Recognizing achievement in heritage Web site design

Each year, Museums and the Web sponsors the Best of the Web competition. Museum Web sites from around the world are nominated in a variety of categories and judged by an independent panel of judges.

This year's categories include:

- Best On-line Exhibition
- Best E-Services Site
- Best Museum Web Site Supporting Educational Use
- Best Innovative or Experimental Application
- Best Museum Professional's Site
- Best Museum Research Site
- Best Overall Museum Web site

As well as choosing the best in each category, the judges pick the "Best of the Web" from all the sites nominated. This award recognizes the outstanding nature of a site and its overall contribution to the institution, museum profession and cultural informatics community.

Nominations

Nominations for the Best of the Web contest closed January 31, 2004. Members of the community suggested sites for the judges to review.

See if your favourite site has been nominated.

Prior winners were:

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**Overall Chairs of the Best of the Web Contest**

**David Greenfield**  
GolomGraphica, USA

**Jim Angus**  
Website Project Manager, National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke USA

**Best of the Web Judges**

All sites are reviewed by a committee of judges.

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American Revolution Project  
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University of Bergen  
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Hunterian Museum and Art Gallery  
University of Glasgow  
Scotland

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National Maritime Museum  
United Kingdom

**Karen Elinich**  
Director, Educational Technology Programs

**Anne Robinson**  
Content and Web Site Manager
Conflicts of Interest

No site will be considered for a Best of the Web Award, if a judge is associated with it in any way.