



Washington State Genealogical Society

OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEERS - 2007

The following outstanding volunteers, nominated and honored by their local societies, were recognized at the annual meeting of Washington State Genealogical Society at Wenatchee, Washington, on 14 April 2007.

Richard P. Allen	Region 6 - Tri-City Genealogical Society
Waneta King Bosshart	Region 2 - South King County Genealogical Society
Karen Lee Rosenberg Bouton	Region 2 - South King County Genealogical Society
Marcelle Beckley Carpenter	Region 8 - Chelan Valley Genealogical Society
Elizabeth Marie Carrick	Region 8 - Wenatchee Area Genealogical Society
James Christianson	Region 3 - Jefferson County Genealogical Society
Victoria A. Davis	Region 3 - Jefferson County Genealogical Society
Susan Davis Faulkner	Region 6 - Tri-City Genealogical Society
Richard Latter Gilberg	Region 3 - Clallam County Genealogical Society
Edith Gibson Giles	Region 2 - Black Genealogy Research Group of Seattle
Priscilla Greenlees	Region 3 - Bainbridge Island Genealogical Society
Vianna Curry Jensen	Region 8 - Chelan Valley Genealogical Society
Jacqueline Eva Alexander Lawson	Region 2 - Black Genealogy Research Group of Seattle
Linda Wall Martinson	Region 8 - Chelan Valley Genealogical Society
Iona Raney	Region 1 - Skagit Valley Genealogical Society
Margaret V. Reid	Region 1 - Sno-Isle Genealogical Society
June Peterson Robinson	Region 3 - Clallam County Genealogical Society
Audrey Roley	Region 2 - Tacoma-Pierce County Genealogical Society
Lorraine McDougle Rothenbuhler	Region 1 - Skagit Valley Genealogical Society
Earline Clark Wasser	Region 5 - Columbia Gorge Genealogical Society
Patricia R. Phillips Wenham	Region 8 - Wenatchee Area Genealogical Society
Cynthia White Wilson	Region 2 - Black Genealogy Research Group of Seattle

2007 - Region 1 - Skagit Valley Genealogical Society

Iona Raney, of Mount Vernon, Washington, is recognized for exceptional and consistent support of the goals and operation of the Skagit Valley Genealogical Society. Iona Raney has distinguished herself in continuing support of the Skagit Valley Genealogical Society as an active member and teacher. She has been a member of Skagit Valley Genealogical Society for more than fifteen years and has served as the Society's Secretary for four years, making certain that officers are reminded of board meetings, and that the minutes of our meetings are accurate while pertinent information is shared with members at general meetings. She was chairperson of the Education Committee for four years and is currently instructor of genealogical topics for the past two years teaching classes to anyone interested in learning about genealogy. Iona also served two years as Secretary of the Washington State Genealogical Society.

2007 - Region 1 - Skagit Valley Genealogical Society

Lorraine McDougle Rothenbuhler, of Sedro Woolley, Washington, is recognized for exceptional operational support of the Skagit Valley Genealogical Society and outstanding efforts in the preservation of important records of genealogical value to local researchers and others interested in the history of families of Washington State. Lorraine Rothenbuhler has been an active member of Skagit Valley Genealogical Society for more than 15 years. She has made many contributions to the operation and well-being of the Society through service on its Board of Directors for many years. She has been instrumental in gathering information from members and developing and publishing the surname book for the Society. She has been the Society Archivist for the past twelve years, collecting and gathering information relating to the society, its members, and to the community. She has preserved, in several formats, information of interest in a genealogical nature. She has actively participated on the planning committee for seminars for several years and is very willing to help wherever possible. Lorraine has been for several years and is currently active with the Sedro Woolley Historical Museum. Lorraine's interest of family has led her to learn genealogy research skills with visits to local libraries, historical museums and archives, also with research trips to the east coast and to the Allen County Public Library numerous times. She shares those skills with others, and is readily available to do research for others.

