



Historic Deerfield

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Historic Deerfield President Philip Zea Named 2009 ADA Award of Merit Recieipient

Historic Deerfield 's President Philip Zea has been honored with the 2009 Award of Merit from the Antiques Dealers' Association of America. Zea was presented with the award at a dinner in his honor on April 18th at the Philadelphia Antiques Show.

"I'm truly honored and humbled," Zea said.

Zea first came to Historic Deerfield as an assistant curator in 1981. He quickly climbed the ranks and ascended to the position of chief curator from 1986 to 1996, and deputy director from 1996 to 1999. During that time, Zea played an active role in returning the ADA's fall antiques show to Deerfield.



Following a brief tenure as curator of furniture at Colonial Williamsburg, Zea moved to Boston where he became vice president of museums and collections at Historic New England (formerly SPNEA), then returned to Deerfield as president in 2003.

Since his return, Zea has played an instrumental role in several large endeavors including balancing the budget, the completion of the Flynt Center of Early New England Life, and the acquisition of the William H. Guthman Collection of Engraved Powder Horns

"Phil is one of the most approachable people I've met. He is always interested, he is always looking and thinking and always engaged," said ADA President John Keith Russell. "He's the first to jump look at something and talk about it and share his

thoughts."

The ADA Award of Merit is voted on by the members of the ADA (Antiques Dealers' Association of America) and is presented to an individual who has made a significant contribution to the field of American antiques.

About Historic Deerfield

Historic Deerfield (www.historic-deerfield.org) is a nationally recognized museum offering tours of period houses and the Flynt Center of Early New England Life. Now featuring exhibitions:

- *Stimulating Beverages: Tea Coffee and Chocolate Wares at Historic Deerfield*, on view through August 9, 2009.
- *Into the Woods: Crafting Early American Furniture*, a long-term furniture exhibition on view through 2013.
- *Engraved Powder Horns from the French and Indian War and the American Revolution: The William H. Guthman Collection*, permanent.
- *Celebrating the Fiber Arts: The Helen Geier Flynt Textile Gallery*, a permanent exhibition with changing elements.

Historic Deerfield also offers relaxed fine dining at Champney's Restaurant and Tavern at the Deerfield Inn, lodging at the 1884 Deerfield Inn (www.deerfieldinn.com), and shopping at the Museum Store (www.deerfieldstore.com). Please call 413-775-7214 for museum information and program schedule.



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