

Lee I Pickering Award of Excellence -

The Lee I. Pickering Award of Excellence – presented to John Dunnewind at the 2023 Annual Holiday Brunch of The Native Sons and Daughters of Greater Kansas City on December 9, 2023, in recognition of his devoted 13 years of exemplary service and commitment to this organization as Chair of the Bylaws Committee, assuming the office of President of NSDKC mid-year, and as Chair of the Advisory Committee. In particular this award is for his leadership in 2023 to revise, modify, and clarify the NSDKC Bylaws to conform with current adoptive policies and procedures. Over his many years of leadership in various roles, he has maintained the course of our organization's operations, assuring its interests and activities were in conformance with its guiding documents. John's dedication to the mission of NSDKC is reflected in its many decades of preserving the history and heritage of our Kansas City region.

James Anderson Historic Preservation Award

The James Anderson Historic Preservation Award – presented to Peggy Van Witt of Van Witt Fine Art Conservation, at the 2023 Annual Holiday Brunch of The Native Sons & Daughters of Greater Kansas City on December 9, 2023. This award is in recognition of her restoration of the mural of *Kansas City's Westport Landing*. The mural had been placed in various locations around Kansas City, had been shown on a concave wall with low lighting, and had incurred a thick layer of non-reversible shellac and linseed oil that covered the entire mural. The surface coating had significantly darkened and yellowed the entire mural and had caused cracking and blistering. The extensive and detailed work of Peggy and her team over several weeks of time repaired and restored the mural back to its original 1930's glory. The mural is now located in Union Station Kansas City over the grand staircase. Copy of this mural is presently being used as the Masthead of any notice of information and events for NSDKC in its programs of historic preservation and education of the Greater Kansas City area.