



Washington State Genealogical Society

OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEERS - 2006

The following outstanding volunteers, nominated and honored by their local societies, were recognized at the annual meeting of Washington State Genealogical Society at Olympia, Washington, on 8 April 2006.

Dorothy Bailey	Region 3 - Clallam County Genealogical Society
Marjorie Anne Stein Beldin	Region 6 - Tri-City Genealogical Society
Tom Berg	Region 3 - Jefferson County Genealogical Society
Corrine Marie Salomonson Berry	Region 1 - Sno-Isle Genealogical Society
Susan Gallyon Dechant	Region 7 - Northeast Washington Genealogical Society
Margaret J. Florence Dent	Region 8 - Wenatchee Area Genealogical Society
Lorna L. Delaney Elliott	Region 5 - Columbia Gorge Genealogical Society
Susan B. Semenza Ericksen	Washington State Genealogical Society
Larry Harden	Region 3 - Puget Sound Genealogical Society
Joann Hulse	Region 4 - Lewis County Genealogical Society
Doreen Quayle Johnson	Region 1 - Genealogical Society of South Whidbey Island
Norma Keefe-Hills	Region 1 - Skagit Valley Genealogical Society
Susan Koehler	Region 3 - Clallam County Genealogical Society
Linda Kay Lawson	Region 1 - Whatcom Genealogical Society
Janis Wirth Littlefield	Region 6 - Tri-City Genealogical Society
Anne Sonney Livingston	Region 8 - Wenatchee Area Genealogical Society
Barbara Bovella Lynch	Region 1 - Whatcom Genealogical Society
Ellen Davis McKanna	Region 2 - Tacoma-Pierce County Genealogical Society
Frank L. McLean	Washington State Genealogical Society
Sandie Morrison	Region 3 - Puget Sound Genealogical Society
Lavon Elder Mundinger	Region 8 - Okanogan County Genealogical Society
Leslie Parnell	Region 4 - Lewis County Genealogical Society
Diane Lenore Ulrich Partington	Region 1 - Skagit Valley Genealogical Society
Marilyn Dee Musgrove Poole	Region 8 - Okanogan County Genealogical Society
Barbara Harshman Ricketts	Region 1 - Skagit Valley Genealogical Society
Ralph Seefeld	Region 1 - Genealogical Society of South Whidbey Island
Persis Reynolds Shook	Region 2 - Tacoma-Pierce County Genealogical Society
M. Noreen Casey Snell	Region 1 - Sno-Isle Genealogical Society
Laura Pemberton Sparr	Washington State Genealogical Society
Arnold Stewart	Region 1 - Skagit Valley Genealogical Society
Pam Wilson	Region 3 - Jefferson County Genealogical Society

2006 - Washington State Genealogical Society

Susan B. Semenza Ericksen, of Zillah, Washington, is recognized for outstanding efforts in the preservation of important records of genealogical value to researchers interested in the families of Washington State. Sue Ericksen is recognized for her tireless and outstanding contribution to the 1910 every-name Census Indexing Project of the Washington State Genealogical Society. Sue teamed with Frank McLean to revitalize this mammoth project and see it to its completion. She contacted and coordinated volunteers throughout the state to record and proofread entries county by county. Where volunteers were lacking, Sue and Frank extracted the data themselves. They were responsible for posting the database on the Washington State Genealogical Society website. In addition, the two coordinated with key individuals in the Office of the Secretary of State in an effort to make the new database available on the Digital Archives website as well.

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Frank L. McLean, of Yakima, Washington, is recognized for outstanding efforts in the preservation of important records of genealogical value to researchers interested in the families of Washington State. Frank McLean is recognized for his tireless and outstanding contribution to the 1910 every-name Census Indexing Project of the Washington State Genealogical Society. Frank teamed with Sue Semenza Ericksen to revitalize this mammoth project and see it to its completion. He contacted and coordinated volunteers throughout the state to record and proofread entries county by county. Where volunteers were lacking, Frank and Sue extracted the data themselves. They were responsible for posting the database on the Washington State Genealogical Society website. In addition, the two coordinated with key individuals in the Office of the Secretary of State in an effort to make the new database available on the Digital Archives website as well.

