



# Washington State Genealogical Society

## OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEERS - 2010

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The following outstanding volunteers, nominated and honored by their local societies, were recognized at the annual meeting of Washington State Genealogical Society at Chehalis, Washington, on 18 September 2010.

Nancy Jo Grayson Adelson	Region 2 - Jewish Genealogical Society of Washington State
Sylvia (McClelland) Ammons	Region 1 - Skagit Valley Genealogical Society
Barbara (Stumbaugh) Baker	Region 4 - Clark County Genealogical Society
Diana Bargmann (Book Team)	Region 3 - Olympia Genealogical Society
Lesa Barnes	Region 3 - Jefferson County Genealogical Society
Robert J Berkley	Region 8 - Wenatchee Area Genealogical Society
Robert Claire Bovee	Region 1 - Stillaguamish Valley Genealogical Society
Iris Barbara (Nickell) Carter	Region 3 - Grays Harbor Genealogical Society
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Helen (Putz) Cromar	Region 8 - Chelan Valley Genealogical Society
Evelyn Caroline Darrow	Region 1 - Whatcom Genealogical Society
John Carroll Ellingson	Region 7 - Eastern Washington Genealogical Society
Richard Engstrom	Region 4 - Clark County Genealogical Society
Janet (Rogers) Enzmann (1925-2010)	Region 1 - Whidbey Island Genealogical Searchers
Allen Ferguson	Region 8 - Wenatchee Area Genealogical Society
Sandra (Meacham) Floberg	Region 6 - Tri-City Genealogical Society
Eunice Franklin	Region 3 - Jefferson County Genealogical Society
Karen (Chatham) Frost	Region 4 - Clark County Genealogical Society
Glenn A Gilbert	Region 2 - South King County Genealogical Society
Lorraine (Kendall) Graeber	Region 2 - Tacoma-Piece County Genealogical Society
Alma Greenwood (Book Team)	Region 3 - Olympia Genealogical Society
William Greenwood (Book Team)	Region 3 - Olympia Genealogical Society
Nellie (Bruton) Hacksma	Region 8 - Wenatchee Area Genealogical Society
Christopher J Harper (Book Team)	Region 3 - Olympia Genealogical Society
Patricia C (Bacon) Harper	Region 3 - Olympia Genealogical Society
Robert B Harper (Book Team)	Region 3 - Olympia Genealogical Society
Michele Noone Heiderer	Region 1 - Stillaguamish Valley Genealogical Society
Joyce M (Hilby) Hooker	Region 5 - Yakima Valley Genealogical Society
Glen A. Jones	Region 4 - Clark County Genealogical Society
Charlotte Sue Kibbie	Region 2 - South King County Genealogical Society
Judith (Elder) Kruze	Region 8 - Chelan Valley Genealogical Society
Jean Law (Book Team)	Region 3 - Olympia Genealogical Society
Roxanne (Ferbrache) Lowe	Region 3 - Grays Harbor Genealogical Society
Maureen (Messinger) MacDonald	Region 1 - Genealogical Society of South Whidbey Island
Virginia (Forney) Majewski	Region 3 - Clallam County Genealogical Society

Marlys (Shipley) Marrs	Region 3 - Puget Sound Genealogical Society
Patricia Rae (Fish) McLaren	Region 8 - Wenatchee Area Genealogical Society
Marjorie D (Williams) Menees	Region 3 - Puget Sound Genealogical Society
Kathleen Newcomer (Book Team)	Region 3 - Olympia Genealogical Society
Jackie E Peter	Region 1 - Whatcom Genealogical Society
David M Purtee	Region 3 - Olympia Genealogical Society
Sam Sumner Reed	Washington State Genealogical Society
Lhisa Reish (Book Team)	Region 3 - Olympia Genealogical Society
Carol (Adams) Ripley	Region 1 - Sno-Isle Genealogical Society
Judy L (Jones) Schuster	Region 5 - Yakima Valley Genealogical Society
Ralph Seefeld	Region 1 - Genealogical Society of South Whidbey Island
Linda Sewright	Region 3 - Bainbridge Island Genealogical Society
Claire Smith	Region 3 - Bainbridge Island Genealogical Society
MaryLynn Strickland	Region 2 - South King County Genealogical Society
Gordon William "Gordy" Struve	Region 7 - Northeast Washington Genealogical Society
Roger Arnold Thiede	Region 6 - Tri-City Genealogical Society
Karen (Steiner) Vance	Region 4 - Lower Columbia Genealogical Society
Joseph M Voss (1931-2009)	Region 2 - Jewish Genealogical Society of Washington State
Frank A Weihs	Region 2 - Tacoma-Pierce County Genealogical Society
Ida Louise (Abbott) Wheeler	Region 8 - Wenatchee Area Genealogical Society
Doris J Woodward	Region 7 - Eastern Washington Genealogical Society
Nancy (Parker) Wright	Region 7 - Northeast Washington Genealogical Society

