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The Indian Arts and Crafts Board of the Department of the Interior announced today the third set of awards which are being made "in recognition of long and outstanding services in the preservation, encouragement and development of the arts and crafts of the American Indians."

These awards, consisting of certificates of appreciation, are being presented today in Gatlinburg, Tennessee. Recipients, and the categories for which they on, include:

1. The Southern Highland Handicraft Guild, of Asheville, North Carolina-- Nonprofit organizations.
2. Mrs. Lottie Stamper, Cherokee, North Carolina--Indian craftsmen.
3. Allen H. Eaton, Crestwood, New York--Collectors or patrons of Indian Arts and Crafts.

Erich Kohlberg, a member of the Indian Arts and Crafts Board, is making the presentation of awards today. The basis for selection of winners is the longstanding services over and above the normal activities of the recipients in each classification.

The Chairman of the Indian Arts and Crafts Board is Rene d'Harnoncourt, Director of the Museum of Modern Art, New York City. Other members of the Board, all serving without compensation and under appointment by the Secretary of the Interior, are:

Frederick J. Dockstader, Assistant Director, Museum of the American Indian, New York City; Vincent Price, actor and collector of Indian art, Los Angeles; and Mr. Kohlberg, dealer in Indian crafts, Denver, Colorado.