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## **Sower Award nominations are due June 1**

The Nebraska Humanities Council (NHC) is seeking nominations for its annual Sower Award in the Humanities, which recognizes individuals, institutions, businesses and communities that have made a significant contribution to public understanding of the humanities in Nebraska.

The Sower Award will be presented during ceremonies at the 14th Annual Governor's Lecture in the Humanities Nov. 4 at Joslyn Art Museum in Omaha. Matt Miller, *Fortune* columnist and prolific author, whose works include the 2003 bestseller *The 2% Solution* and the current *The Tyranny of Dead Ideas: Letting Go Of The Old Ways Of Thinking To Unleash A New Prosperity*, will deliver this year's lecture.

Sower Award nominations must be postmarked no later than June 1. For more information or to receive a nomination form, contact the Nebraska Humanities Council at 215 Centennial Mall South, Suite 330, Lincoln, NE 68508; call (402) 474-2131 ext. 102, fax (402) 474-4852 or e-mail [nhc@nebraskahumanities.org](mailto:nhc@nebraskahumanities.org). The nomination form also can be downloaded at [www.nebraskahumanities.org/governor/award.html](http://www.nebraskahumanities.org/governor/award.html).

Previous awards have recognized the work of humanities faculty who have taken the humanities to the public beyond their classroom, volunteers who have enhanced the cultural life of their state, and journalists and filmmakers who have brought the humanities to bear on important public issues. Other winners include museums, historical societies and libraries that have expanded their mission to include active collaborations in humanities programming with schools and other organizations; businesses and foundations whose support for the humanities has enriched Nebraskans' lives; and communities that have incorporated local ethnic and historical identity in community planning and economic development.

Among individuals who have won the Sower Award are Native American leader Charles Trimble, public TV pioneers Jack McBride and Ron Hull, State Sen. LaVon Crosby, storyteller Nancy Duncan, humanities advocate Jack Campbell, philanthropist E.N. "Jack" Thompson, historians Ronald Naugle and Gary Moulton and poets Don Welch and Ted Kooser. Winning institutions include El Museo Latino, the Beatrice Public Library and the Omaha World-Herald. Cozad, Seward, and Gering/Scottsbluff are among communities that have won the award.

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