#### 2010 - Washington State Genealogical Society

Sam Sumner Reed, of Olympia, Washington, is recognized for outstanding efforts in the modernization and management of critical research resources and preservation of important historical records of value to Washington State Genealogical Society and all other researchers interested in the families and history of Washington State. As Washington State Secretary of State, Sam Reed is recognized for outstanding service to the citizens of the State of Washington and to genealogists and family historians in particular. When the Washington State Library was threatened with closure in 2002, he was not only able to save it but to align its operation under the Office of the Secretary of State. There it has continued to serve patrons with expanded genealogical services, materials and programs. A recent example of this was the public workshop, *The Ruddle Riddle*, offered in January 2010. Another major accomplishment occurred in 2004 when, under the State Archives system, he launched the nation's first state government digital archives to rescue disappearing electronic history, to digitize paper government records and to make this material more accessible to the public. In 2007 he unveiled his proposal for the State Heritage Center, a new home for the State Library and the State Archives. Another program, the Rural Heritage Collection, was begun in 2008 to preserve and provide access to local history collections. His recognition that "genealogy has become one of the most popular hobbies" has greatly enhanced opportunities and access to information in Washington State and we are extremely grateful for his efforts.

#### 2010 - Region 1 - Genealogical Society of South Whidbey Island

Maureen (Messenger) MacDonald, of Langley, Washington, is recognized for her outstanding support, management and leadership of the Genealogical Society of South Whidbey Island. During the 2009-2010 year, she voluntarily took on both the field trip and education director positions. She actively encouraged and recruited members to join the field trips, and assisted members with their research while at the various resource locations. As Director of Education she taught the intermediate-level classes, researching, organizing and presenting information and handouts on specific topics, often ones suggested by attendees. Maureen also took it upon herself to work one-on-one with anyone who asked for assistance with their research, helping them set goals then assisting them to advance their research toward that goal. When the Society started up special interest groups focusing on research in specific geographic areas, Maureen immediately volunteered to lead the New England group, which has a large following, and to chair groups for the Midwest and Pacific NW states. Maureen recently changed from a PC to a Macintosh computer consequently changing to new genealogy software as well. She immediately organized a Reunion software user group to help other members with their Reunion software questions and issues. Maureen has distinguished herself as one of the Society's most knowledgeable, tireless and valuable members.

#### 2010 - 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 the Genealogical Society of South Whidbey Island and other researchers interested in the families of Washington State. Over the years Ralph Seefeld has single-handedly done more to preserve Island County records than any other member of the Genealogical Society of South Whidbey

Island. He initiated a survey of all Island County Cemeteries and compiled his findings into a book which he graciously allowed the Society to sell as a fund-raising project. He transcribed the Island County portion of several territorial and state censuses and arranged to place them on the Washington State Digital Archives so they would be available to researchers worldwide. One of Ralph's biggest projects is the collection of obituaries for past and present residents of Island County. He scoured through old newspapers any place he could find them in order to obtain as many obituaries and death notices as possible. As newspapers on the island came and went over the years, the task was all the more difficult, but Ralph stuck with it until he had gone through every available old newspaper. He also added recent obituaries to his collection which now resides in 50 three inch binders. As he went through the old newspapers he also collected and compiled birth, marriage, divorce and naturalization announcements, which he again submitted to the Washington State Digital Archives. This year Ralph has handed off his obituary and cemetery books to others. His shoes will be hard to fill. He is leaving an amazing legacy of information. We are all able to develop our ancestral histories because of people like Ralph who take it upon themselves to be guardians of historical records.

#### 2010 - Region 1 - Skagit Valley Genealogical Society

Sylvia (McClelland) Ammons, of Bow, Washington, is recognized for outstanding efforts in the preservation of important records of genealogical value to the Skagit Valley Genealogical Society and other researchers interested in the families of Washington State. Sylvia Ammons was drawn to the Skagit Valley Genealogical Society by her desire to learn how she might research the facts and fiction of the family stories her maternal grandmother told her. As she learned, she started to pay back the Society by volunteering to help others do their research. Sylvia volunteers regularly as a genealogy aide to help patrons wanting to use the Society's genealogy collection in the Burlington Public Library. She also helped plan and put on the Society's first Open House at the library, showing visitors how family history research can be done using online resources and the Society's library collection. Sylvia helps the Society's Genealogist to research and respond to queries received from across the country. She has helped file obituaries and collect data from headstones and markers for publication in the Society's cemetery record series. She also chairs the Publications committee. She worked with the Cemetery Database Cartographer of the Washington State Department of Archaeology and Historical Preservation to locate and record small cemeteries in the area so they will be protected from destruction by commercial interests. Sylvia is always willing to help out wherever needed, and her enthusiasm, skills and efforts are greatly appreciated.

#### 2010 - Region 1 - Skagit Valley Genealogical Society

Shirley (Gawley) Christenson, of Mount Vernon, Washington, is recognized for exceptional and consistent support of the goals and operation of the Skagit Valley Genealogical Society. Shirley Christenson is a very active member of the Skagit Valley Genealogical Society, volunteering to help the Society wherever she is needed. She chaired the Publicity Committee for two years, providing news releases and fliers about Society activities to local media, senior centers and other organizations. Shirley helped read headstones and markers in local cemeteries, collecting data for publication in the Society's cemetery-record books. She also helped the Society's conference committee

to research and select speakers and mail out hundreds of advertising fliers for the very successful State Society conference hosted at Mount Vernon in 2008. Shirley and her late husband, Harold, were gracious hosts for two Society Board retreats at their home. She chairs the Education Committee, providing interested individuals and groups with short presentations covering beginning genealogy or longer courses on specific research topics. Shirley volunteers to assist patrons to use the Society's collection at the Burlington Public Library and helped catalog a large number of books donated to the collection. She also was very involved with the Society's genealogy open house at the library. Shirley's many talents and enjoyable personality helps tremendously with the Society's outreach efforts. Thank you very much, Shirley, for all you have done.