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Laura Pemberton Sparr, of Marysville, Washington, is recognized for exceptional and consistent support of the goals and operation of Washington State Genealogical Society. Laura Pemberton Sparr is recognized for her many years of enthusiastic service to the Washington State Genealogical Society in a variety of roles. Laura has served as a region representative, State Society President, and Vice President. In addition she has served as a state conference chairperson, society parliamentarian, Federation of Genealogical Societies representative, and chairperson of the nominating committee. Laura has been an advocate for the Washington State Genealogical Society and has testified before the State Legislature on legislation impacting genealogists. She has long been in the forefront in promoting our society on a national and regional basis. In addition she has been the one to encourage so many volunteers statewide to become involved in keeping our society moving forward.

2006 - Region 1 - Genealogical Society of South Whidbey Island

Doreen Quayle Johnson, of Greenbank, Washington, is recognized for exceptional and consistent support of the goals and operation of Genealogical Society of South Whidbey Island. Doreen Johnson is a mainstay of the Genealogical Society of South Whidbey Island. Whenever and wherever a need arises, she is there, volunteering to help. She has taught the monthly education classes for the Society and community education classes for both adults and children. She is editor, feature writer

including a series on 'treasured items' of members, photographer and printer of the Society's monthly newsletter. She set up and "debugged" the online delivery system for the newsletter. She almost single-handedly managed the publicity for the 2004 and 2006 seminars and worked on other past seminar committees. When the Society set up a "travel basket" of raffle items, she helped decide what to purchase, designed and printed up tickets, and organized members to sell the tickets. She also videotapes the monthly speakers for absent members and for use in the library, which she currently manages on a temporary basis. Doreen took on the surname card file from the Society's Archivist, converted the file into a database so it can be sorted and printed in any number of ways, and produced a report by state, showing which member was researching where. She constructed a chart to show all of that and a 'thermometer' indicating who had turned in their ancestors. She also serves on the Society's Board as Director of Publications and Archivist. Whatever Doreen does, she does well. She truly exemplifies "exceptional and consistent support".

2006 - Region 1 - Genealogical Society of South Whidbey Island

Ralph Seefeld, of Coupeville, Washington, is recognized for outstanding efforts in the preservation of important records of genealogical value to Genealogical Society of South Whidbey Island and other researchers interested in the families of Washington State. Ralph Seefeld, Archivist for the Genealogical Society of South Whidbey Island, is recognized this year for the new project he has undertaken with the Washington State Vital Records Office in Olympia. This project will be a great benefit to genealogists world wide. Some time ago Washington's Secretary of State initiated a vital records web site with information on births, deaths, census records, etc. Early on, Ralph furnished Island County census transcriptions for their site. Meanwhile, after years of collecting vital records from Island County newspapers for the Society, he had been contemplating how best to make that information available for other genealogists. Ralph contacted the Secretary of State's office offering these lists for their use. They accepted, and since then he has been reformatting and editing these large computer databases to make them suitable for use in the State's program. He plans to have the data on CD-ROM in time for presentation to the Secretary of State's office while attending the WSGS Conference in Olympia.

2006 - Region 1 - Skagit Valley Genealogical Society

Norma Keefe-Hills

Diane Lenore Ulrich Partington

Barbara Harshman Ricketts

are recognized for their 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. The Skagit Valley Genealogical Society's Research Committee have distinguished themselves by organizing and expanding the Society's capability for helping others locate genealogical data of Skagit County. Diane Partington has excelled in the performance of her duties as the Society's genealogist. She often goes above and beyond expectations to locate source information for those persons who have requested information on local Skagit County families. She has served as a member of the Society's Board of Directors for many years and has recently taken on the responsibility for organization of the society storage facility. Her committee members, Barbara Ricketts and Norma Keefe-Hills, have played key roles in the success of this venture. Barbara Ricketts has reorganized, built

shelving and is currently responsible for clipping and mounting obituaries from all Skagit County newspapers. Norma Keefe-Hills has been helpful in filing obituaries, and assisting Diane with research. She is a regular volunteer at the local Mount Vernon Family History Center. The work that this team has achieved as a committee is outstanding and greatly appreciated. Diane has spent many hours volunteering her time to provide genealogical assistance at the Burlington Library.

2006 - Region 1 - Skagit Valley Genealogical Society

Arnold Stewart, of LaConnor, Washington, is recognized for exceptional and consistent support of the goals and operation of Skagit Valley Genealogical Society. Arnold Stewart has distinguished himself in support of the Skagit Valley Genealogical Society through his untiring efforts to disseminate the Society's genealogical publications. He is past chairperson and has been a longtime member of the Publication Committee. In this capacity he has shown adeptness in the proofing of final copies of our cemetery series and is currently spending much of his time and effort in getting all society publications printed and assembled, including comb binding, and readying them for sale by the society. He has spent several years on the Board of Directors of the Society.

