

PENN STATE PUBLIC BROADCASTING WINS TWO REGIONAL EMMY AWARDS
"The Grange Fair" and "Geology in the National Parks" Recognized

UNIVERSITY PARK, PA (Sept. 19, 2005) - Penn State Public Broadcasting (PSPB) won two regional Emmy awards at the Mid-Atlantic Chapter of the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences presentation in Philadelphia this weekend. "Grange Fair: An American Tradition" won first place in the documentary category and "Geology in the National Parks" won first place in the program feature/informational category.

"Penn State Public Broadcasting is pleased that the expertise of its production staff has been recognized in a multi-state competition reflecting the best work of stations and cable systems across the mid-Atlantic region," said Station Manager Tracy Vosburgh.

"The Grange Fair: An American Tradition" was directed and co-written by Joe Myers and executive produced by Tom Keiter and Tracy Vosburgh. Greg Feinberg was co-writer and editor. Jeff Preston was director of photography. The documentary highlights the Centre County Grange Fair and is being distributed nationwide on PBS Plus. The program has already been recognized with a U.S. International Film Festival silver screen award and a Telly bronze award.

Winning the outstanding program feature/informational category, "Geology in the National Parks" was co-written and directed by Tom Keiter, co-written and edited by Joe Myers with Jeff Preston as videographer. The segment aired on PSPB's "Pennsylvania Inside Out" program. It features the Geology in the National Parks course taught on location by Evan Pugh Professor Richard Alley and Sridhar Anandkrishnan, associate professor, from the College of Earth and Mineral Sciences. The feature has already been recognized with a first place Telly award and a first place Communicator award.

PSPB was nominated for regional Emmy awards in five categories, including additionally "Children and Autism: Time is Brain" for outstanding health and science program; "Center Court with Rene Portland" for outstanding sports series and "The Penn State 150th Celebration Spot" for outstanding public service announcement (PSA). Among public broadcasting stations, PSPB tied with WQED Pittsburg for two awards each. WHYY Philadelphia and the New Jersey Network each received one.

The Mid-Atlantic Chapter of the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences is a non-profit professional association serving the television community in the Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Delaware regions. Recognizing excellence in regional television news, programming and individual achievement, Emmy nominees are judged by peers in other television markets. Members represent over 30 television stations, cable companies and cable programmers, production houses, educational institutions and the independent producing community.

Penn State Public Broadcasting (WPSX-TV) broadcasts over 300 hours a year of local productions about central Pennsylvania and serves 29 counties.

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