

The Loudoun History Awards are sponsored by Thomas Balch Library Advisory Commission. They were established to recognize contributions of local historian, John Elbert Divine (1911-1996), in preserving Loudoun County history. Divine was recognized nationally for his knowledge and understanding of the Civil War and regionally for his willingness to share historical information with others. He authored two books in the Virginia Regimental Series on the Civil War: *The 8<sup>th</sup> Virginia Infantry* and *The 35<sup>th</sup> Battalion Virginia Cavalry*. He also edited *To Talk is Treason*, an account of Waterford during the Civil War, and co-authored *Loudoun County in the Civil War*. In addition, he co-founded Loudoun County Historical Society.

Loudoun History Awards highlight diverse aspects of the county's history. They honor individuals who have made significant contributions to preserving Loudoun's past through collection of county documents and memorabilia, preservation of historic landmarks, visual arts, writing and long-term involvement in local history organizations. Presented annually since 1993, except in 2000 when renovation of Thomas Balch Library prevented the event, these awards have recognized some of Loudoun County's best known historians, writers, preservationists, and conservationists.

#### How to nominate:

Letters of nomination should include a brief statement in support of the individual's accomplishments, their mailing address, and be directed to:

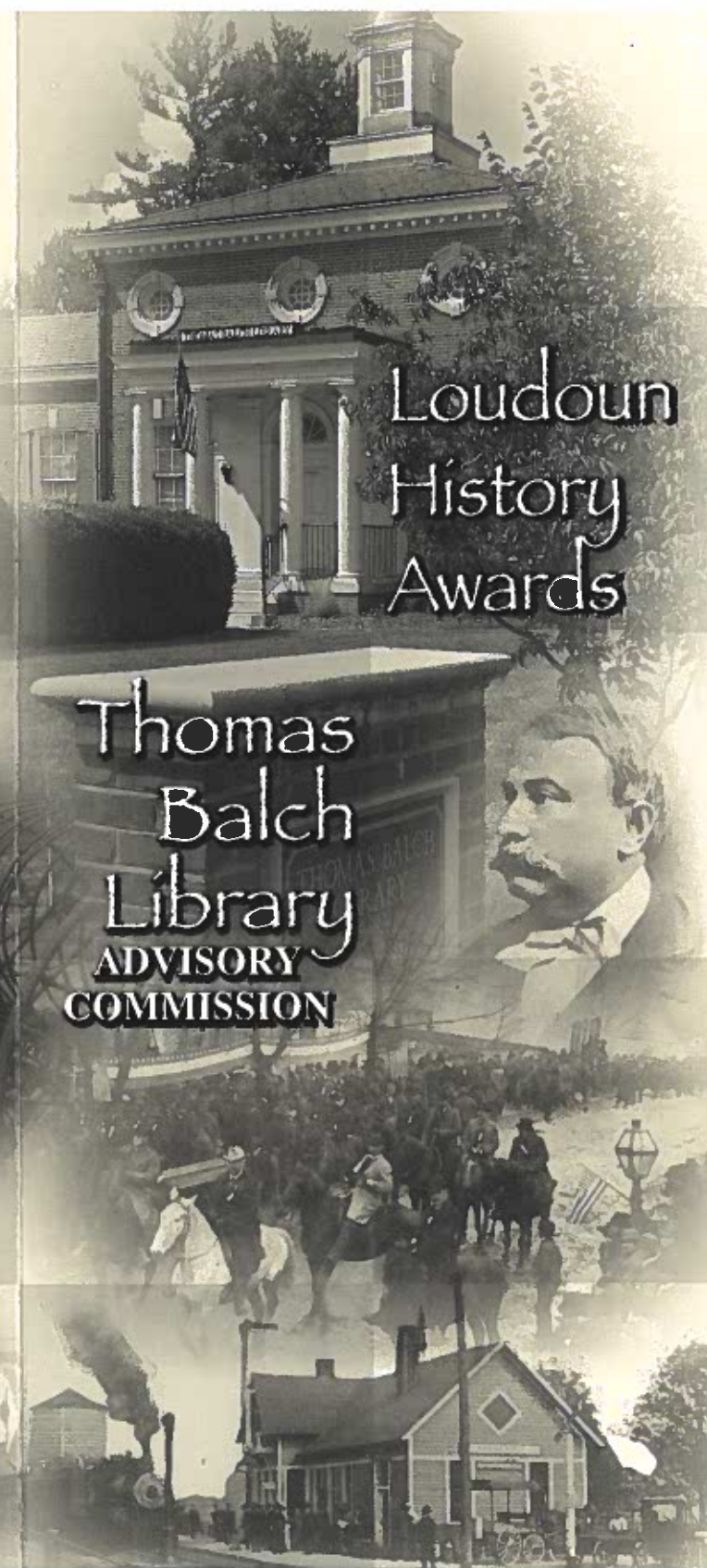
**Library Director, Thomas Balch Library**  
208 West Market Street  
Leesburg, VA 20176

