

## **Holmes-Gardner Medal**

**Approved by Membership at MAAC Annual Meeting, 3/15/14**

1. Purpose: The Holmes-Gardner Medal, named for William Henry Holmes and William M. Gardner, recognizes excellence in Middle Atlantic archaeological scholarship by archaeologists who have made enduring contributions to research and practice in the region throughout their careers.
2. Criteria: To be considered for the medal, nominees must demonstrate:
  - a. sustained and major scholarly contributions to the field of Middle Atlantic Archaeology;
  - b. a clearly articulated research program that has broadly impacted the practice of Middle Atlantic archaeology;
  - c. regular publication and/or dissemination of information in venues recognized as authoritative; and
  - d. innovation in the integration of theory and method to further the regional identification of the Middle Atlantic in national and international contexts.
3. Regularity of Presentation: The Holmes-Gardner Medal may be presented to one archaeologist every three years if an appropriate nominee is brought forward. No more than one medal will be given at a time. The presentation will occur at the Annual Meeting of the Middle Atlantic Archaeological Conference. A call for nominations will be distributed in August every third year by the MAAC Awards Committee, with materials due to that committee on November 30 of the same year.
4. Nomination Process and Packet: An individual may not submit a nomination letter on his/her own behalf. The nomination packet will include
  - a. a letter of nomination detailing the nominee's contributions;
  - b. a current, full curriculum vita for the nominee\*;
  - c. a sample of six published documents or electronic media recognized as exemplary of the nominee's work\*;
  - d. three letters of support from recognized scholars in a position to evaluate the nominee's contributions.

\*Items b and c may be gathered with the assistance of the nominee.

5. Selection Committee: The selection committee will be comprised of three members of MAAC who have demonstrated broad expertise in Middle Atlantic archaeology. Committee members will be appointed by the President and serve in a 3-year cycle, with a maximum of 2 cycles. Committee members may not bring nominations during their term of service. If a committee member is nominated for the medal, he/she must recuse him/herself. The President will assure continuity of process with at least one repeating member every three years. The committee will select a chair every three years. The Chair will liaise with the Executive Board and receive nomination materials from the Awards Committee.
6. Nature of the Award: The winner will receive a silver medal struck with the likenesses of William Henry Holmes and William M. Gardner, the words "Middle Atlantic Archaeological Conference" above, and "Holmes-Gardner Medal" below. The winner's name and date of the award will be engraved on the reverse.