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THE MUSEUM OF ART & HISTORY SEEKS APPLICANTS FOR LOCAL HISTORY RESEARCH PROJECT AWARD

Filmmakers, researchers, genealogists, writers, interviewers, and oral historians who plan to start a project on the history of the Monterey Bay Region are invited to apply for a \$1,000 grant to be awarded through the James Dolkas Memorial Fund at The Museum of Art & History @ the McPherson Center (MAH).

The James Dolkas Memorial Fund supports projects that promote the understanding of the history of the Santa Cruz/Monterey Bay Area both in the area of intellectual research (publishing: writing/photographic, video, voice) and material structure (objects/buildings). The endowment fund was established in honor of James Dolkas, who died in April 2001. Dolkas was the founder and original president of the History Forum, a membership affiliate support group of The Museum of Art & History. The members of the History Forum and the Sesnon Foundation set up the James Dolkas Memorial Fund through the Community Foundation of Santa Cruz County and offer the grant annually to a worthy project that will advance community awareness about regional history.

Past awardees include: Maureen Davidson for her research on the history of murals throughout Santa Cruz County in 2010, Barry Brown for his work on the California Powder Works, Santa Cruz County, 1861-1914 in 2009; Lucia MacLean for “The History of the Alba School and Recreation District in Ben Lomond”, and George Fogelson for his continued study of the History of Jews of Santa Cruz County with new research on the Alexander Family of Watsonville in 2008; Alverda Orlando for “Davenport History Website” and Philip Reader for “History of African Americans in Santa Cruz County” in 2007; and Melissa Stevens for “An Oral History of Monterey Bay Fishermen, Part I” in 2006.

Applications and detailed information are available at The Museum of Art & History @ the McPherson Center, 705 Front Street, Santa Cruz or at <http://www.santacruzmah.org/future/2011/dolkas-award/>. Candidates will be asked to submit a 500 – word narrative outlining their proposal and final work (i.e. written document, film, museum exhibition, etc.). Applications and narratives must be submitted to the Museum no later than October 3, 2011.

The recipient will be announced in November at the History Forum’s annual awards dinner.

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WHAT: James Dolkas Memorial Fund call for applicants

WHERE: The Museum of Art & History
705 Front Street Santa Cruz, CA 95060

WHEN: Application & 500 word narrative due October 3, 2011

COST: Free to apply

INFO: Call Nina Simon, MAH Executive Director
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Or Burt Rees, History Forum President (831) 438-1775

GRANT CRITERIA:

Each proposal should meet and address one or more of the following criteria:

- What is the direct and measurable benefit to the Santa Cruz /Monterey Bay Area?
- How is the proposal a local community partnership of people and resources?
- Does this project have any new audiences or participants, technologies, or ideas?

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