2006 - Region 1 - Sno-Isle Genealogical

M. Noreen Casey Snell (1924-2005), of Edmonds, Washington, is posthumously recognized for outstanding efforts in the preservation of important records of genealogical value to Sno-Isle Genealogical Society and other researchers interested in the families of Washington State. To the late Noreen Snell all family and local history researchers in Snohomish and Island Counties are indebted for her faithful service as the obituaries chairman of the Sno-Isle Genealogical Society. She saved, clipped, mounted and filed close to 20,000 obituaries from Snohomish and Island County newspapers for over a decade (1994-2005). As a major resource of the Society's library in the Humble House in Lynnwood, Noreen's obituaries file is a legacy of preservation that will continue to benefit all Washington researchers.

2006 - Region 1 - Sno-Isle Genealogical

Corrine Marie Salomonson Berry, of Bothell, Washington, is recognized for exceptional and consistent support of the goals and operation of Sno-Isle Genealogical Society. Connie Berry has made outstanding contributions to genealogy and family research through her service to the Sno-Isle Genealogical Society. She is a founding member of the Society and provided vision and direction as it established itself. Moreover, she served as its only membership chairman for twenty years. She contributed her time and computer expertise toward launching the society's publications, and for over ten years has regularly contributed obituaries to the Society's quarterly journal, *The Souder*, and has transcribed many newspaper sources for society projects.

2006 - Region 1 - Whatcom Genealogical Society

Linda Kay Lawson, 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. Linda Lawson has been a member of Whatcom Genealogical Society for almost

30 years and has served in many functions supporting the Society's goals of preserving, collecting and disseminating important genealogical and historical information of Whatcom County. She is the current chair of the Publications and Records Committee, ensuring that the many books and CD-ROMs are available for purchase. She frequents the Washington State Archives Northwest Regional Center, helping to answer queries received by the Society's Research Aide, and transcribing information for publication in the Society's quarter journal, *The Bulletin*. She also has served the Society in the past as the chair of the Publicity Committee and the Library Acquisitions Committee, and twice as the Society's Treasurer. Her versatility and dedication makes her an example for all.

2006 - Region 1 - Whatcom Genealogical Society

Barbara Bovella Lynch, of Everson, Washington, is recognized for exceptional and consistent support of the goals and operation of the Whatcom Genealogical Society. Barbara Lynch has supported the Whatcom Genealogical Society very actively since her arrival about ten years ago. She first took on the job as the Society's Research Aide, improving the functioning of this exceptionally important out-reach position. She was elected as the Society's President in 1999, gaining confidence and experience as a group leader. She moved to the Treasurer's function in 2001, maintaining accurate records and oversight of the Society's funds. When the Secretary's position was unexpectedly vacated, Barbara responded to the call and has been documenting and disseminating the minutes of the Board and general meetings ever since. Her willingness to help out wherever she is needed has helped the Society to continue functioning effectively. She is greatly appreciated.

2006 - Region 2 - Tacoma-Pierce County Genealogical Society

Ellen Davis McKanna is recognized for exceptional and consistent support of the goals and operation of Tacoma Pierce County Genealogical Society. Ellen McKanna, an active member since the mid-1990s, has made many contributions to the operation and well-being of Tacoma Pierce County Genealogical Society through service as the Society's Corresponding Secretary, 2001-2003; President, 2003-2005; and Chair of the Seminar Committee, 2005-2006. Ellen's love of family led her to learn genealogy research skill through educational seminars, visits to the local libraries and archives, and research trips to Ontario and Nebraska. She shares those skills with others. Ellen has volunteered to help staff the Society's information table at the Puyallup Fair and worked on the Fair genealogy display case. She also volunteers at the Heritage Quest Research Library, now in Sumner, including as a board member and genealogy class teacher.

2006 - Region 2 - Tacoma-Pierce County Genealogical Society

Persis Reynolds Shook 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. Persis Shook learned genealogy as a child from her father and re-discovered the delight of researching her roots in 1976. She served the Tacoma-Pierce County Genealogical Society as President, Vice President, and for five years as Editor of the Society's journal, *The Researcher*. She has been instrumental in abstracting and publishing the records from 6 reels of Pierce County probate files dating back to 1853. As a genealogy teacher Persis has shared her knowledge of New York State by presenting

programs at many local and state society seminars. She has made research trips to libraries across the United States and United Kingdom, especially enjoying her trips to Salt Lake City with her “genie” friends. Persis has strengthened her ties with genealogist while serving as President of the Tacoma Public Library.

