



Washington State Genealogical Society

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To: Board of Directors, Genealogical Societies

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OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEER AWARDS

Introduction

The Outstanding Volunteer Awards Program provides recognition to those individuals who have been identified by their local genealogical organization to be honored for exceptional efforts. We started this program, not as a competition between organizations, but as a means for your society or group to give widespread recognition to your best volunteers.

WSGS will produce an award certificate using a brief narrative of accomplishments and a digital photograph provided by the local organization. The awards are announced at the WSGS annual meeting and conference, and the certificates are given to those honored volunteers who are present. Remaining award certificates will be sent to the originating society for presentation. The narrative will also be abstracted, without the photo, into the WSGS Newsletter and onto the WSGS website to show others around the state what good works your volunteers do and that your organization appreciates their efforts.

Award Categories

Generally, awards are given in two general categories: (1) *for exceptional and consistent support of the goals and operation of their home society*, and (2) *for outstanding efforts in the identification, preservation, dissemination or publication of information of genealogical importance and value to researchers interested in the families of Washington State*. However, this is not set in stone. You may have someone who is very active in both categories; therefore, you might wish to have a separate certificate for each or a single award covering both areas. Two or three people working together on a records project or journal might be recognized as a team for the award. A society might recognize a person who isn't even a member but who has helped in some significant way to improve the society's operation, library facility or research effort. The achievement may have covered several years; perhaps by a charter member long since inactive but remembered and worthy of recognition before it is too late to say "thank you." We have issued posthumous awards so that survivors can see how much their loved one was appreciated. We hope you will recognize at least one of your volunteers each year.

What to Submit

All we need is the volunteer's name, the desired category, a brief narrative of the volunteer's accomplishments and a digital photograph. We prefer to use the full name, including maiden name, on the certificate's lead statement, although a nickname will work fine in the narrative.

Explain what the volunteer has accomplished to support your organization's genealogical goals or related community activities. Try to keep the narrative to no more than 150 words. We have some latitude by reducing the font size or reducing the picture size if the narrative is longer than 125 - 150 words. More narrative can be accommodated if there is no photo, but a photograph greatly improves the award certificate.

If you provide a photo, full length or covering head to waist, we can crop the photo to show the person's head and shoulders. It is best not to try doing this head-and-shoulder close-up by

moving the camera close to the subject, because the head may become distorted. Also look behind the person so they don't appear to have antlers; a neutral-colored wall is easiest to work with. If your volunteer is very sensitive about having photos taken, ask them if they will let you scan a copy of their favorite portrait photo. A photo from when they were younger will work fine if it makes them more comfortable. If you want the award to be a surprise and are reluctant to tip your hand by asking to take a photo, try having an annual photo session with all your key volunteers and officers "to be put in our society's history scrapbook."

Deadline for Submissions: August 1, 2009

This year's WSGS annual meeting and conference will be September 12, 2009. While we can do a last-minute award certificate, we would like to have your submissions this year **not later than August 1, 2009**. This will give us time to contact you for any clarification and to have you proof the certificate before final printing.

Please send your organization's submissions by email, with an attached digital photo, to Bob Witherspoon, at **rgwspoon@aol.com**. If necessary, mail submissions to him at PO Box 491, Bellingham, WA 98227-0491.

Indexes and Narratives

Attached are indexes of current and previous award recipients; one lists the participating organizations, showing the year and names of their honored volunteers, and the second is arranged alphabetically by recipient name and year of award. We expect shortly to provide access on the WSGS website to the narratives of accomplishment from the Outstanding Volunteer Award certificates.

If you need a copy of certificates for the awards your organization has submitted in the past, or your organization has not submitted anyone for the award before, please contact me.

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Outstanding Volunteer Awards by Organization 2003 - 2008

Award citation narratives for the following recipients may be found on the WSGS website shortly, arranged by year of the award, WSGS Region, local society and finally by the recipient's name.

Bainbridge Island Genealogical Society (Region 3)
2007 - Priscilla Greenlees

Black Genealogy Research Group of Seattle (Region 2)
2007 - Edith Gibson Giles; Jacqueline Eva Alexander Lawson; Cynthia White Wilson

Chelan Valley Genealogical Society (Region 8)
2007 - Marcelle Beckley Carpenter; Vianna Curry Jensen; Linda Wall Martinson
2008 - Callie Jo Eli; Maureen Mae White

Clallam County Genealogical Society (Region 3)
2003 - Virginia DeVine Fitzpatrick; Carol Seaman Foss
2004 - LaVeta M. Edmonson; Alice Rapasky
2006 - Dorothy Bailey; Susan Koehler
2007 - Richard Latter Gilberg; June Peterson Robinson
2008 - Carol Seaman Foss; Susan Koehler

Columbia Gorge Genealogical Society (Region 5)
2006 - Lorna L. Delaney Elliott
2007 - Earline Clark Wasser

Eastern Washington Genealogical Society (Region 7)
2005 - Barbara Stuart Brazington; Jeanne McAlexander Tomlin
2008 - Donna Potter Phillips