2007 - Region 1 - Sno-Isle Genealogical Society

Margaret V. Reid, of Brier, Washington, is recognized for outstanding efforts in the preservation of important records of genealogical value to the Sno-Isle Genealogical Society and other researchers interested in the families of Washington State. Marge Reid has been instrumental in making available for research the Everett School Censuses for 1905 to 1932. These documents were acquired by the Everett Public Library northwest collection from Larry O'Donnell, former Everett School Board member. They are fragile typescripts from penciled notes, the sheets and the names on them not necessarily in order. With the cooperation of Margaret Riddle of the Everett Library, Marge copied the dusty pages, ordered them, corrected errors, and otherwise has transformed them into a database which she augments with information from federal censuses and city directories. This database is now being published serially in the SIGS quarterly, *The Sounder*. When Marge completes her work it will be made available as a database in its entirety. Marge Reid is also recognized for exceptional and consistent support of the goals and operation of the Sno-Isle Genealogical Society

Former SIGS President Marge Reid encourages everyone she meets to contribute to family history. Gifted with inspiration and leadership, Marge has increased the activity level of volunteers, whom she consistently rewards and recognizes. Marge is a vigilant and enthusiastic ambassador for the SIGS research library, where she loves to get casual visitors fired up about genealogy. She has taken SIGS into the 21st century as the Society's first webmaster, applying her graduate studies in library science to the design and constant updating of the library's online catalog. Due to her the SIGS web page also hosts the catalogs of the Everett and Shoreline Family History Centers, which she created with volunteer help. In addition to the SIGS web page, Marge constantly improves the USGenWeb page for Snohomish County, of which she is coordinator, with mini research projects. She has worked to bring our library's neighbors at Lynnwood's Heritage Park, the Alderwood Manor Heritage Association, into partnership with SIGS in fundraisers and community events. Marge is indispensable to SIGS and to genealogists in Snohomish and Island Counties; nay, through her efforts on the web her outreach has been international.

2007 - Region 2 - Black Genealogy Research Group of Seattle

Edith Gibson Giles, of Seattle, Washington, is recognized for exceptional and consistent support of the goals and operation of the Black Genealogy Research Group of Seattle. Edith Gibson Giles has distinguished herself in her untiring support of the Black Genealogy Group of Seattle. A co-founder of this group, she also served as co-chair for seven years, chair for four years, and she currently holds the position of treasurer. She is always the first to arrive on meeting days and ensures that the meeting room is adequately set up to ensure a comfortable meeting atmosphere. Her outgoing and friendly personality is an asset to the group. She willingly represents the group at community events and programs and is frequently asked to speak to schools and other groups regarding genealogical research. She has presented workshops on beginning genealogy in and around the Seattle area.

2007 - Region 2 - Black Genealogy Research Group of Seattle

Jacqueline Eva Alexander Lawson, of Seattle, Washington, is recognized for exceptional and consistent support of the goals and operation of the Black Genealogy Research Group of Seattle. Jacqueline Eva Alexander Lawson has distinguished herself in untiring support of the Black Genealogy Research Group of Seattle. As co-founder of the group, Jacqueline served as co-chair for seven years and has consistently provided the membership with information, materials, instruction and presentations which greatly add to the knowledge base of everyone. Her expertise is freely and generously shared with fellow researchers, along with her time assisting those in need of help. Jacqueline was certified by the Board for Certification of Genealogists in 1982 and has published several books, including "*An Index of African Americans Identified in Selected Records of the Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands*" and "*Let's Take A Walk!-A Tour of Seattle's Central Area, As It Was Then (1920's, 1930, and 1940's)*"

2007 - Region 2 - Black Genealogy Research Group of Seattle

Cynthia White Wilson, of Seattle, Washington, is recognized for outstanding efforts in the preservation of important records of genealogical value to the Black Genealogy Research Group of Seattle and other researchers interested in the African American family history. Cynthia White Wilson has distinguished herself in support of

the Black Genealogy Research Group of Seattle and others researching their African American ancestors through her concerted and untiring efforts in locating and documenting those seldom found records pertaining to slavery in America. She has, through her careful analyzing, recording and preserving these unique documents made it possible for others to succeed in their research. Cynthia gladly shares her knowledge and experience by doing workshops, classes, and making presentations to groups. She has served as Chair of the Black Genealogy Research Group of Seattle for the past three years. Ms Wilson frequently contributes writings to the Afro-American Historical and Genealogical (AAGHS) Journal and has self published a book of slave names appearing in Patrick County Virginia probate records.

