August 7, 2024.

These prestigious awards, which celebrate outstanding contributions to the history of printing, are presented each January at APHA's Annual Meeting. Awardee speeches have historically stood as important statements of philosophy, accomplishment, and the value of printing history and the book arts.

A list of our previous awardees, brief biographical sketches, photographs from past ceremonies, and select acceptance speeches can be viewed on the APHA
ceremonies, and select acceptance speeches can be viewed on the APHA website Awards page. Please feel free to share this announcement in your respective networks!

Nominations are welcome for individuals at all stages of their chosen professions. Nominations submitted on behalf of APHA Chapters are likewise encouraged.

**Letters of support** (500 words or fewer; no more than six maximum) may come from others with knowledge of the nominee. Supporting documents should follow the nomination guidelines below, and carry the same submission deadline, August 7, 2024.

*Print and paper historians, collectors, educators, librarians and archivists, paper artists, printers, traditional papermakers, toolmakers, conservators and others, as well as college and university programs, nonprofits, social groups, and libraries and archives are all eligible for nomination. (--Not an exhaustive list!)*

Nominations are accepted by the APHA Awards Committee beginning January 1 in any given year and may be submitted online at any time up until 12 noon EDT on August 7th.

To nominate, fill out this form (https://bit.ly/aphaawards) and click SUBMIT. (Nominations via postal mail or email will not be accepted.)

Questions or concerns may be addressed to the committee at awards@printinghistory.org.

**Guidelines and Requirements**

1. You do not have to be a member of APHA to nominate someone.

2. Nominations from APHA chapters are encouraged.

3. A nominee need not be a current member of APHA as long as their contribution to the field has been significant.

4. Posthumous nominations are encouraged.

5. Resubmitting a nomination from year to year is allowed.

6. Multiple nominations for the same individual(s) from different nominators are acceptable.

7. Multiple nominations for different individuals by the same nominator are acceptable.

8. Current Awards Committee members may not submit nominations, however, members of the APHA Board of Trustees may do so.
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9. Current Awards Committee members or members of the Board may not be nominated.

10. No self-nominations.

11. Nominations from a previous year may be considered by the committee along with the pool of new nominations in the current year.

Procedure

The APHA Awards Committee reviews all nominations after the submission deadline (August 7), as well as any previously submitted nominations. The committee contacts nominees at this point, to ensure that they are willing to stand for nomination. The committee recommends honorees for the Board’s approval at a meeting on September 18, prior to the organization’s Annual meeting.

The field of nominations will include not only those received in this calendar year, but also all nominations received for the previous five awards nominations processes (e.g., 2025 nominees will include other nominated parties for 2024, 2023, 2022, 2021, and 2020). The awards committee will submit their recommendations to the APHA Board no later than August 19 of the current calendar year, for discussion at the September (3Q 2024) board meeting.

Thank you for your assistance in recognizing outstanding accomplishments in the history of printing. We look forward to your nominations!

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**SMITHSONIAN PRINT-O-RAMA**

This year the Smithsonian’s printing history event Print-O-Rama was held on June 27, 2024. The event promoted the theme of Protest for Change and its associations with America’s upcoming 250th anniversary in 2026.

Several curators brought out mostly printed collections that speak to the theme of Protest for Change from Political History, Home & Community
Life, Electricity, Medicine & Science, and Graphic Arts Collections. Matthew Kirschenbaum, part of the University of Maryland's BookLab, presents one of the printed objects visitors to the event could produce assisted by local printers who volunteered their time and presses.

*Photos courtesy of [UMD BookLab](https://umdbooklab.org) and the [Smithsonian Institution's American History Museum](https://americanhistory.si.edu).*
VOLUNTEER FOR AN APHA COMMITTEE

Wondering how to get more involved with APHA? Volunteer to serve on one of APHA's committees. Committee volunteering includes opportunities for involvement with: Awards, Chapter Leadership, Diversity, Mark Samuels Lasner Fellowship, Membership, Nominating, Programs, and Publications (all one-year terms).

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

APHA members are encouraged to confirm that their membership status is active for the 2024-2025 year! Login to your account at printinghistory.org to renew, and contact Diane Dias De Fazio, Vice President for Membership, at membership@printinghistory.org if you have any questions!