



THE WESTERNERS

POTOMAC CORRAL

Guidelines for the Jeff C. Dykes Memorial Award **Revised 2002**

1. The Jeff C. Dykes Memorial Award of the Potomac Corral of the Westerners was established in 1990 to recognize notable contributions to Western affairs and to honor the memory of Jefferson Chenoweth Dykes, a prominent and widely recognized figure in the broad compass identified as the American West and a founding member of the Potomac Corral. The Dykes Award is to be presented annually at the Corral held on the fourth Wednesday of each May to a person or persons determined by a committee appointed by the Sheriff to have made significant contributions to the understanding and promotion of Western affairs.
2. Upon taking office in May of each year, the Sheriff of the Potomac Corral will appoint a chairman and at least two others from the Corral membership to the Dykes Award committee. It will be the duty of this committee to nominate a candidate or candidates for the award. The nomination shall consist of a short biographical sketch of the nominee or nominees, which shall be presented to the Sheriff no later than the January meeting of the Corral. The nomination must be affirmed by a majority of the Corral in attendance at the regularly monthly meeting at which the Sheriff announces the committee's recommendation.
3. For purposes of guidance to the committee in the selection of the nominee for the Dykes Award, a "contribution" is defined as a book, article, or other publication, museum exhibit, or extraordinary political, social or professional service. The term "Western Affairs" is considered to embrace matters concerning the history, heritage, environment, art, literature or politics of the American West.

4. As an anchor organization in the Westerners and the sponsor of a prestigious award named for a distinguished Westerner and founding member, the Potomac Corral has set high standards for the Dykes Award. With the dual purpose of memorialization and achievement, the Jeff C. Dykes Award is a defining instrument for the Potomac Corral, and it is incumbent on the nominating committee to adhere to these high standards in the selection process.
5. The winner (or winners) of the Dykes Award will receive an attractive plaque with fitting inscriptions, a certificate, and a \$100 honorarium. If convenient, the winner will be asked to address the membership at the award ceremony. The Corral may also offer to assist the winner or winners with travel expenses.

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