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MCH SEEKS NOMINATIONS FOR GOVERNOR'S HUMANITIES AWARDS

MISSOULA —

The Montana Committee for the Humanities, Montana's affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities, is seeking nominations for the 2001 Governor's Humanities Awards.

Since 1984 the committee has honored excellence in the humanities in Montana. In 1995 Gov. Marc Racicot and MCH conferred the first Montana Governor's Humanities Awards at a ceremony in Missoula. A second awards ceremony occurred in 1996 in Great Falls, and a third ceremony was held in Billings in 1998. The 2001 Governor's Humanities Awards will be conferred at a ceremony next year in Helena.

There are no formal award categories. When selecting the awards, MCH will focus on scholarship in and service to the humanities, the enhancement of public understanding of the humanities, and other humanities-related endeavors. The humanities include the study of literature, history, philosophy, languages, religious studies and other disciplines.

Past recipients of the Governor's Award are Ivan Doig of Seattle, Bill Johnson of KPAX-TV in Missoula, The Montana Association of Churches, Dan Cushman of **Great Falls**,

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Joe MacDonald of Salish Kootenai College in Pablo, Toni Hagener of Havre, Dave Walter of Helena and Anna Zellick of Lewistown.

Nominations should be no more than two typewritten pages in length and should address the nominee's contributions in or to the humanities. Nominations for both individuals and organizations will be considered. Members of MCH and its staff are ineligible for consideration.

The deadline for receipt of nominations is Friday, Aug. 18. Nominations should be sent to Governor's Humanities Awards, Montana Committee for the Humanities, 311 Brantly Hall, The University of Montana, Missoula MT 59804-7848.

For more information, write MCH at the above address, call toll free in Montana at (800) 624-6001 or e-mail lastbest@selway.umt.edu.

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