



Washington State Genealogical Society

OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEERS - 2004

The following outstanding volunteers, nominated and honored by their local societies, were recognized at the annual meeting of Washington State Genealogical Society at Kirkland, Washington, on 19 June 2004.

Maxine Day Alexander

Region 2 - Tacoma-Pierce County Genealogical Society

Bev Brice

Region 3 - Jefferson County Genealogical Society

Joanne Calhoun

Region 8 - Wenatchee Area Genealogical Society

Betty Ulrich Cooper

Region 2 - South King County Genealogical Society

Marilyn Drake

Region 3 - Grays Harbor Genealogical Society

LaVeta M. Edmonson

Region 3 - Clallam County Genealogical Society

Victoria J. Fenton

Region 3 - Grays Harbor Genealogical Society

JoAnn Marvin Gardner

Region 5 - Yakima Valley Genealogical Society

Alma Greenwood

Washington State Genealogical Society

Harlean Hamilton

Region 3 - Jefferson County Genealogical Society

Marie Henning-Anderson Hayden

Region 2 - Tacoma-Pierce County Genealogical Society

Jay Wilbur Helm

Region 5 - Yakima Valley Genealogical Society

Barbara Stokey Heutchy

Region 2 - South King County Genealogical Society

Ada Buchanan James

Region 8 - Okanogan County Genealogical Society

Jack Milton Lines

Region 5 - Yakima Valley Genealogical Society

Marjorie Ann Koher Lloyd

Region 4 - Lewis County Genealogical Society

Gordon M. Love

Region 3 - Grays Harbor Genealogical Society

Susan Nahas

Region 1 - Whatcom Genealogical Society

Sharon Neem

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Roger H. Newman

Washington State Genealogical Society

Linda Patton

Region 4 - Lewis County Genealogical Society

Fred Pflugrath

Region 8 - Wenatchee Area Genealogical Society

Lola Mooney Power

Region 8 - Okanogan County Genealogical Society

Alice Rapasky

Region 3 - Clallam County Genealogical Society

Daniel P. Royal

Region 1 - Skagit Valley Genealogical Society

June E. Russell

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Violet Utt

Region 8 - Okanogan County Genealogical Society

2004 - Washington State Genealogical Society

Alma Greenwood, of Tumwater, Washington, is recognized for exceptional and consistent support of the goals and operation of Washington State Genealogical Society. Alma Greenwood is recognized for her outstanding contribution to the operation and well being of the Washington State Genealogical Society. In 1982 Alma served as chairperson of the society formation committee. She worked to establish the original bylaws and was instrumental in creation of the basic operational structure of the society. She was elected as the first President of the Washington State Genealogical Society in 1983 and served the society in many capacities for more than a decade afterwards. The Washington State Genealogical Society is grateful for her leadership role in our society's infancy and we honor the legacy she has left us.

2004 - Washington State Genealogical Society

Roger H. Newman, of Shelton, Washington, is recognized for outstanding efforts in the preservation of important records of genealogical value to researchers interested in the families of Washington State. Roger Newman is recognized for his tireless effort on behalf of the Washington State Genealogical Society in preserving public access to the Washington State Library. Through his advocacy, state legislators and the Secretary of State's office were made fully aware of the society's interest in keeping the many valuable research documents and books of historical significance open to the public. In his capacity as Corresponding Secretary, Roger has utilized this valuable research facility to answer the numerous queries the society receives. Because of the active interest of people like Roger the new library facility in Tumwater is open to the public today.

2004 - Region 1 - Skagit Valley Genealogical Society

Daniel P. Royal, of Birdsvew, Washington, is recognized for outstanding efforts in the preservation of important records of genealogical value to Skagit Valley Genealogical Society and other researchers interested in the families of Washington State. Daniel Royal has distinguished himself in support of the Skagit Valley Genealogical Society by his efforts to develop and maintain a website for the Society and as society Newsletter Editor. He has made many changes in the presentation and appearance of the Society website; uploading many databases of genealogical interest, in particular, to Skagit County. Daniel also has been active on the Board of Directors and has made improvements in the format and presentation of our society newsletter. His personal website includes much material of interest to the residents of the Upper Skagit Valley including many family stories and includes school records for the Birdsvew and Hamilton areas. In addition to his Skagit Valley Genealogical Society connections he has been very active in community participation and is a member of the Concrete Historical Museum. In this capacity, he has reprinted "*So They Called the Town Concrete*" written by Charles Dwelley in May 1980. He is also co-chair of the Society's latest project "*Skagit County, Washington and Its People- a Rich History and Heritage*".