2007 - Region 2 - South King County Genealogical Society

Waneta King Bosshart (1932-2007), of Kent, Washington, is posthumously recognized for outstanding and consistent, long-term support of the goals and operation of South King County Genealogical Society. Waneta Bosshart became a charter member of the South King County Genealogical Society in 1984, and was a life member. Prior to 1984 she was a member of the South King County branch of the Seattle Genealogical Society. Waneta served the Society in many capacities, not the least of which was to faithfully pick up SKCGS mail from the post office and deliver it to Society officers and committee chairmen. Over the years she attended uncounted Board of Directors and general membership meetings. She was an effective decision maker in matters of administration, fiscal responsibility, and actions taken for the good of the Society, and a vital contributor to the success of Gene-A-Rama, the annual seminar. Waneta chaired the Society's Cemetery Committee, 1986-2006, and during those twenty years was instrumental in researching and publishing seven volumes of local cemetery records. She researched death certificates and archived many obituaries from the King County Journal for persons listed in the cemetery books, as well as doing extractions of local school records. She also monitored inventory and equipment for the Society's comb-binding machine and bound countless publications for the Society and for individual members. Waneta Bosshart died January 9, 2007 of ALS, Lou Gehrig's disease. She will be greatly missed by the Society and the community.

2007 - Region 2 - South King County Genealogical Society

Karen Lee Rosenberg Bouton, of Kent, Washington, recognized for outstanding efforts in the preservation of Saar Cemetery and important records of valuable genealogical information for South King County Genealogical Society, families of pioneers buried at Saar Cemetery and other researchers interested in Washington State families. An active member of South King County Genealogical Society since 1994, Karen Lee Bouton currently serves as vice-president, historian, and Saar Cemetery project coordinator. Karen's most important contribution has been her efforts in the restoration and beautification of Saar Cemetery. The cemetery, located on a neglected sliver of land adjacent to SR-167 at SE 212th Street, Kent, was overgrown. Headstones were damaged or missing. Records of pioneer burials were incomplete. Karen assembled an extensive volunteer team willing to take on the physical demands and provide equipment to renovate the cemetery. She established liaisons within the community with churches, Boy Scouts, Kent Historical Society, individuals and Society members. Trees were removed, shrubs and weeds cleared; debris hauled away. Stones were reset or replaced, vital data recorded. Volunteers researched pioneers in the area, and a book documenting the history of those buried in Saar Cemetery is

planned. Descendants were contacted and participated in events associated with the preservation and beautification project. Karen wrote grant proposals that resulted in financial support from the Isaac Stevens Camp #1, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. The Muckleshoot Charity Fund grant funded tree removal and headstone repair. A grant from 4Culture is designated for book production. The Department of Veterans Affairs replaced the headstone for a Civil War veteran. Karen continues to coordinate the on-going project, submitting regular, detailed reports and articles to SKCGS newsletter and the King County Journal.

2007 - Region 2 - Tacoma-Pierce County Genealogical Society

Audrey Roley is recognized for exceptional and consistent support of the goals and operation of Tacoma Pierce County Genealogical Society. In August 1992 Audrey Roley retired from 27 years of teaching 7th graders in the Franklin Pierce School District. Along the way she helped establish a pre-school in her area and helped establish an English-as-a-Second Language program in the Franklin Pierce District. Upon retiring it was her turn to do her "thing." She gave her family a list of the laundries and restaurants close to her home in case they needed a clean shirt or a quick meal, because GENEALOGY was calling! She studied under Cy Happy for two years and was ready to research. She and Hope Geving hit every research facility in Western Washington. When she was really ready to travel, she told her husband that he could come but he couldn't ask "How much longer are you going to be" when she was deep in a library or lost in a cemetery. Husband Les knew he had better go along, because if he didn't, she would surely end up in jail! They found Johannes Rolle's 1798 cabin in Fayette County PA, then on to England where she discovered the church where her family worshiped for three centuries. Along the way there were Elderhostels in Ontario and South Carolina, where she learned that the Civil War was really the War of Northern Aggression. Audrey has attended meetings at the Tacoma-Pierce County Genealogical Society for years and served as the Society President, and she has volunteered at the Stakes Family History Center for 10 years. In addition she volunteers at the South Pierce County Historical Society and is director of the Stage Stop Museum.

