

WASHINGTON STATE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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The contribution of volunteers to the welfare of our local societies is crucial in keeping our organizations operating smoothly. In 2003 the Washington State Genealogical Society established a program to recognize these outstanding people from your organization as well as others from around the state. During our annual meeting and conference in Mt. Vernon on May 10, 2008, we are again going to recognize people in two categories.

The first award is designed for an individual who has demonstrated outstanding Society Support and Management. We would like your society to select an individual who has made an outstanding contribution to the operation and well being of your local society. This could be a person who always is willing to help with projects, works on committees or subcommittees to help manage your organization, consistently provides informative presentations at meetings, organizes your annual seminar or perhaps makes a special effort to arrive early at every meeting to set up the tables and chairs or prepare the refreshments.

The second award is for outstanding effort in local Records Preservation. We ask you to choose one individual who has conducted a records preservation project of local and statewide significance for your society. This is the person who has looked for important records of genealogical value, has helped transcribe or publish records either in print or digital format, has indexed historical books or records to simplify research, or has

in some other way preserved information which otherwise might have remained hidden or lost to other researchers.

It is often impossible to single out one person for recognition when the society support effort or records preservation project is the result of exceptionally close teamwork. If you need, you can recognize two or three individuals for their joint work in either area.

It is our hope you will recognize an individual in each category from your society every year, although we understand there may be years when you do not have anyone working on a records preservation project.

It is our intent to recognize these individuals at our annual meeting and conference, and present them with a certificate of appreciation. If these individuals attend the meeting, we will ask them to stand and be recognized by their peers. Please note this is not a competition. Each person you choose to honor WILL receive a certificate.

Please send the names of your special members along with their city of residence and a summary of their outstanding accomplishments (not more than 125 words please) in the style shown in the examples. (Suggested form language is underlined in the examples.) We would request you include maiden names for any females and we would like a head-and-shoulders photo of each person (or team) in digital format which will appear on the certificate.

To allow time for us to put the certificates together before the next annual meeting on May 10 in Mt. Vernon, please send us the information and photos, electronically if possible, by March 30, 2008. Send by postal mail to Bob Witherspoon, PO Box 491, Bellingham, WA 98227-0491, or by

e-mail to rgwspoon@aol.com. Requests for copies of certificates awarded in previous years can be obtained at the same addresses.

Thank you.

[Sample Award Submission](#)