#### 2010 - Region 1 - Sno-Isle Genealogical Society

Carol (Adams) Ripley, of Edmonds, Washington, is recognized for outstanding volunteer service and consistent support of the goals and operation of Sno-Isle Genealogical Society. Carol Ripley served Sno-Isle Genealogical Society for two years as President, and previously held the office of the Society Treasurer for several years. Carol's service has been manifest not only as an officer of SIGS, but also as a volunteer at the Society's Research Library located in the Humble House, Heritage Park, in Lynnwood. Because of the library's unique location, the Society is a park partner with the city, and Carol represents the Society on the Heritage Park Partners Advisory Committee. She also worked on an exhibit of 1910 landowners in Southwest Snohomish County, and co-authored a book entitled "Lynnwood at 50;" a look at the history of Lynnwood's civic, religious, business and neighborhood institutions, from the city's incorporation to the present time. Since the recent retirement of the Society's library director, Carol has taken on the duty of interim library director. She has supervised and completed an inventory of the Society's library holdings, and often uses her research ability to assist patrons with their family research. She also volunteers weekly at the Family History Center in Everett. Carol Ripley's unselfish contribution of time and effort is greatly appreciated by Sno-Isle Genealogical Society.

#### 2010 - Region 1 - Stillaguamish Valley Genealogical Society

Robert Claire Bovee, of Bothell, Washington, is recognized for outstanding efforts in the preservation of important records of genealogical value to Stillaguamish Valley Genealogical Society and other researchers interested in the families of Washington State. Between 1971 and 1998 Robert Claire Bovee created forty-four tape-recorded oral histories of long time residents of the tiny North Snohomish County community of Edgcomb. Bob donated copies of a majority of the tapes to the Stillaguamish Valley Genealogical Society before deeding the entire collection to the Center for Pacific Northwest Studies in Bellingham. The Center has converted the tapes to digital format and has archived the originals. The Stillaguamish Valley Genealogical Society is currently working with the Center to write transcripts for the entire collection. The Bob Bovee Oral History Series will provide an invaluable sociological and genealogical resource that highlights how and when the Stillaguamish Valley was settled. Present and future generations of historians will owe a great debt of gratitude to Bob Bovee for his decades of work on this remarkable project.

#### 2010 - Region 1 - Stillaguamish Valley Genealogical Society

Michele Noone Heiderer, of Arlington, Washington, is recognized for exceptional

and consistent support of the goals and operation of the Stillaguamish Valley Genealogical Society by her outstanding work in organizing and cataloging media in the Stillaguamish Valley Genealogical Society's library holdings. The current library collection numbers in excess of 5,000 books, a sizeable collection of media in microform, and a growing library in digital form. Michele took on the role of head librarian when the collection was in its infancy and has worked tirelessly to insure the quality of media material. She maintains subscriptions to various genealogical magazines and research websites and sees that the facility is neat, clean, and orderly. In addition she has maintained a schedule for volunteer librarians, making sure the facility is open to patrons as promised. She and her committee also make many hard decisions about what should be included in the collection's limited space, culling out media that is irrelevant or outdated. It is through Michele's efforts that the Stillaguamish Valley Genealogical Society Library is known for the outstanding quality of its collection.

#### 2010 - Region 1 - Whatcom Genealogical Society

Evelyn Caroline Darrow, of Bellingham, Washington, is recognized for exceptional and consistent support of the goals and operation of Whatcom Genealogical Society. Evelyn Darrow has been a member of the Whatcom Genealogical Society for more than 30 years. For almost the entire time, she volunteered to work on various projects and served in many different Society functions. In 1978, she helped compile a surname index of material published in the first ten years of the Society's journal, *The Bulletin*, and over the years contributed research data for publication. She served on the Society's Board of Directors as Secretary, and then as the Membership Committee Chair. In 1991, she worked on the committee to update the Society's by-laws and standing rules. Evelyn took over as the Society's Historian, maintaining the scrapbooks and other historical material. She also met with the Library Acquisition Committee to review and select new books to donate to the Genealogy Collection in the Bellingham Public Library. When space for the collection had to be cut, she helped determine which journals from out-of-state societies to remove and place in storage. For more than ten years, she has been one of the Society's Research Aides helping visitors to use the Library's genealogical resources. Evelyn has quietly served the Society well in many capacities, and her efforts are greatly appreciated.