2006 - Region 3 - Clallam County Genealogical Society

Dorothy Bailey, of Port Angeles, Washington, is recognized for exceptional and consistent support of the goals and operation of the Clallam County Genealogical Society. Dorothy Bailey distinguishes herself in support of the Clallam County Genealogical Society through her varied and consistent service to the Society. She served as Secretary for ten consecutive years. Before, during and since that time, she has worked every Monday morning as the “Monday Librarian” in the Society’s library. At the present time she is also serving as Chairman of Volunteers, Co-chairman of the annual Audit Committee and as a researcher. She provides “Dorothy’s Tidbits” – items gleaned from newsletters of other societies or from the Society’s extensive library collection – to share at the monthly meetings. In addition, Dorothy always is one of the first to volunteer for new projects suggested by the members or the Executive Committee.

2006 - Region 3 - Clallam County Genealogical Society

Susan Koehler, of Sequim, 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. Susan Koehler distinguishes herself by quietly and efficiently using her talents to index records in the county files of the Clallam County Genealogical Society. She has indexed all of the Clallam County schools censuses and the Port Angeles school censuses in the Society’s library – about ten to twelve years worth of records. She helped with the index of the 1910 Federal Census of Clallam County and is doing a complete index of Lauridsen and Smith’s book, “*The Story of Port Angeles*” for the Historical Society. As a Friday volunteer at the genealogy library, Susan assists the Society’s Query Editor and answers research requests, as well as helping library patrons. She also is updating and maintaining the Clallam County Pioneer files.

2006 - Region 3 - Jefferson County Genealogical Society

Tom Berg, 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. Tom Berg has been associated with the Jefferson County Genealogy Society as well as the Jefferson County Historical Society for many years. Starting with his interest in the Barthrop family, he has consistently shown the gift of envisioning a project and seeing it through to completion. In addition to conducting thorough research on the Barthrop family, Tom has developed a database of early homes identifying street name and number changes which has been invaluable to researchers of old homes and the families who lived in them. He has composed a list of vessels built in Jefferson County and has been involved in the extraction of probate, divorce, marriage, church and census records and their entry into the Society’s database. His many hours volunteering for the Society have been critical to the preservation and accessibility of Jefferson County records.

2006 - Region 3 - Jefferson County Genealogical Society

Pam Wilson, of Paulsbo, Washington, is recognized for exceptional and consistent support of the goals and operation of Jefferson County Genealogical Society. Pam Wilson, shortly after becoming a member of Jefferson County Genealogical Society, began her distinguished service to the Society. She joined the volunteer ranks as a Research Center Volunteer, committing herself to “working” at the Research Center one day each week. When her computer skills were recognized, Pam was asked to help with our computer databases, a highly challenging assignment. She readily said yes, and since then, has been the primary person to take data input, develop it into a useable database and tie it in with the kiosk. In addition, Pam has gladly stepped forward and made presentations at the Society’s monthly meetings, showcasing her talents in the fashion of yore and in preservation and dating of photographs. Without Pam’s efforts, JCGS would not be as far along as we are in data availability. She also has volunteered many hours helping others to research the history and people of Jefferson County.

2006 - Region 3 - Puget Sound Genealogical Society

Larry Harden, of Port Orchard, Washington, is recognized for outstanding efforts in the preservation of important records of genealogical value to Puget Sound Genealogical Society and other researchers interested in the families of Washington State. Larry Harden has distinguished himself in support of the Puget Sound Genealogical Society and other Washington State researchers through his untiring efforts to collect, file and index Kitsap County obituaries from the early years to present. They number in the thousands. He also is in the process of leading a committee for identifying graves and platting an old cemetery.

2006 - Region 3 - Puget Sound Genealogical Society

Sandie Morrison, of Belfair, Washington, is recognized for exceptional and consistent support of the goals and operation of Puget Sound Genealogical Society. Sandie Morrison has distinguished herself in untiring support of the Puget Sound Genealogical Society as Ways and Means leadership. She has co-chaired the seminars and Antique Appraisal Fair. She has organized our monthly raffles. She is an active member of our committees and executive board. Sandie also has been active on our cemetery project locating and recording old Kitsap County cemeteries. She has lead several cemetery walks.