2004 - Region 1 - Skagit Valley Genealogical Society

Jane E. Russell, of Mount Vernon, Washington, is recognized for exceptional and consistent support of the goals and operation of Skagit Valley Genealogical Society. Jane Russell has been a member of Skagit Valley Genealogical Society since 1996. At the age of 91 years she has served as Society Treasurer for the past three years, and has distinguished herself in support of the Skagit Valley Genealogical Society by her efforts to

disseminate necessary and vital information to the members of this Society. She has been an active and much appreciated member of the Board of Directors for Skagit Valley Genealogical Society.

2004 - Region 1 - Whatcom Genealogical Society

Susan Nahas, of Bellingham, Washington, is recognized for outstanding efforts in the preservation of important records of genealogical value to the Whatcom Genealogical Society and other researchers interested in the families of Washington State. Susan Nahas has distinguished herself in support of the Whatcom Genealogical Society and other Washington State researchers through her untiring efforts to make genealogically significant data concerning Whatcom County families available to all family history researchers online. She took it upon herself to establish a second website for the Society on which she has placed a variety of genealogical information, including World War One military service honor rolls, church records and histories, census records and biographies of Whatcom County pioneers. She also has extracted obituaries from many old Whatcom County newspapers, especially those found in the stacks of Ferndale and Lynden newspaper offices which have not been microfilmed. As current President of Whatcom Genealogical Society, she has encouraged many other projects to document and preserve records of Whatcom County.

2004 - Region 1- Whatcom Genealogical Society

Sharon Neem, of Blaine, Washington, is recognized for exceptional and consistent support of the goals and operation of the Whatcom Genealogical Society. Sharon Neem distinguished herself in untiring support of the Whatcom Genealogical Society as Chair of the Society's Fundraising Committee. She lead a small group of volunteers who gathered, typed and indexed favorite family recipes submitted by members of the Society, including stories about the recipes' originators, added commentary about the 100th anniversary of the City of Bellingham, obtained period photographs from the county museum, arranged printing and construction in a very convenient format, and sold over 600 copies to Society members, on consignment at a local drugstore, and at various local events. Sharon has arranged with the local newspaper for articles about the recipe book and about the discovery by Society members of a gravesite on private land. The gravesite story led to a citizen's report and team effort to search for and re-identify the precise location of a "lost" private cemetery. Sharon also has led volunteers in holding garage sales producing significant funds for the Society. She is an imaginative and very effective Society leader.

2004 - Region 2 - South King County Genealogical Society

Betty Ulrich Cooper, of Renton, Washington, is recognized for exceptional and consistent support of the goals and operation of South King County Genealogical Society. Betty Cooper has distinguished herself in untiring support of the South King County Genealogical Society in many capacities. As Chairperson for the Greeters Committee, she is often the first smiling face visitors see as she welcomes them into the meetings. She also coordinates the SKCGS Library Volunteers who assist researchers at the Auburn Library. Over the years, she also has chaired the Membership Committee and has served as the SKCGS President. She has consistently provided the type of steady support needed, but often overlooked, in all organizations.

2004 - Region 2 - South King County Genealogical Society

Barbara Stokey Heutchy, of Kent, Washington, is recognized for outstanding efforts in the preservation of important records of genealogical value to South King County Genealogical Society and other researchers interested in the families of Washington State. Barbara Heutchy has distinguished herself in support of the South King County Genealogical Society and other Washington State researchers through her untiring efforts to make genealogically significant data concerning King County families available to all family history researchers. She is an essential part of the Society's Cemetery Survey committee where she helps survey, photographs, indexes and produces a camera ready product for the society to print and sell. She is Chairperson of the Library Committee and in that capacity has overseen the development of the Society's library collections. Barbara is a past Treasurer for SKCGS and has also served as Conference Treasurer for the 2004 WSGS RootsSearch II Conference.