#### 2010 - Region 1 - Whatcom Genealogical Society

Jackie E. Peter, of Bellingham, Washington, is recognized for exceptional support of the goals and operation of Whatcom Genealogical Society and outstanding efforts in the preservation of important records of genealogical value to the Society and other researchers interested in the families of Washington State. Jack Peter has been exceptionally helpful in the ongoing effort by Whatcom Genealogical Society to update and expand the Society's publications of the Cemetery Records of Whatcom County. He has been electronically scanning and indexing the extensive collection of obituary clippings which were pasted onto 3-by 5 cards by Society members decades ago. As he indexes these boxes of obituaries, he takes the time to extract burial information from the post-1984 clippings so the names can be added to the Cemetery Records publication. Jack also helped update the published records for St. Joseph "Clipper" Cemetery by walking, recording and verifying the data from headstones and markers. For more than two years, he assisted with the Society's "Blaine Journal" Project to photograph, and publish on compact discs, the earliest known issues of that newspaper,

beginning in 1886 and not available anywhere else. Jack further supported the Society by serving as Vice President for three years and President for four years, and helping with the Society's fundraising garage sales. His willingness to serve in so many ways, wherever needed, is greatly appreciated.

#### 2010 - Region 1 - Whidbey Island Genealogical Searchers

Janet (Rogers) Enzmann, of Coupeville, Washington, is recognized for outstanding leadership, management and consistent support of the goals and operation of the Whidbey Island Genealogical Searchers. Shortly after Janet Enzmann moved to Whidbey Island in 1991 she started what was called an "Interest Group on Genealogy" at the Oak Harbor Senior Center. She was president of the group for the first 10 years. Janet wrote by-laws and worked to get the interest group incorporated into a genealogical society, with the unique name of Whidbey Island Genealogical Searchers. Then Janet took the position of Program Chairman. She scheduled many professional teachers, and when there was an occasional cancellation Janet would step in and talk on any topic, such as an interesting genealogy book she had read. Her interests and generosity have extended to many other parts of her community. The Island County Historical Society Museum and the Sno-Isle Regional Library's Coupeville branch have both awarded her for her outstanding efforts to preserve historical records and her voluntarism. If it weren't for Janet's giving nature and life-long interest in genealogy we may not have a Whidbey Island Genealogical Searchers organization in Oak Harbor. **[Note: Janet Enzmann died of colon cancer on August 16, 2010 at her home in Coupeville. She was born October 14, 1925 in Springfield MA.]**

#### 2010 - Region 2 - Jewish Genealogical Society of Washington State

Nancy Jo Grayson Adelson, of Sammamish, Washington, is recognized for her leadership and outstanding efforts in the preservation of important records of genealogical value to Jewish Genealogical Society of Washington State and other researchers interested in the families of Washington State. Nancy Adelson of Jewish Genealogical Society of Washington State was the driving force in collecting 9100+ Jewish burial records from 11 cemeteries throughout Washington State, working closely with cemeteries, funeral homes, synagogues, burial societies and a few volunteers from the Society and JewishGen volunteers. She then completed the required templates and forms to upload onto the JewishGen Online Worldwide Burial Registry (JOWBR) which is a free searchable database of burial records, cemetery information and photographs. Nancy is a founding member of the Society. She has been the Society's 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President since 2000, Program Chair from 2000-2007 and the JOWBR Washington State Chair since 2009. As Program Chair, Nancy founded the Northwest Speakers Bureau which brought nationally recognized speakers to Jewish Genealogical Societies in Oregon, Washington and Vancouver, Canada. Nancy also presented numerous informative lectures to the Society and to several International Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies conferences. Jewish Genealogical Society of Washington State appreciates Nancy's enthusiasm, knowledge and leadership.

#### 2010 - Region 2 - Jewish Genealogical Society of Washington State

Joseph M. Voss, (July 23, 1931 - July 28, 2009), of Seattle, Washington, is recognized posthumously for exceptional leadership and consistent support of the goals and operation of Jewish Genealogical Society of Washington State. Joe Voss helped start Jewish Genealogical Society of Washington State over 11 years ago and helped it

grow. He not only was President and an active Board member for many years, but also he always volunteered to help anyone requesting help in researching genealogy. He regularly volunteered to translate documents that were in German, Italian, Yiddish, Hebrew and Cyrillic Script. Joe was a scholar and shared his knowledge in numerous outstanding lectures to the Society, covering a wide range of topics including the history of the changing borders of Western Europe, German documents, European history and geography. He was the Society's resident *Maven* (Expert) that readily answered all questions or provided resources. In addition, Joe was a contributing author to genealogical publications including the Society's Newsletter. Joe is sorely missed and is greatly appreciated by all!

#### 2010 - Region 2 - South King County Genealogical Society

Glenn A. Gilbert, of Sumner, Washington, is recognized for exceptional and consistent support of the goals and operation of South King County Genealogical Society. Glenn became a member of the South King County Genealogical Society in 2006, but had been attending the Computer Interest Group meetings before that. Soon after joining the Society, Glenn became the Society's webmaster. He created a user friendly website that includes upcoming events of genealogical interest (of both the Society and others), an index of Society publications (searchable by PicoSearch), a list of resources (including links to websites and a list of locations with a local physical presence), and much more. Glenn brings the projector to the Society's general meetings, sets it up as needed for the speaker, and sets up the equipment for internet access. He does this for many of the Society's special interest group meetings every month as well: Computer, Heritage Photo, Legacy, TMG, etc. In addition, he has put in many hours helping to restore and beautify the Saar Pioneer Cemetery in Kent. He has been instrumental in setting up the computer side of the Society's DNA project. Glenn is an active member of the Board of Directors, serving on the nominating committee, and in other capacities. He has done much to forward the mission of the South King County Genealogical Society. Thank you, Glenn.

