

# VERMONT HISTORY DAY 2022

## Special Prizes



This list includes prizes that are confirmed as of October 2021. Additional prizes may be added later.

### Arts and Medicine Prize

#### *Sponsored by Brenda and Stephen Perkins*

The Arts and Medicine Prize of \$100 is awarded to an outstanding Junior Division project that focuses on a person who has contributed in some way to the fine arts and/or the medical field. Priority is given to projects focusing on a remarkable Vermonter. This prize is sponsored in order to celebrate those who have impacted the lives of others by their approach to and accomplishments in their chosen field of arts and/or medicine. The money will be distributed evenly among group members.

### Calvin Coolidge Presidential Foundation Prize

#### *Sponsored by the Calvin Coolidge Presidential Foundation*

The Calvin Coolidge Presidential Foundation will award \$250 to a first place winner with a Superior ranking for an outstanding entry on a United States history topic. The money will be distributed evenly among group members.

### The Deborah Pickman Clifford Vermont Women's History Prize

#### *Sponsored by the Vermont Commission on Women Education and Research Foundation*

Sponsored by the Vermont Commission on Women Education and Research Foundation in special recognition of the scholarship, dedication and enthusiasm of the late Deborah Pickman Clifford, prominent Vermont historian and author specializing in women's history.

The Vermont Commission on Women Education and Research Foundation will award a \$250 prize to an outstanding entry focusing on a Vermont woman who made an important contribution to the state, or the role that women played during a time in Vermont's history. The money will be distributed evenly among group members.

### George F. Edmunds Memorial Prize

#### *Sponsored by the Vermont Historical Society through the George F. Edmunds Fund*

The George F. Edmunds Memorial Prize honors the work and memory of George F. Edmunds, Vermont's senator from 1866 to 1891. A monetary prize and engraved medal are awarded to superior projects reflecting on the life and work of George F. Edmunds or relating to the history, problems, or general welfare of Vermont. Students earn recognition for finding unappreciated primary sources and for using their own interests and experiences as launching points. The money will be distributed evenly among group members. Each winner will receive an engraved medal.

**First Place, Senior Division** \$350

**Second Place, Senior Division** \$150

**First Place, Junior Division** \$350

**Second Place, Junior Division** \$150

### International Studies Award

#### *Sponsored by Terry Buehner*

The International Studies Award will recognize the most outstanding entries that connect the National History Day annual theme to an international person or event. There will be two prizes awarded (First and Second place) in each division (Senior and Junior) with prize amounts based on the type of project (individual or group).

#### **Senior Division**

**First Place** \$125 (Ind) or \$200 (Group)

**Second Place** \$75 (Ind) or \$100 (Group)

#### **Junior Division**

**First Place** \$125 (Ind) or \$200 (Group)

**Second Place** \$75 (Ind) or \$100 (Group)

## **Military History Prize**

### ***Anonymous***

The Military History Prize of \$100 recognizes an outstanding project on the subject of military history. This research area touches on many subjects. At first glance, a military historian may be someone who explores the decisions of commanding officers or the feats of those in battle. It could include the experience of men and women in uniform, or the influence of politics and culture on the armed forces. But military history is also about the populations who readied for, waged, endured, and reckoned with the aftermath of war. This field of history should be embraced by ALL students in their quest to become engaged citizens, thoughtful and questioning about the use of military power - now and in the future. With this goal in mind, this prize will be awarded to the best project in military history.

## **Mollie Beattie Memorial Environmental Prize**

### ***Sponsored in honor of Mollie Beattie***

The Mollie Beattie Memorial Prize of \$150 is awarded to an outstanding project focusing on the natural world. In addition to adhering to the annual theme, the entry could address topics including, but not limited to, preservation of wild lands, protection of fish, wildlife habitat, biodiversity, the support of threatened species, or similar aspirations that human members of the natural world strive to achieve in Mollie's honor. The award will be distributed evenly among group members.

After earning an M.S. in forestry from UVM, Mollie Beattie began her public environmental stewardship career as Vermont's Commissioner of Forests, Parks and Recreation. Appointed to that post by Governor Madeline Kunin in 1985, she went on to become Deputy Commissioner of DEC. A state park near her home in Grafton bears her name. Under President Clinton she became the first woman Director of the US Fish and Wildlife Service. Under her leadership 15 new wildlife refuges were created. Clinton named the largest block of wilderness in the Brooks Range of the northeastern Alaska National Wildlife Refuge after her. Among her legacies is the reintroduction of the grey wolf to northern Yellowstone National Park. She wrote, "What a country chooses to save is what a country chooses to say about itself." Mollie died of a brain tumor at age 49 in 1996. The environmental community universally mourned her passing.

## **Vermont History Award**

### ***Sponsored by the Vermont Historical Society***

The Vermont History Award of \$300 is presented to an entry in each age division, senior and junior, for demonstrated excellence in the use of primary sources for researching a Vermont history topic. In addition to the monetary award, the winning student(s) will receive a publication about Vermont history. The award will be distributed evenly among group members.

## **Women's History Award**

### ***Sponsored by Patricia Passmore Alley in memory of Helen Vrooman Passmore***

The Women's History Award is presented to the best project focusing on the contributions of a woman or women in history. The recipient of this award will receive \$250. The award will be distributed evenly among group members.

## **Teacher Prizes**

### **Calvin Coolidge Presidential Foundation Teacher Award**

#### ***Sponsored by the Calvin Coolidge Presidential Foundation***

The Coolidge Foundation offers a free History Exploration Visit for one class (up to 30 students) to the President Calvin Coolidge State Historic Site in Plymouth, Vermont. An advance reservation is required. Contact the Calvin Coolidge Presidential Foundation at (802) 672-3389 or [education@calvin-coolidge.org](mailto:education@calvin-coolidge.org).