Genealogical Society of South Whidbey Island (Region 1)
2003 - Ralph Seefeld; R. Ann Ingram Wright
2005 - Ralph Seefeld; Diane Wagner
2006 - Doreen Quayle Johnson; Ralph Seefeld
2008 - Harriet Wahlstrand DeWolfe

Grays Harbor Genealogical Society (Region 3)
2003 - Clarence Durham; Anna Tetreau
2004 - Marilyn Drake; Victoria J. Fenton; Gordon M. Love
2005 - Catherine Cook; Pamela Hagedorn

Jefferson County Genealogical Society (Region 3)
2003 - Lora Eccles; Eileen Martin
2004 - Bev Brice; Harlean Hamilton
2005 - Phil Kohl; Marge Samuelson
2006 - Tom Berg; Pam Wilson
2007 - James Christianson; Victoria A. Davis
2008 - Joan Buhler; Landon Kimbrough

Lewis County Genealogical Society (Region 4)
2004 - Marjorie Ann Koher Lloyd; Linda Patton
2006 - Joann Hulse; Leslie Parnell
2008 - Jeffery M. Moon; Gayle and Richard Stephens

Lower Columbia Genealogical Society (Region 4)
2008 - Alice Loree Collins Sanders

Northeast Washington Genealogical Society (Region 7)
2006 - Susan Gallyon Dechant
2008 - Roger W. May

Okanogan County Genealogical Society (Region 8)
2004 - Ada Buchanan James; Lola Mooney Power; Violet Utt
2005 - Gero Mitschelan; Maggie Mitschelan
2006 - Lavon Elder Mundinger; Marilyn Dee Musgrove Poole

Puget Sound Genealogical Society (Region 3)
2006 - Larry Harden; Sandie Morrison

Skagit Valley Genealogical Society (Region 1)
2003 - John Fisher; Hazel Walters Rasar
2004 - Daniel P. Royal; June E. Russell
2006 - Norma Keefe-Hills, Diane Lenore Ulrich Partington and
Barbara Harshman Ricketts; and Arnold Stewart
2007 - Iona Raney; Lorraine McDougale Rothenbuhler
2008 - Laura Pemberton Sparr; Arnold Kendrick Stewart; Joan Ardith Martin Udd

Sno-Isle Genealogical Society (Region 1)
2003 - Phylis Fakler Jorgenson
2005 - Margaret Robe Summitt; Carole M. Thul
2006 - Corrine Marie Salomonson Berry; M. Noreen Casey Snell
2007 - Margaret V. Reid
2008 - Betty Lou (Deeback) Gaeng; Dan Irving

South King County Genealogical Society (Region 2)
2004 - Betty Ulrich Cooper; Barbara Stokey Heutchy
2007 - Waneta King Bosshart; Karen Lee Rosenberg Bouton

Stillaguamish Valley Genealogical Society (Region 1)
2008 - Marietta Colbern Roth

Tacoma-Pierce County Genealogical Society (Region 2)
2003 - Janet Glee Nixon Baccus; Mary Louise Powell Gorham
2004 - Maxine Day Alexander; Marie Henning-Anderson Hayden
2006 - Ellen Davis McKanna; Persis Reynolds Shook
2007 - Audrey Roley

Tri-City Genealogical Society (Region 6)
2003 - Lois Price; Lee Smith
2005 - Clark Denise; Mary Hahn; Anne Nolan
2006 - Marjorie Anne Stein Beldin; Janis Wirth Littlefield
2007 - Richard P. Allen; Susan Davis Faulkner

2008 - Ray Baalman; Elaine Stahl Wasil

Washington State Genealogical Society

2003 - Frank L. McLean; Hazel Walters Rasar

2004 - Alma Greenwood; Roger H. Newman

2006 - Susan B. Ericksen; Frank L. McLean; Laura Pemberton Sparr

2008 - Roger H. Newman

Wenatchee Area Genealogical Society (Region 8)

2004 - Joanne Calhoun; Fred Pflugrath

2005 - Louie Guizzetti; Peggy Hoaglin

2006 - Margaret J. Florence Dent; Anne Sonney Livingston

2007 - Elizabeth Marie Carrick; Patricia R. Phillips Wenham

2008 - Phyllis Frenald Griffith; Charles and Carroll Allen Munson

Whatcom Genealogical Society (Region 1)

2003 - Merrily Gilbert Lawson; Nancy Rowland Parker

2004 - Susan Nahas; Sharon Neem

2005 - Marva Lee Wohlman Langsted; Robert Graham Witherspoon

2006 - Linda Kay Lawson; Barbara Bovella Lynch

2008 - Carol McFeron Signett

Yakima Valley Genealogical Society (Region 5)