#### 2010 - Region 2 - South King County Genealogical Society

Charlotte Sue Kibbie, of Kent, Washington, is recognized for outstanding support of the South King County Genealogical Society's goals and her efforts in the preservation of important records of genealogical value to the Society and other researchers interested in the families of Washington State. Charlotte Kibbe first joined the South King County Genealogical Society in 1999, and very soon was the featured speaker at one of the general membership meetings. She has since given presentations at many general meetings as well as to the Computer Interest Group and for Gene-a-Rama. Soon after joining the Society, Char's main interest, education, led her to become involved with the Education Committee, which she now chairs. She has taught a variety of classes, including "Beginning Genealogy," "Preparing for a Genealogy Trip" and "Organization" at numerous libraries, senior centers and other South King County locations. Char has been an active member of the cemetery committee, helping to transcribe several cemeteries, photographing markers, and uploading the photos to the Find-A-Grave website. She helped with the cleanup of the Saar Pioneer Cemetery in Kent, where her son did his Eagle Scout project. Char is an active member of the Society's Board of Directors, having served as Treasurer, and on the nominating and budget committees, and in other capacities as asked. She has

done a great deal of work to forward the mission of the South King County Genealogical Society. We thank you, Char, for your many contributions.

#### 2010 - Region 2 - South King County Genealogical Society

MaryLynn Strickland, of Kent, Washington, is recognized for exceptional and consistent support of the goals and operation of the South King County Genealogical Society. Since becoming a member of the South King County Genealogical Society in 2003, MaryLynn Strickland has served in a number of positions. She rehabilitated an old Surname File project; updating it and preparing it for uploading to the Society website. She has been co-coordinator of the Computer Interest Group for a number of years. She founded and chairs the Heritage Photo Interest Group which focuses on the history, preservation, restoration, identification and digitizing of photographs. MaryLynn has been editor of the Society's bi-monthly newsletter, So King News, for several years. She has been an active member of the Board of Directors, serving in the office of Treasurer and on the audit, budget and other committees. She has spent considerable time helping with the cleanup and restoration of the Saar Pioneer Cemetery in Kent. MaryLynn is currently working on the Seattle Death Index, 1891-1907, attaching image numbers to the names so those records will be ready for the Washington State Digital Archives to add to their website. An avid volunteer, she has taken on whatever jobs were required to forward the mission of the South King County Genealogical Society. We very much appreciate your contributions, MaryLynn.

#### 2010 - Region 2 - Tacoma-Pierce County Genealogical Society

Lorraine (Kendall) Graeber, of Eatonville, Washington, is recognized for outstanding support of the Tacoma-Pierce County Genealogical Society's goals and her efforts in the preservation of important records of genealogical value to the Society and other researchers interested in the families of Washington State. Lorraine Graeber, working with other members of the Tacoma-Pierce County Genealogical Society, has been instrumental in the extraction of information from ledgers containing the early Pierce County Death Records for 1891 to July 1907, plus the Tacoma Death Records for the same period. She helped to identify and correct many of the errors found in these records before they were entered into a data base for use by researchers. Lorraine took the photo copies of all the Tacoma Death Ledgers, preserved them in archival clear plastic sleeves and placed them in archival boxes which she then labeled. These boxes are stored with the Family Line Research Chairperson and may be used when a family member is researching information on their ancestors. Lorraine also worked with other volunteers to extract data from the 1892 Census of Pierce County. Many of these records have been published in the Society's journal, *Researcher*, over the years. She has been a willing worker at the Society's seminars, aiding in the sale of raffle tickets, another fund raiser for the Society. Lorraine's enthusiastic support of the Society's projects and operation is greatly appreciated.

#### 2010 - Region 2 - Tacoma-Pierce County Genealogical Society

Frank A. Weihs, of Tacoma, Washington, is recognized for outstanding support of the Tacoma-Pierce County Genealogical Society's goals and his efforts in the preservation of important records of genealogical value to the Society and other researchers interested in the families of Washington State. Over the years Frank Weihs has worked on many projects for the Tacoma-Pierce County Genealogical Society,

especially those allowing researchers to find others working on the same ancestral surname. He produced a Queries column and an "Ancestor Exchange" column for the Society's journal, *Researcher*. He continues his Queries column, but now five times a year in the Society's *Newsletter*. He also compiled and published the "Surname Sharing" postings contributed by attendees at the Society's 2005 and 2006 seminars. He provided book reviews for the *Researcher* in 2000 through 2002. Frank worked with Janet Baccus copying Tacoma City Light utility records from 1893 through 1902, which now function to supplement city directories for that period. He also helped with transcribing and publishing the State Auditor's 1892 census of Pierce County and the Tacoma death records, 1891-1894. Frank served as President of the Society in 1997 and 1998, and twice in vice-presidential positions. He helps with the Society's seminars and has presented programs on German Research in the U.S. Frank Weihs' versatility and willingness to serve has strengthened the Society, and his support and accomplishments are greatly appreciated.

