



Betty Stokes, of Louisville, Wins 2010 KHS Award of Distinction

FRANKFORT, Ky. (Nov. 17, 2010)— The Kentucky Historical Society (KHS) honored outstanding achievements in the field of Kentucky history at the 2010 Kentucky History Celebration on Nov. 5 at the Old State Capitol in downtown Frankfort.

Among this year's winners was Betty Southard Stokes, who won the KHS Award of Distinction, presented annually to an individual who has made a significant contribution to state and local history as a volunteer, board member or member of an organization.

Stokes, a veteran educator whose career spans 36 years as a teacher and an administrator, has been recognized numerous times throughout her career for outstanding service. In 1983, she was named Outstanding Teacher by the Jefferson County Public Schools. In 1985, she was recognized by the Kentucky Council of Social Studies for her work, and in 1998 she was recognized by the Kentucky Environmental Education Association.

Throughout her career, Stokes has developed educational resources and programs to be used by educators to cultivate a love of local and state history. In 2000, as principal of Trunnell Elementary School in Louisville, Stokes created a postcard series—a series of children's books that tell the story of the Lewis and Clark Expedition. Stokes will expand the series in the future to include "Postcards from Daniel," to tell the story of Daniel Boone, and "Postcards from Abe," to tell the story of Abraham Lincoln.

Even in retirement, Stokes continues to share her knowledge of Kentucky history through teaching, workshops about writing, publishing and genealogy, and through her most recent project, "The One Room Schoolhouse," which tutors students and helps them and their parents with history projects.

The Kentucky History Awards program, presented annually by KHS, recognizes exceptional achievements in Kentucky history by individuals, business and civic leaders, communities, museums and history organizations throughout the Commonwealth. The program also honors individuals and groups that have demonstrated efforts to promote the preservation, awareness and appreciation of state and local history.



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