2004 - Region 2 - Tacoma-Pierce County Genealogical Society

Maxine Day Alexander is recognized for outstanding efforts in the preservation of important records of significant genealogical value to Tacoma Pierce County Genealogical Society and other researchers interested in Washington State families. Maxine Day Alexander has been a member of the Tacoma Pierce County Genealogical Society since 1968 and held the positions of President 1974-1976, Vice President 1973-1974, Recording Secretary 1972-1973, *Researcher* Editor 1976 thru 1983, and has been the Family Line Chair since 1985. Maxine has been transcribing the Pierce County cemetery records, using cemetery office records and information from the headstones. She has compiled a wide variety of records, including the Pierce County birth records from 1887 to 1893, the Tacoma Pierce County delayed birth certificates, and Army Post condemnation records from 1918 to 1941. She transcribed or extracted the 1909 Tacoma School Census and information from Bibles stored by the Washington State Historical Society, which are being published in the society's journal, *Researcher*. She has collected the 1895, 1898 and 1899 voting records for Buckley, Washington, and the Wilkeson voting records for the period from 1910 to 1928. Maxine has been designated as an Honored Member of TPCGS. She is a charter and life member of the Washington State Genealogical Society in which she served for two years as chair of the Pioneer and First Citizens Certificate committee and published the state society newsletter.

2004 - Region 2 - Tacoma-Pierce County Genealogical Society

Marie Henning-Anderson Hayden is recognized for exceptional and consistent support of the goals and operation of Tacoma Pierce County Genealogical Society. Marie (Henning-Anderson) Hayden has made many contributions to the operation and well-being of Tacoma-Pierce County Genealogical Society through service as the society treasurer for many terms; and as President, and chairman of the Annual Seminar several times. For fourteen years she printed the society's 50-page quarterly journal, *The Researcher*, on the society's IBM copier in her home. When the copier could no longer be serviced and the printing went commercial, she continued to staple and prepare the journal for bulk mailing and made sure it was mailed out. She continues to provide this type of support for the society's journal, as well as to prepare all of the society's long list of publications for reproduction and sale. Mail orders of these publications are packaged and mailed from her home.

2004 - Region 3 - Clallam County Genealogical Society

LaVeta M. Edmonson, of Carlsborg, 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. LaVeta Edmonson has distinguished herself in support of the Clallam County Genealogical Society and other Washington State researchers by her efforts to preserve records in Clallam County. Among the records she has worked to preserve are early Clallam County marriage records, probate records, the 1889 Census, and numerous school censuses. To make those records useable, she has indexed or directed the indexing of the Clallam County 1889 Territorial Auditor's Census, the 1910 U.S. Census, birth and death indexes for selected years and early marriage records from 1865 through 1890. LaVeta published the records of the Early Marriages, 1889 Census and the 1910 Census for the society. She is currently the obituary chairman and works to preserve and index the current obituaries. A charter member of the Society, she also has served as the Society's President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer, and as the library director.

2004 - Region 3 - Clallam County Genealogical Society

Alice Rapasky, of Sequim, Washington, is recognized for exceptional and generous support of the operation of Clallam County Genealogical Society. Alice Rapasky distinguished herself during the 2003-2004 year by her leadership in establishing a computer program for use by the members of the Clallam County Genealogical Society. From her pre-retirement background with the IBM Corporation, and knowledge of the corporation's grant program, she took the lead in a series of round-table meetings to determine the needs and desires of the members of the Society and followed through with a grant application to improve the technological service the Society is now able to offer its members. With the help of other committee members, instruction has been provided to volunteers who assist the library clients. In addition, Alice's generous gift provided the first year's subscription to several online programs.

2004 - Region 3 - Grays Harbor Genealogical Society

Marilyn Drake is recognized for exceptional and consistent support of the goals and operation of Grays Harbor Genealogical Society. Marilyn Drake has been a valuable member of the Grays Harbor Genealogical Society since 1998 and deserves recognition for her outstanding work for the society. As a member of the Research Committee, she excels at doing research quickly, using all the techniques and resources available and organizing it well for the inquirer. She has broken through many a brick wall, giving new hope for the researcher. Marilyn also was the Genealogical Library Chair, co-editor of the newsletter, and is helping to publish a cookbook for the society. Once a month she volunteers at the Elma Family History Library to help others by sharing her research expertise. Marilyn's enthusiasm and dedication to improve the society is exceptional and much appreciated by the members.

2004 - Region 3 - Grays Harbor Genealogical Society

Victoria J. Fenton and Gordon M. Love are recognized for outstanding efforts in the preservation of important records of genealogical value to Grays Harbor Genealogical Society and other researchers interested in the families of Washington State. Victoria "Vicki" Fenton and Gordon Love have distinguished themselves in support of the Grays Harbor Genealogical Society and other Washington State researchers through their

untiring efforts to make genealogically significant data concerning Grays Harbor County families available to all family history researchers. They have walked several cemeteries, recording gravestone names, dates and inscriptions, using a computer program Gordon developed which allows the records to be sorted in several ways. They acquired as many obituaries as they could for the folks buried there and for people with a connection to the towns but who were buried elsewhere. With the help of other society members, they have compiled books on six cemeteries, and Gordon has compiled a 2-volume index to many known burials within the county. The leadership of Victoria and Gordon has encouraged many others to work on documenting the important records needed for genealogical research in generations to come.