#### 2010 - Region 3 - Bainbridge Island Genealogical Society

Linda Sewright, of Bainbridge Island, Washington, is recognized for exceptional and consistent support of the goals and operation of the Bainbridge Island Genealogical Society. Linda Sewright volunteered, early on, to help the young, fledgling Bainbridge Island Genealogical Society. For years she has regularly led the Society's Scots-Irish special interest group, and served as a mentor to other members. She has educated herself in specialized and difficult areas of genealogy, conducted onsite research with primary sources overseas, and will not let a dangling genealogical clue lie unresearched. She has developed high quality presentations and shared her knowledge with the rest of the Society and others as a main presenter, a contributor to general workshop meetings, and as a special interest group leader. Linda Sewright has made a lasting impact on many developing and experienced family history researchers in the Society.

#### 2010 - Region 3 - Bainbridge Island Genealogical Society

Claire Smith, of Bainbridge Island, Washington, is recognized for exceptional and consistent support of the goals and operation of the Bainbridge Island Genealogical Society. Claire Smith has served on the board of Bainbridge Island Genealogical Society, shepherding its transition from a brand new organization to one with long-term staying power. As Society President she has led the general meetings, chaired board meetings with efficiency and common sense, and served as a liaison with the community and with representatives of other genealogical societies in the region. She has taken on many additional jobs, including writing the monthly newsletter, designing and maintaining the website, helping revise the Society brochure, and guiding the selection of a logo. Claire gives inspiring and practical presentations to the group and others on using computer programs and the Internet for genealogy and leads monthly and short-term special interest groups. As a mentor, she has helped individual members with their research, and has made invaluable contributions to the Society's general workshop meetings. She has made the extra effort to reach out to members who might otherwise be unable to stay involved. Claire always inspires by example with her own high-quality genealogical research, and her willingness to attack challenging surnames such as "Smith". She has been a great asset to the Society.

### 2010 - Region 3 - Clallam County Genealogical Society

Virginia (Forney) Majewski, of Sequim, Washington, is recognized for exceptional and consistent support of the goals and operation of the Clallam County Genealogical Society. Virginia "Ginny" Majewski is one of the most versatile and talented volunteers supporting the Clallam County Genealogical Society. She has been the treasurer of the Society for the last four years and has participated in the election and by-laws committees. Ginny has also written informative articles for the Society's newsletter, given educational classes and lectures to a number of societies, and even been interviewed on the local radio. She has served as a volunteer in the Society's library. Using her technical talents, Ginny spends hours setting up and fixing the Society's computers and printers, and helps with purchases of new equipment. She presently is Vice President of the Washington State Genealogical Society. She became interested in genealogy when she rescued a box of old pictures and documents from her great aunt's estate. What began as a hobby became a passion, receiving certificates in genealogical studies from the University of Toronto. The Clallam County Genealogical Society has benefited from Virginia's "passion." She is the volunteer every Society needs.

### 2010 - Region 3 - Grays Harbor Genealogical Society

Iris Barbara (Nickell) Carter, of Hoquiam, Washington, is recognized for exceptional and consistent support of the goals and operation of Grays Harbor Genealogical Society. Barbara Carter has been a valued member of Grays Harbor Genealogical Society since becoming a member in 1994. She has never hesitated to volunteer to help wherever there is a need and does it with a smile and a willing heart. Barbara has chaired and been part of many committees through her years in addition to being the "key and coffee" member to open up the meeting room, get the coffee perking and warmly welcome all attendees. This remarkable lady is not only an active member with of the Society but is presently serving her third year as a DAR Chapter Regent, a past-President and active member of the Friends of the Library, and a volunteer with Hoquiam's Polson Museum, amongst other community involvements. The Society salutes Barbara and appreciates all her contributions to Grays Harbor Genealogical Society.

### 2010 - Region 3 - Grays Harbor Genealogical Society

Roxanne (Ferbrache) Lowe, of McCleary, Washington, is recognized for her creative abilities, all-around talent, cheerful disposition and tireless dedication to the Grays Harbor Genealogical Society. Roxanne Lowe has been a member of Grays Harbor Genealogical Society for five years. Soon after joining she took over as editor of the Society's monthly newsletter, which she fills with anecdotes, local history and photos. Her newsletter offers countless tips on useful Internet pages and is a great resource. Roxanne is the Society's program chair and provides speakers who are both educational and entertaining. She regularly attends genealogy conferences and training and keeps us updated with what she learns. This year, she was responsible for starting the Society's "genealogy cafés," where assistance is offered to the general public. Many new members have joined as a result. She is also setting up a new webpage to replace the Society's existing one. Roxanne has tackled, arguably, the most challenging positions and done it with a smile. She is one the Society's biggest cheerleaders. She is

greatly appreciated and deserving of recognition for her outstanding accomplishments in support of Grays Harbor Genealogical Society.