2007 - Region 3 - Bainbridge Island Genealogical Society

Priscilla Greenlees, of Bainbridge Island, Washington, is recognized for exceptional and consistent support of the goals and operation of the Bainbridge Island Genealogical Society. Priscilla Greenlees, Vice President and Past President of the Bainbridge Island Genealogical Society, has provided unending support and leadership since the very beginning of the Society. She help get the organization established, participating in the federal non-profit, 501c(3) application process, and in the drafting, writing and subsequent updating of the Society's bylaws. She leads the New England special interest group and the Mentors group, a group of people willing to work individually with Society members. Priscilla's knowledge of both running a genealogical society and doing genealogy research has been invaluable to the Society's Board of Directors as well as the members. She has been a critical part of establishing Bainbridge Island Genealogical Society as a successful organization.

2007 - Region 3 - Clallam County Genealogical Society

Richard Latter Gilberg, of Port Angeles, Washington, is recognized for outstanding efforts in the preservation of important records of genealogical value to the Clallam County Genealogical Society and other researchers interested in the families of Washington State. Dick Gilberg has distinguished himself in support of the Clallam County Genealogical Society and other Washington State researchers throughout his 15-year tenure as Librarian of the Society's library. He has greatly increased the library's holdings through purchase and contribution, cataloged and made them accessible to library patrons. He has maximized the use of the space available in the library to researchers using books, CD-ROM and the Internet. Dick has been a willing participant in Beginner's Workshops and in the orientation of new library volunteers. He has made presentations at General Membership meetings, participated at Board meetings, chaired a By-Laws Committee, arranged for the rebinding of deteriorated books, helped in data preparation for the obituary index on the Society's website, and participated in the indexing and publication of the 1930 census of Clallam County. Dick is a very active and highly valued Society member.

2007 - Region 3 - Clallam County Genealogical Society

June Peterson Robinson, of Sequim, Washington, is recognized for exceptional and consistent support of the goals and operation of the Clallam County Genealogical Society. June Robinson joined the Clallam County Genealogical Society in 1983. Schooled as a teacher and experienced as a researcher at the National Archives in Washington, D.C., she shares her knowledge and skills as a genealogist freely with the Society. She has been an active, valued member serving multiple terms as the Society's President as well as being at various times the Historian, Publicity and Membership Committee Chairman. She has for several years put together a "Salt Lake City Trip" for local researchers. June edits the Society's quarterly newsletter, "*The Bulletin*," and writes a monthly local history column for the Peninsula Daily News. She is a much sought after speaker by northwest genealogy societies and travels many miles each year fulfilling these engagements. June is an exemplary leader in the Society and community.

2007 - Region 3 - Jefferson County Genealogical Society

James Christianson, of Port Townsend, Washington, is recognized for outstanding efforts in the preservation of important records of genealogical value to the Jefferson County Genealogical Society and other researchers interested in the families of Washington State. Jim Christianson has been instrumental in the creation and maintenance of the joint Jefferson County Genealogical Society and Jefferson County Historical Society networked computer system. This has enabled JCGS to effectively catalog its data on Jefferson County residents and display it for multiple users at one time. Over and above this monumental task, Jim has assisted the Society in the economical acquisition of software that will upgrade the database system and allow more members to assist in our data extraction and input projects. Without the efficient and up-to-date computer operations that Jim has provided, Jefferson County Genealogical Society would not be able to effectively record data and provide information to researchers.