2004 - Region 3 - Jefferson County Genealogical Society

Bev Brice is recognized for exceptional and consistent support of the goals and operation of Jefferson County Genealogical Society. Bev Brice has distinguished herself in support of the Jefferson County Genealogical Society by working tirelessly to expand and broaden the society's focus and mission; to organize, preserve, and digitally catalog and index the society's vast records collection; and to foster a successful relationship with the Jefferson County Historical Society. Throughout her tenure as JCGS President, and in other positions, Bev has provided the society with foresight, a clear vision and exceptional leadership.

2004 - Region 3 - Jefferson County Genealogical Society

Harlean Hamilton 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. Harlean Hamilton has distinguished herself in support of the Jefferson County Genealogical Society and other researchers through her exhaustive extractions of information published in the Jefferson County newspapers during World War One and World War Two, pertaining to military personnel stationed in Jefferson County's military facilities, including marriages, births, promotions, divorces, enlistments, draft registrations, retirements, and miscellaneous other announcements.

2004 - Region 4 - Lewis County Genealogical Society

Marjorie Ann Koher Lloyd is recognized for exceptional and consistent support of the goals and operation of Lewis County Genealogical Society. Marjorie Lloyd has provided outstanding operational support for Lewis County Genealogical Society through her exceptional leadership skills while serving as the Society's Researcher and volunteering in any capacity needed, including several terms as President, 1st Vice and 2nd Vice Presidents. Her friendliness and ability to work well as part of a team has encouraged many others to participate in society projects. Her active involvement in other heritage organizations, such as Lewis County Historical Society and at the Morton Museum, has ensured a close working relationship between Lewis County Genealogical Society and the community.

2004 - Region 4 - Lewis County Genealogical Society

Linda Patton, of Chehalis, Washington, is recognized for outstanding efforts in the preservation of important records of genealogical value to Lewis County Genealogical Society and other researchers interested in the families of Washington State. Linda Patton

distinguished herself in support of the Lewis County Genealogical Society and other Washington State researchers through her untiring efforts to make genealogically significant data concerning Lewis County families available to all family history researchers. She has served in every board position, some for several terms, and has helped prepare and publish indexes of the 1871 and 1883 Auditor's census records for Lewis County; Washington. She has helped national researchers by transcribing and indexing the Court Order Books for Graves County records from Kentucky, and posted an index of the 1910 US census of Randolph County, Arkansas, for publication on the web.

2004 - Region 5 - Yakima Valley Genealogical Society

JoAnn Marvin Gardner, of Yakima, Washington, is recognized for exceptional and consistent support of the goals and operation of Yakima Valley Genealogical Society. JoAnn M. Gardner has distinguished herself in untiring support of the Yakima Valley Genealogical Society. She has spent countless hours organizing and scheduling the Indian John Rest Area Coffee Service. Many additional hours have been spent upgrading the Society's Cemetery/Obituary File. In addition, with her unending support of the construction of the New Library Building, she had made it possible for the Society to soon reach its goal. JoAnn has consistently provided the type of support needed, but often overlooked, in all organizations.

2004 - Region 5 - Yakima Valley Genealogical Society

Jay Wilbur Helm, of Yakima, Washington, is recognized for exceptional and consistent support of the goals and operation of Yakima Valley Genealogical Society. J. Wilbur Helm has distinguished himself in untiring support of the Yakima Valley Genealogical Society. Currently he spends countless hours organizing Indian John Rest Area Coffee Service and upgrading the Society's Cemetery/Obituary File. As the Chair of the New Building Committee, he acts as the liaison between the contractor and the Society. For 25 years he was responsible for binding books and periodicals for the Library. In addition he has served as Interlibrary Loan Librarian and Research Librarian for the Society for many years. Wilbur has consistently provided steady administrative support to the Society for countless years.