2010 - Region 3 - Jefferson County Genealogical Society

Lesla Barnes, 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. Lesla Barnes, a long-time member of the Jefferson County Genealogical Society, has consistently been a strong supporter of and contributor to that Society. She is a past President and has, most recently, created and/or converted a number of databases of records relating to Jefferson County families, including indexes from land title company records and city directories. The Society's collection of databases provides valuable research resources for genealogists as well as for projects undertaken by the Jefferson County Historical Society. Lesla's skill in manipulating computer files has added significantly to the Society's ability to efficiently provide a number of important data files for researchers .

2010 - Region 3 - Jefferson County Genealogical Society

Eunice Franklin, of Port Townsend, Washington, is recognized for exceptional and consistent support of the goals and operation of Jefferson County Genealogical Society. Eunice Franklin has been the Recording Secretary for the Jefferson County Genealogical Society since 2004. This function is critical to not only the day-to-day operation of the Society but also for providing the historical record of the Society's activities. In addition, Eunice has volunteered at the Research Center one day a week for a number of years, responding to queries and helping both members and visitors answer questions from around the world about Jefferson County history or their ancestors. Eunice has also participated on a number of Society committees. Her contributions to the Jefferson County Genealogical Society can not be overstated; Eunice is cheerfully willing to step in whenever help is needed.

2010 - Region 3 - Olympia Genealogical Society

Diana Bargmann, see narrative under "OGS Book Team."

2010 - Region 3 - Olympia Genealogical Society

Alma Greenwood, see narrative under "OGS Book Team."

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William Greenwood, see narrative under "OGS Book Team."

2010 - Region 3 - Olympia Genealogical Society

Christopher J. Harper, see narrative under "OGS Book Team."

2010 - Region 3 - Olympia Genealogical Society

Patricia C. (Bacon) Harper, of Olympia, Washington, is recognized for exceptional and consistent support of the goals and operation of Olympia Genealogical Society. Patricia "Pat" Harper is a long-time actively involved member of the Olympia Genealogical Society. She serves as Editor of the Society's journal, *OGS Quarterly*, as well as the Society's library liaison, being a librarian at the Olympia Timberland Library.

A couple of years ago she received over 1800 books from the personal library of Caroline Wright, a deceased member. Caroline Wright's husband contacted Pat, stated that they would like to donate her library to the Genealogy section of the Olympia Timberland Library. Pat took this project on with a few other society members. She has spent numerous hours sorting the books, deciding where they should go, and cataloging those selected to go into the Timberland Library system. She still has many more boxes to distribute! This has been an awesome project, overtaking her personal time and every spare inch of her house! This has been an exceptional gift to both the Society and the community. The Society is very proud of Pat for taking this project on and for the consistently professional and informative journal she provides each quarter!

2010 - Region 3 - Olympia Genealogical Society

Robert B. Harper, see narrative under "OGS Book Team."

2010 - Region 3 - Olympia Genealogical Society

Jean Law, see narrative under "OGS Book Team."

2010 - Region 3 - Olympia Genealogical Society

Kathleen Newcomer, see narrative under "OGS Book Team."

2010 - Region 3 - Olympia Genealogical Society

OGS Book Team, which includes **Diana Bargmann, Alma Greenwood, William Greenwood, Christopher J. Harper, Robert B. Harper, Jean Law, Kathleen Newcomer** and **Lhisa Reish**, is recognized for exceptional efforts in support of the Carolyn Wright Book Project to enhance the capabilities and goals of the Olympia Genealogical Society. Former OGS member Caroline Hartsuck Wright compiled a genealogical research library of more than 1800 titles. After her death in February 2009, the entire library was donated to the Society. So far, more than 800 volumes have been added to the Society's collection which is housed at the Olympia Timberland Library. Alma and Jean retrieved the books, sorted them, checking each one against the Timberland Catalog. Alma created a complete listing of the every title with bibliographic information. Kathleen Newcomer and Diana Bargmann spent many hours photocopying the title page & verso of each book so they could be cataloged. In addition, Diana has processed the books, adding the many labels that make finding the books possible once they are shelved. Meriting mention are Lhisa Reish, Timberland Regional Library cataloger, who has entered every one of these titles into the online catalog, along with William Greenwood, Robert B. Harper and Christopher J. Harper who assisted in the retrieval of the books. We thank them all.

2010 - Region 3 - Olympia Genealogical Society

David M. Purtee, of Olympia, Washington, is recognized for exceptional and consistent support of the goals and operation of Olympia Genealogical Society. David Purtee is a long-time, innovative member of the Olympia Genealogical Society. He has served on the Society's Board of Directors as the Seminar Chair for the last several years, providing interesting, enjoyable and well-run seminars. As David entered retirement he decided to add one more thing to his list of credits. He decided that we needed a "Genealogy Cafe". This was an idea of his that has taken off! He organizes volunteers to meet at the Olympia Timberland Library for at least two hours two times a

month; a Thursday afternoon and a Saturday morning. These volunteer “Baristas” help others in the community who need advice on how to break through or get around “brickwalls” encountered in researching their family trees. This single idea for community outreach has grown the Society’s membership in a time when many other organizations are decreasing in size. The Society greatly appreciates David Purtee’s efforts in supporting the genealogical community in the Olympia area.