2006 - Region 4 - Lewis County Genealogical Society

Joann Hulse, of Chehalis, Washington, is recognized for exceptional and consistent support of the goals and operation of Lewis County Genealogical Society. Joann Hulse has distinguished herself in untiring support of the Lewis County Genealogical Society as the Society’s Secretary for more than five years. She makes sure that officers are reminded of board meetings, and that the minutes of our meetings are accurate. She also helps keep the membership on track with projects. Most recently she has volunteered to coordinate the final stages of reconciling the transcription of the Claquato Cemetery with the cemetery records in order to provide the most complete information available.

2006 - Region 4 - Lewis County Genealogical Society

Leslie Parnell, of Onalaska, 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. Leslie Parnell distinguished herself in support of the Lewis County Genealogical Society and other Washington State researchers through her untiring efforts to preserve and provide access to Lewis County Cemetery Records, Lewis County Mortuary Records, and through her service as President of the Society. She is also past Society Treasurer. She continues to volunteer her time to work on other projects as well as cataloguing the collection in the Society's library. Perhaps one of her biggest responsibilities is producing the Society's newsletter. Leslie truly has done a wonderful job with this project, maintaining the high standards she sets in all of her efforts.

2006 - Region 5 - Columbia Gorge Genealogical Society

Lorna L. Delaney Elliott, of The Dalles, Oregon, is recognized for outstanding efforts in the preservation of important records of genealogical value to the Columbia Gorge Genealogical Society and other researchers interested in the families of north central Oregon and southern Washington State. Lorna Elliott has spent many hours transcribing records at the Wasco County Courthouse and elsewhere, and worked tirelessly to ensure publication of ten of her projects by the Society. She has several sets of data in raw form and is currently preparing the *Wasco County Deaths (1907 – 1931)* for indexing and publication. As a librarian at The Dalles/Wasco County Public Library, Lorna volunteers and enjoys the opportunity to answer all genealogy and history queries addressed to the library, plus those received by the Society. She also makes copies of the material collected for surname folders and a surname index file. Due in large part to her efforts, the genealogy collection in The Dalles/Wasco County Public Library now numbers over sixteen hundred items and serves genealogist and family historians in Wasco, Hood River and Sherman counties in Oregon, and Klickitat, Skamania and Clark counties in Washington State.

2006 - Region 6 - Tri-City Genealogical Society

Marjorie Anne Stein Beldin, of Richland, Washington, is recognized for exceptional and consistent support of the goals and operation of Tri-City Genealogical Society. Margie Beldin has distinguished herself in untiring support of the Tri-City Genealogical Society as past President, Vice President/Program Chair and Education Chair of the Society. She shares her enthusiasm for genealogy through consulting with others, teaching classes, organizing conferences and workshops, and making presentation at the Society's regular meetings. She actively increases her knowledge and capability through attendance at and participation in genealogical conferences presented by other genealogical societies and organizations. She is the Society's representative to the National Genealogical Society. She loves to teach and is the invited presenter at the Yakima Valley Genealogical Society Spring Seminar. With all this she manages to continue her own family research.

2006 - Region 6 - Tri-City Genealogical Society

Janis Wirth Littlefield, 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. Janis Littlefield distinguished herself in support of the Tri-City Genealogical Society and

other Washington State researchers through her efforts to preserve and make local obituaries readily available to researchers by indexing over 11,300 individual obituaries published in the Tri-City Herald since January 1, 2000; by submitting these index entries to the online "The Obituary Daily Times"; and by publishing them in the Society's bulletin and on the Society's web site. She adapted her indexing scheme for use in indexing selected older obituaries found at the East Benton County Historical Society. These indexes are published in the Society's Bulletin. She also helped with the indexing of the North Light Studio photographic collection held by the Columbia River Exhibition of History Science and Technology (CREHST).

2006 - Region 7 - Northeast Washington Genealogical Society

Susan Gallyon Dechant, of Kettle Falls, Washington, is recognized for exceptional and consistent support of the goals and operation of the Northeast Washington Genealogical Society. Twenty-five years ago, Susan Dechant of Kettle Falls was the catalyst to help create the Northeast Washington Genealogical Society. Through her many talents and continued enthusiasm, the Society is an active and busy organization in 2006. Susan has served as president of the Society for a total of twelve years and held other offices over the years. For the past two years, she has done a commendable job as Vice President -- in charge of organizing the society's monthly programs and the annual day-long workshop. For more than ten years, Susan has presented a monthly morning "computer" related program to compliment the topic presented in the afternoon program. She coordinates the Stevens, Ferry and Pend Oreille Counties 'GenWeb' sites as well as being the webmistress for the Society. Over the years she has written computer related articles for both the NeWGS and the EWGS quarterlies and various other topics of interest. Susan has consistently provided the type of administrative support needed for fledging or small rural community organizations, but is often taken for granted and under appreciated for her efforts.