2004 - Region 5 - Yakima Valley Genealogical Society

Jack Milton Lines, of Yakima, Washington, is recognized for outstanding efforts in the preservation of important records of genealogical value to the Yakima Valley Genealogical Society and other researchers interested in the families of Washington State. Jack M. Lines has distinguished himself in untiring support of the Yakima Valley Genealogical Society and other Washington State researchers. As a Charter Member of the Society, Jack opened his home to provide a place to house the Society Library for a number of years. He organized the initial reading of the cemeteries in Yakima and Kittitas Counties and helped establish the Society's Cemetery/Obituary File. In addition Jack shepherded compiling the local Births, Deaths, Marriages, & Court Records up to 1910. He has also spent countless hours indexing the local census records. For many years Jack edited the Society Bulletin and today he continues to provide historical research on the streets and roads of Yakima County.

2004 - Region 8 - Okanogan County Genealogical Society

Ada Buchanan James, of Omak, Washington, is recognized for outstanding efforts in the preservation of important records of significant genealogical value to Okanogan County Genealogical Society and other researchers interested in Washington State families. Ada Buchanan James distinguished herself in support of the Okanogan County Genealogical Society and other Washington State researchers through her untiring efforts by spending countless hours, working almost daily for several years extracting vital statistics from the Omak Chronicle for the years 1910-1934, for the book "*Okanogan County Vital Statistics: A Chronology of Vital Statistics Reported in the Omak Chronicle.*" Teamed with Violet Dorrel Utt, she also worked on walking cemeteries and recording information for the book "*Okanogan County Washington Cemetery Records.*" Ada is a charter member of the Okanogan County Genealogical Society and has been a member since its formation in 1979.

2004 - Region 8 - Okanogan County Genealogical Society

Lola Mooney Power, of Omak, Washington, is recognized for exceptional and consistent support of the goals and operation of the Okanogan County Genealogical Society. Lola Mooney Power distinguished herself in support of the Okanogan County Genealogical Society through her untiring efforts to do the research and make the necessary contacts to organize the Society in 1979 and is an inspiration for all activities that take place within the Society. She is a Charter Member of the Society and has served several years as President and has been the librarian since its beginning. She has played an important part in the publication of the books "*Okanogan County Cemetery Records*" and "*Okanogan County Vital Statistics: A Chronology of Vital Statistics Reported in the Omak Chronicle.*" As past President she is active in the computer user group and always helpful in arranging programs. She is always organized and willing to take on any task necessary for the good of the group. Lola can always be counted on to see that things get done.

2004 - Region 8 - Okanogan County Genealogical Society

Violet Dorrel Utt, of Riverside, Washington, is recognized for outstanding efforts in the preservation of important records of significant genealogical value to Okanogan County Genealogical Society and other researchers interested in Washington State families. Violet Dorrel Utt distinguished herself in support of the Okanogan County Genealogical Society and other Washington State researchers through her untiring efforts, teamed with Ada Buchanan James, spending countless hours gathering and typing information for the books "*Okanogan County Washington Cemetery Records*" and "*Okanogan County Vital Statistics: A Chronology of Vital Statistics Reported in the Omak Chronicle.*" Violet sought permission from the Colville Tribal officials to walk their many cemeteries and then shared her recordings with them. She served for two years as President of the Society and was a charter member having joined the Society when it was formed in 1979.

2004 - Region 8 - Wenatchee Area Genealogical Society

Joanne Calhoun is recognized for exceptional and consistent support of the goals and operation of Wenatchee Area Genealogical Society. Joanne Calhoun has been a stalwart of the genealogical group in the Wenatchee area since its inception in 1977. She has held many offices, including President, and has been the society's Treasurer for much of the last 27 years. She has volunteered for countless projects, as a regular library volunteer,

has assisted hundreds, perhaps thousands of family historians in their research. She shares her expertise in all aspects of genealogy. She is blessed with a husband, Marion, who as a skilled carpenter has assisted the Society on numerous occasions. She is and has been an outstanding team player, and the Wenatchee Area Genealogical Society is fortunate to have her participation.

2004 - Region 8 - Wenatchee Area Genealogical Society

Fred Pflugrath 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 the families of Washington State. Fred Pflugrath has been trying to wrap up his survey of Wenatchee-area Civil War veterans for more than a year. This huge project has involved hundreds of hours of research, and an article in a recent local newspaper produced even more leads for Fred to track down. He is a thorough and conscientious researcher. His many years of genealogical research have fine tuned his caution and approach. What he provides always represents an excellent product. The volumes he has produced about the Civil War veterans are certainly an example of that excellence.