2007 - Region 3 - Jefferson County Genealogical Society

Victoria A. Davis, of Port Townsend, Washington, is recognized for exceptional and consistent support of the goals and operation of Jefferson County Genealogical Society. The Society can not operate without the behind the scenes support of a reliable accounting system. As Treasurer, Vicki Davis has brought her common sense approach to sorting out what is needed for responsible fiscal management and the creation of clear and concise reports for both the Executive Committee and the membership at large. In addition, she has offered her expertise as an Archivist in training our Research Center volunteers and in explaining the practices used by historical repositories during member meetings. Vicki's willingness to take on these challenges, even though her volunteer activities with other organizations keep her busy, has made a significant difference to Jefferson County Genealogical Society.

2007 - Region 5 - Columbia Gorge Genealogical Society

Earline Clark Wasser, of The Dalles, Oregon, is recognized for exceptional and consistent support of the goals and operation of the Columbia Gorge Genealogical Society, serving north central Oregon and southern Washington State. Earline Wasser has served Columbia Gorge Genealogical Society as a query researcher, co-president and president. In 2001 Earline introduced the Pioneer Cemetery Project. She has organized annual work parties and started a monument stone fund which is now over \$3,000. Earline has been collecting data and transcribing information collected by other researchers on individuals buried in the Pioneer Cemetery in preparation for publication in book form. She has been a great help to genealogist and family historians in Wasco, Hood River and Sherman counties of Oregon, and Klickitat and Skamania counties of Washington State.

2007 - Region 6 - Tri-City Genealogical Society

Richard P. Allen, of Richland, Washington, is recognized for exceptional and consistent support of the goals and operation of Tri-City Genealogical Society. Richard Allen has served as Director of the Richland Family History Center (RFHC) for the past sixteen years. He has enabled Tri-City Genealogical Society (TCGS) to use the RFHC facility for group, committee, and board meetings. His tireless efforts keep the RFHC-TCGS Library open 64 hours per week for church, TCGS, and community access. He helps each librarian and patron have productive visits to the RFHC through regular librarian training and patron genealogical research classes. On a revolving schedule he teaches classes on use of internet research, Personal Ancestral File software, RFHC Resources, and US Census Records. Richard has also made presentations on DNA and research methods at TCGS meetings and genealogical conferences. He has been involved in TCGS focus groups and is currently leading one on British Isle research. His contributions are greatly appreciated.

2007 - Region 6 - Tri-City Genealogical Society

Susan Davis Faulkner, of Richland, Washington, is recognized for outstanding efforts in the preservation of important records of genealogical value to Tri-City Genealogical Society and other researchers interested in the families of Washington State. Susan Faulkner has collected and recorded a large number of Benton County and Franklin County records, including deaths, burials, marriages, obituaries, brands and early school annuals. She has written articles and provided historical records for every Tri-City Genealogical Society Bulletin since joining the Society in September

2003. In addition she has distinguished herself in Society leadership through contributions to the publication committee, as Vice President/ Program Chairman, coordinating volunteer genealogical librarians for the Mid-Columbia Library, and establishing "Focus Groups," small informal gatherings of members interested in single-topic, focused discussions, for the Tri-City Genealogical Society.

2007 - Region 8 - Chelan Valley Genealogical Society

Marcelle Beckley Carpenter, of Chelan, Washington, is recognized for outstanding efforts in the preservation of important records of genealogical value to the Chelan Valley Genealogical Society and other researchers interested in the families of Washington State. Marcelle Carpenter has served Chelan Valley Genealogical Society many ways. She has been our Historian many years and has made beautiful scrapbooks of our activities. As chairman of the Chelan Centennial Pioneer Book Project in 2002, she supervised the publication and wrote about one-third of the biographies herself. Marcelle has collected pictures and information for a book on old homes in the Lake Chelan area. She also collects the sayings on vanity license plates and has close to 20,000 of them. Recently she assembled a booklet on the Navarre Coulee history, and gave a presentation on the area at a society meeting. Profits from the sale of her publications have been donated to our society. A knowledgeable historian of the area, Marcelle has assembled 66 notebooks of events and people living in Lake Chelan Valley. In 2007, she serves as Vice President of the Society.

