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## **“The Old Courthouse” Publication Wins National Award**

St. Louis, Missouri, April 11, 2005: “The Old Courthouse” book, published by Jefferson National Parks Association, won the award for a publication 48 pages and under in March, at the annual Association of Partners for Public Lands (APPL) convention. APPL is a non-profit organization with members who are dedicated to public understanding, appreciation and stewardship of America’s natural and cultural heritage. The APPL convention and awards ceremony was held in Portland, Oregon. The Media and Partnership Awards recognize achievements in publications, product development and programming by all non-profit public land partners. Twenty-six organizations submitted 91 entries in 14 categories to this year’s competition. A panel of 16 volunteer judges chose the winners and honorable mentions from this group of excellent products and programs. APPL comments on these quality products and programs: “These efforts enable visitors to America’s public lands to embark on their own journeys of discovery.”

“The Old Courthouse”, a 48-page book, gives the history and description of the Old Courthouse in St. Louis, Missouri. The Old Courthouse in downtown St. Louis is a structure of both historical and architectural significance. Included in the book is history on the construction of the courthouse, its function as a courthouse and the court cases held there. There are 37 color professional photographs as well as black and white photos along with sketches and text that reflect not only the history of St. Louis but also that of our entire nation. The book was written by Robert J. Moore, Jr., who has a PhD in history with a background in art and film. The Old Courthouse is headquarters for Jefferson National Expansion Memorial and serves the community as a museum recalling the city’s history.

Jefferson National Parks Association is a federally recognized National Park Service (NPS) cooperating association. As a private non-profit organization, we support the educational, historical and interpretive activities of the NPS and other public lands in a variety of ways. Jefferson National Expansion Memorial is our largest partner which includes the Gateway Arch and the Old Courthouse in St. Louis.

*Jefferson National Parks Association educates and inspires present and future generations through the priceless national parks and historic treasures of St. Louis and the Nation.*

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