- Deadline for nominations is the first Monday of October.
- Selection is made by two members of Thomas Balch Library Advisory Commission and Thomas Balch Library Director.
- Awardees are notified by the third week of October.
- The Awards Ceremony is held at Thomas Balch Library at 2PM on the first Sunday of November.
- Direct any questions to the Thomas Balch Library Director at 703-737-7195.

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## Thomas Balch Library Advisory Commission Loudoun History Award recipients:

<b>1993</b> John E. Divine Louisa S. Hutchison Carl McIntyre Vinton Liddell Pickens	<b>1996</b> Richard Gillespie W. Hugh Grubb, Jr. Kathleen McCormick Meredith Bean McMath	<b>1999</b> Tracy Gillespie Joan Gillette Rokus Wynne Saffer Mary Alice Wertz	<b>2003</b> Evelyn Porterfield Johnson Betty Morefield <b>2004</b> Peggy Sands Drummond Carol Morris Dukes Marty Hiatt Rachel Yarnell Thompson	<b>2006</b> Allen Cochran William H. Harrison Lee Daniel Kent Reginald Simms <b>2007</b> Laurel Brigade Restoration and Preservation Group Lou Etta Watkins Cate Magennis Wyatt	<b>2009</b> Anne Donovan Larson W. Brown Morton, III Henry G. Plaster Mary E. Randolph <b>2010</b> H. Vernon Davis Arlean Hill Lori Hinterleiter Kimball Margaret T. Morton	<b>2012</b> Kenneth Fleming James Hanna Louis Jett James P. Lucier, Sr. <b>2013</b> Peter Basser Elizabeth R. Frain Kevin Dulany Grigsby Georgia Ravitz	<b>2015</b> Donna Bohanon Alfred P. Van Huyck <b>2016</b> John K. (Jack) Barrett Black History Committee Heritage Bus Tour Team <b>2017</b> Phyllis Cook-Taylor James A. Morgan, III William (Bill) C. Ray	<b>2019</b> Lee Lawrence Carol Lee <b>2021</b> Michael R. Napper Family and Friends of the Mount Sinai Cemetery <b>2022</b> Susan P. Webber Charles A. Johnston <b>2023</b> George F. Atwell Leslie Wright Douglass High School Commemorative Committee, LCPS, and LC Parks & Recreation
<b>1994</b> Asa Moore Janney Werner L. Janney Charles Poland Eugene Scheel Frances Hazel Reid	<b>1997</b> Ruth and Willard Bishop Esther Rogers Cowart Agnes and B. Powell Harrison Jane Norman <b>1998</b> Kim B. Holien Ann Whitehead Thomas Elaine E. Thompson Landon O. Wynkoop L.C. Historical Society	<b>2001</b> Joni Crane Mary Bettis Fishback Deborah Lee Dorothy K. Rickard Loudoun Restoration and Preservation Society <b>2002</b> John Fishback Olivia Marie Henry Mattie Lassiter William F. O'Keefe	<b>2005</b> Patricia B. Duncan Betty Whiting Flemming Thomas D. Horne Pauline Singletary 1/24/250	<b>2008</b> Mitch Diamond Phil and Sandra Ehrenkranz Stevan F. Meserve James P. Roberts	<b>2011</b> Childs F. Burden Taylor M. Chamberlin Paul McCray John M. Souders	<b>2014</b> Vernon Peterson Stephen C. Price  NOTE: No award given in 2020 (Covid-19) or 2000	<b>2018</b> Lee D. Stone	