



Onondaga Historical Society Presents OHA Medal to Crouse Hospital Archivist Kristine Delaney

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On Thursday, June 20, the Onondaga Historical Association presented its OHA Medal, which had been awarded just 19 times since its inception in 1945. The Medal is OHA's highest recognition to individuals, organizations and businesses that have made important contributions to the preservation, study and interpretation of Onondaga County history.

The recipient of this honor was Crouse Hospital Library's Manager and Archivist Kristine Delaney for her work over many years of documenting and preserving Crouse Hospital's 125-year history and that of our College of Nursing, celebrating its centennial this year.

"It is significant to know that these histories are well cared for, thanks in no small way to Kristine's hard work," said Gregg Tripoli, OHA's Executive Director. She collaborated with OHA on the Crouse 120th anniversary exhibit at their museum in downtown

Syracuse, along with an accompanying booklet and video. "The 120th anniversary project would not have been possible without the well organized archives that Kris has developed and maintained at the hospital's library," noted Tripoli.

Kris has continued to keep the hospital's rich history in the forefront of staff and visitors with various exhibit photos installed in the many areas of the hospital and the Marley Education Center, where the hospital library is located. She also leads the Visual Arts Sub-Committee of the hospital's Healing Environment team.

Kris was one of three recipients of this year's award; the other two recipients were the Erie Canal Museum and the Town of Onondaga Historical Society. The OHA medal is a handsome, two-sided bronze piece struck in 1894 to commemorate the centennial anniversary of the founding of Onondaga County. The face of the medal portrays the icons of the Haudenosaunee Indian Nation, while on the reverse is a map of a portion of the old military tract.

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