2007 - Region 8 - Chelan Valley Genealogical Society

Vianna Curry Jensen, formerly of Chelan, now of George, Washington, is recognized for exceptional operational support of the Chelan Valley Genealogical Society and outstanding efforts in the preservation of important records of genealogical value to local researchers and others interested in the history of families of Washington State. Vianna Jensen has spent much time and effort to support the Chelan Valley Genealogical Society and researchers of this area through her efforts to update the obituary collection index. She has compiled veteran service records and researched the history of the Lake Chelan Chamber of Commerce. Vianna served as President of the Society in 1994, 1995, and 2001, and as Vice President in 1996. She continued to work tirelessly, unhampered by occasions of personal adversity. Working with her granddaughter, Vianna published a cookbook with profits going to the Society. Recently, Vianna has served as Genealogist doing research in response to queries.

2007 - Region 8 - Chelan Valley Genealogical Society

Linda Wall Martinson, of Chelan, Washington, is recognized for exceptional and consistent support of the goals and operation of the Chelan Valley Genealogical Society. Linda Martinson, a charter member of Chelan Valley Genealogical Society, has served in various ways all 16 years of our existence. She was Vice President in 1992 and 1993 and President in 1998. Linda also served as Chairman of several committees, such as the Program, Membership, and Ways and Means committees. For several years she was the Genealogist, and Librarian. While in charge of the library she set up a newsletter exchange with other Washington State genealogical societies. Linda has compiled local church records and helped to write the *Fraternal Cemetery Book* which won a prize in a book contest in 1995. Currently, she collects and organizes obituaries for both our society and the Lake Chelan Historical Society.

2007 - Region 8 - Okanogan County Genealogical Society

Margaret “Peggy” Goodyear Oliver, of Okanogan, Washington, is recognized for outstanding efforts in the preservation of important records of genealogical value to the Okanogan County Genealogical Society and other researchers interested in the families of Washington State. Peggy Oliver has contributed many hours of effort to the Okanogan County Genealogical Society working on the obituary file that is maintained in the Wilson Research Center in Okanogan. She has organized, cut, pasted and filed her way through thousands of obituaries that were collected by society members. She has taken part in many other society projects and is a second generation member of the Okanogan County Genealogical Society.

2007 - Region 8 - Wenatchee Area Genealogical Society

Elizabeth “Betty” Marie Carrick, of Wenatchee, Washington, is recognized for outstanding efforts in the preservation of important records of genealogical value to the Wenatchee Area Genealogical Society and other researchers interested in families of Washington State. Betty Carrick's name could easily be “Ms. Computer” as that has been her expertise for the Wenatchee Area Genealogical Society. Her skills are not limited to the computer although this is where she spends most of her time. She has archived original copies of the obituaries and scrapbooks. Indexing, done by members, has been entered into searchable databases which now total hundreds of thousands of entries. Betty has worked with the Society's Webmaster to have all this material available on the WAGS Website. In addition to keyboarding the materials, she is chairman of the Technology Committee. She works as a Librarian and eagerly helps patrons utilize the WAGS facility. A project she is helping to complete is Louis Guizzetti's work of placing stones on all unmarked graves at Wenatchee City Cemetery. Recently she was very busy sorting and saving Florence Chadbourn's huge collection of genealogical materials. Betty has been tireless in preserving records for the Wenatchee area.

2007 - Region 8 - Wenatchee Area Genealogical Society

Patricia R. Phillips Wenham, of Cashmere, Washington, is recognized for exceptional and consistent support of the goals and operation of the Wenatchee Area Genealogical Society. Need a volunteer for a tough job? Patti Wenham is this year's outstanding supporting member of the Wenatchee Area Genealogical Society. She has served as Corresponding Secretary for several years and promptly writes welcome letters as well as letters of congratulations, thanks, get well and condolence. Each has a sincere personal touch. Patti has put her talent to use in writing many articles for the Bulletin. She has also worked on program presentations for Society meetings as well as other groups. In addition to these jobs, she is the WAGS Librarian and most recently has become the Acquisition Chair. This is another time-consuming job: ordering resource materials, then cataloging and getting them ready for shelf labels. Another at-home project recently begun is scrapbooking the “Old News” from the *Wenatchee World*. Patti always seems to be in the right place at the right time to get the needed job done well. She is a team player and everyone appreciates the great job she does.