2006 - Region 8 - Okanogan County Genealogical Society

Lavon Elder Munding, (1925 - 2005), of Omak and Kennewick, Washington, is posthumously recognized for exceptional and consistent support of the goals and operation of the Okanogan County Genealogical Society. This award is a tribute in memory of Lavon Munding who distinguished herself in support of the Okanogan County Genealogical Society since being a co-founder of the Society in 1979. Her organizational skills and leadership were inspirational in many different capacities. She served as the Society's Treasurer for several years and was a permanent member of the auditing committee afterwards. Our noteworthy library was established and expanded through her chairmanship of the Book Committee, and the donation of her personal genealogical book collection has enriched our library's holdings. She was known for her willingness to assist members or anyone else interested in genealogy and could always be depended upon for her program presentations and instructional "to-do lists." She greatly aided in our financial undertakings. Even after her health began to fail, she volunteered to work at home organizing our 20-year-collection of clipped obituaries, pasting them onto cards in alphabetical order. Many shoe boxes later, we had an irreplaceable obit file. She is greatly missed.

2006 - Region 8 - Okanogan County Genealogical Society

Marilyn Dee Musgrove Poole, (1936 – 2001), of Omak, Washington, is posthumously 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. Marilyn Dee Musgrove Poole distinguished herself in support of the Okanogan County Genealogical Society and other Washington State researchers through her endless hours formatting and typing cemetery records for the book "*Okanogan County Washington Cemetery Records.*" She also formatted and typed most of the Society's publication "*Okanogan County Vital Statistics: A Chronology of Vital Statistics Reported in the Omak Chronicle, 1910 Through 1934.*" Marilyn was the Society's Secretary for several years and was Book Committee chairperson. She also served as a board member. She was always willing to help with projects being done by the Society, such as the yard sales for fundraising, and by assisting with the workshops and other projects. Marilyn is greatly missed by all.

2006 - Region 8 - Wenatchee Area Genealogical Society

Margaret J. Florence Dent, 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 the families of Washington State. As Chairperson of Vital Records for Wenatchee Area Genealogical Society, Marge Dent has spent countless hours searching microfilms, copying, printing and organizing obituaries into easily accessible notebooks. She oversees other volunteers working on the obituary files and arranges the results for insertion into the notebooks. Through the perseverance of Marge and her volunteers, the Society's library now contains over 90,000 obituaries from as far back as 1895, ready for use by Society members and visitors. These files are also available for online ordering by those who cannot visit the library. Marge also has worked with other Society members copying cemetery records at the city hall and records from local churches, and has collected other data such as Apple Blossom Festival information. She volunteers additional time to help with the mailing of the Society's quarterly journal, *Appleland Bulletin*. Marge is meticulous; she always checks and double-checks her work. She is a faithful librarian and volunteers for the difficult-to-fill Saturday hours. Marge Dent is a wonderful asset to the Wenatchee Area Genealogical Society.

2006 - Region 8 - Wenatchee Genealogical Society

Anne Sonney Livingston, of Wenatchee, Washington, is recognized for exceptional and consistent support of the goals and operation of Wenatchee Area Genealogical Society. Anne Livingston has distinguished herself in untiring support of the Wenatchee Area Genealogical Society for more than 15 years. She has enhanced the usefulness of the Society's library by developing a modified Dewey Decimal System for the books and periodicals that would not fit with a particular state. She computerized the library's accession sheets, prepared a shelf list, and keeps it current and available to all online at the Society's website and through her Wenatchee Valley College website. She also took on the project of doing a surname index of journals and periodicals in the Society's library. Anne's work in the Wenatchee Valley College Library has made her a wonderful advisor for operation of the Society's library. She is a genealogist extraordinaire, and her generosity with her skills shows her dedication to genealogy and genealogists. She frequently teaches classes and presents programs at many genealogical and historical societies in the region. She also works one evening a week at the Family History Center where she helps many family historians with her expertise. Anne Livingston's combination of knowledge and skills are a rare find and have helped make the Wenatchee Area Genealogical Society successful.