About The Colonial Dames of America and its Book Award Program

The Colonial Dames of America (CDA), founded in 1890, is the oldest colonial lineage society for women in the United States. Since 1951, the Society has recognized books of merit that chronicle American history, life, and material culture by giving an Annual Award to the author of an outstanding work and a Citation to a second well-received book. The CDA also presents an award to a book written for Young Readers.

Books to be considered are required to be non-fiction, single-volume, and published during a specified time period prior to bestowal. Both author and publisher must be American. The CDA Book Award Committee meets regularly to suggest and review worthy qualifying publications.

Awards are presented in conjunction with the Society’s Annual Meeting at an event where all Dames and their guests are welcomed and the winner is invited to speak.

Through the Book Award program and other projects, The Colonial Dames of America carries out its mission to honor American history through preservation and education. CDA has forty chapters in the United States and internationally.
The Colonial Dames of America
Book Award 70th Anniversary Luncheon
Event Program

Welcome Remarks by President General
Rebecca Howard Madsen

Invocation by Sharon Hare

First Course
History of the Book Award Committee, Early Years
Book Award Chairman Jocelyn Lance

Main Course

Dessert
History of the Book Award Committee, Recent Years
Book Award Chairman Jocelyn Lance

Special Recognitions

Concluding Remarks by President General
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