2003 - Maxine Zabel Bissell; Ellen Kennedy Brzoska

2004 - JoAnn Marvin Gardner; Jay Wilbur Helm; Jack Milton Lines

2005 - Frank L. McLean; Opal I. Myhres

2008 - Dot and Earl Derry; Clar Pratt

Outstanding Volunteer Awards by Recipient Names

2003-2008

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<u>RECIPIENT</u>	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>RECIPIENT</u>	<u>YEAR</u>
Maxine Day Alexander	2004	Victoria J. Fenton	2004
Richard P. Allen	2007	John Fisher	2003
Ray Baalman	2008	Virginia DeVine Fitzpatrick	2003
Janet Glee Nixon Baccus	2003	Carol Seaman Foss	2003, 2008
Dorothy Bailey	2006	Betty Lou (Deeback) Gaeng	2008
Marjorie Anne Stein Beldin	2006	JoAnn Marvin Gardner	2004
Tom Berg	2006	Richard Latter Gilberg	2007
Corrine Marie Salomonson Berry	2006	Edith Gibson Giles	2007
Maxine Zabel Bissell	2003	Mary Louise Powell Gorham	2003
Waneta King Bosshart	2007	Priscilla Greenlees	2007
Karen Lee Rosenberg Bouton	2007	Alma Greenwood	2004
Barbara Stuart Brazington	2005	Phyllis Frenald Griffith	2008
Bev Brice	2004	Louie Guizzetti	2005
Ellen Kennedy Brzoska	2003	Pamela Hagedorn	2005
Joan Buhler	2008	Mary Hahn	2005
Joanne Calhoun	2004	Harlean Hamilton	2004
Marcelle Beckley Carpenter	2007	Larry Harden	2006
Elizabeth Marie Carrick	2007	Marie Henning-Anderson Hayden	2004
James Christianson	2007	Jay Wilbur Helm	2004
Catherine Cook	2005	Barbara Stokey Heutchy	2004
Betty Ulrich Cooper	2004	Peggy Hoaglin	2005
Victoria A. Davis	2007	Joann Hulse	2006
Susan Gallyon Dechant	2006	Dan Irving	2008
Clark Denise	2005	Ada Buchanan James	2004
Margaret J. Florence Dent	2006	Vianna Curry Jensen	2007
Dot and Earl Derry	2008	Doreen Quayle Johnson	2006
Harriet Wahlstrand DeWolfe	2008	Phylis Fakler Jorgenson	2003
Marilyn Drake	2004	Norma Keefe-Hills	2006
Clarence Durham	2003	Landon Kimbrough	2008
Lora Eccles	2003	Susan Koehler	2006, 2008
LaVeta M. Edmonson	2004	Phil Kohl	2005
Callie Jo Eli	2008	Marva Lee Wohlman Langsted	2005
Lorna L. Delaney Elliott	2006	Jacqueline Eva Alexander Lawson	2007
Susan B. Semenza Ericksen	2006	Linda Kay Lawson	2006
Susan Davis Faulkner	2007	Merrily Gilbert Lawson	2003

<u>RECIPIENT</u>	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>RECIPIENT</u>	<u>YEAR</u>
Jack Milton Lines	2004	Hazel Walters Rasar	2003
Janis Wirth Littlefield	2006	Margaret V. Reid	2007
Anne Sonney Livingston	2006	Barbara Harshman Ricketts	2006
Marjorie Ann Koher Lloyd	2004	June Peterson Robinson	2007
Gordon M. Love	2004	Audrey Roley	2007
Barbara Bovella Lynch	2006	Marietta Colbern Roth	2008
Eileen Martin	2003	Lorraine McDougale Rothenbuhler	2007
Linda Wall Martinson	2007	Daniel P. Royal	2004
Roger W. May	2008	June E. Russell	2004
Ellen Davis McKanna	2006	Marge Samuelson	2005
Frank L. McLean	2003, 2005, 2006	Alice Loree Collins Sanders	2008
Gero Mitschelan	2005	Ralph Seefeld	2003, 2005, 2006
Maggie Mitschelan	2005	Persis Reynolds Shook	2006
Jeffery M. Moon	2008	Carol McFeron Signett	2008
Sandie Morrison	2006	Lee Smith	2003
Lavon Elder Mundinger	2006	M. Noreen Casey Snell	2006
Charles and Carroll Allen Munson	2008	Laura Pemberton Sparr	2006, 2008
Opal I. Myhres	2005	Gayle and Richard Stephens	2008
Susan Nahas	2004	Arnold Kendrick Stewart	2006, 2008
Sharon Neem	2004	Margaret Robe Summitt	2005
Roger H. Newman	2004, 2008	Anna Tetreau	2003
Anne Nolan	2005	Carole M. Thul	2005
Nancy Rowland Parker	2003	Jeanne McAlexander Tomlin	2005
Leslie Parnell	2006	Joan Ardith Martin Udd	2008
Diane Lenore Ulrich Partington	2006	Violet Utt	2004
Linda Patton	2004	Diane Wagner	2005
Fred Pflugrath	2004	Elaine Stahl Wasil	2008
Donna Potter Phillips	2008	Earline Clark Wasser	2007
Marilyn Dee Musgrove Poole	2006	Patricia R. Phillips Wenham	2007
Lola Mooney Power	2004	Maureen Mae White	2008
Clar Pratt	2008	Cynthia White Wilson	2007
Lois Price	2003	Pam Wilson	2006
Iona Raney	2007	Robert Graham Witherspoon	2005
Alice Rapasky	2004	R. Ann Ingram Wright	2003