2010 - Region 3 - Olympia Genealogical Society

Lhisa Reish, see narrative under “OGS Book Team.”

2010 - Region 3 - Puget Sound Genealogical Society

Marlys (Shipley) Marrs, of Bremerton, Washington, is recognized for exceptional and consistent support of the goals and operation of Puget Sound Genealogical Society. Marlys Marrs is recognized for her life-long support of the Puget Sound Genealogical Society. As one of the founding members of the Society, she was the driving force behind bringing genealogical research and records to the Kitsap area. Since the first meeting in 1973 she has selflessly devoted her time, knowledge, and even her home, to ensure that the Society survived and flourished. Along the way, Marlys developed and taught classes to new members, students at Olympic College, and in the Central Kitsap schools. She increased the library holdings by seeking donations from authors and publishers, and provided a site for the growing library and a meeting place for the members in her residence during the early years of the Society’s existence. She assisted in creating the Society’s newsletter, and was the first to suggest a research trip to the Family History Center in Salt Lake City, which has become an annual event. Author of *The Bice Family*, a member of the D.A.R. and other societies, and a lifetime member of Puget Sound Genealogical Society, Marlys is an inspiration to all genealogists.

2010 - Region 3 - Puget Sound Genealogical Society

Marjorie D. (Williams) Menees, of Port Orchard, Washington, is recognized for exceptional leadership and consistent support of the goals and operation of Puget Sound Genealogical Society. As an active member and leader for more than 25 years Marjorie Menees was instrumental in organizing, and maintaining the genealogical library for Puget Sound Genealogical Society. This has included identifying new purchases, cataloging the holdings, organizing a system of volunteers who work to keep the library’s doors open to members and the community, and teaching a library research and orientation class. It was through Marjorie’s untiring efforts that the library found a permanent location and became a special place for people to come together to do research and share their challenges and successes. Despite several years of temporary sites and moves, Marge continued to pursue the dream of a “gathering place which would feel like home” to the Society. The Society’s current library is a testament to Marjorie’s dedication and perseverance in creating this valuable resource for current and future generations of researchers of Kitsap County.

2010 - Region 4 - Clark County Genealogical Society

Barbara (Stumbaugh) Baker, of Vancouver, Washington, is recognized for exceptional and consistent support of the goals and operation of Clark County Genealogical Society. Barbara Baker has been a member of Clark County

Genealogical Society since 1999. She served as Treasurer for three years and has continued on as Chair of the Finance Committee since 2002. She researches Internal Revenue Service and Washington Department of Revenue regulations to ensure the Society is in compliance with current laws. She works closely with the Society's accountant and other finance advisors in determining how best to invest funds and account for all income and expenses. Barbara has been an active member of the Library Committee for many years as the Budget Director, and has helped with other functions, including participating in inventories and reorganization of the library to use the Dewey Decimal System. She serves as a librarian on a regular basis. Barbara has helped on many of the Societies' special projects including Heritage Teas; spring and fall seminars; working with the Research and Preservation committee, proofreading indexes of obituaries for publications issued by the Society. She also served on several committees for the National Genealogical Society convention in Portland, Oregon, in 2001. The Society is rightly proud and appreciative of all the accomplishments and leadership of Barbara Baker.

#### 2010 - Region 4 - Clark County Genealogical Society

Richard Engstrom, of Vancouver, Washington, is recognized for outstanding efforts in the preservation of important records and his exceptional and consistent support of the goals and operation of Clark County Genealogical Society. Richard Engstrom has been a member of the Clark County Genealogical Society for approximately 10 years. Beginning in 2005 with the photographing of grave markers and headstones in selected Clark County cemeteries, he became a very active volunteer. This project has included the updating and posting of burial records for these cemeteries. In 2008, Richard developed a grant proposal to begin the restoration and preservation of the Vancouver Old City Cemetery. A second grant was developed in 2009 to continue that work. He is working with other society members to develop a walking map for the cemetery. This past year Richard also acted as the manager for the meeting room annex for the Society. In addition, he serves as a volunteer librarian and as a member of the Society's Board of Directors. As a fifth-generation Clark County, Washington resident, he is presently working on his family history which will highlight three pioneer families of Clark County. Richard's many talents and willingness to serve the Society are greatly appreciated.

#### 2010 - Region 4 - Clark County Genealogical Society

Karen (Chatham) Frost, of Vancouver, Washington, is recognized for exceptional and consistent support of the goals and operation of Clark County Genealogical Society. Karen Frost joined the Clark County Genealogical Society ten years ago, and immediately jumped in feet first by volunteering to be on the Society's Board of Directors as the Assistant Secretary/Treasurer. She held that position under three treasurers. When the last treasurer resigned, Karen took over that position which she held for 1 ½ years, finding the job demanding but challenging. It entailed keeping abreast of where, and how to manage the Society's money, taxes, and paying of the bills. Karen served for five years as the library scheduler, placing librarians to work at the Society's library. She is currently a librarian, as well as one of the members on the library committee. She had also worked in the capacity of backup to the secretary, distributed and monitored library security codes and keys, worked with the recording treasurer with data entry and twice chaired the Society's spring seminars. Karen's

versatility and energy make her a highly valued asset for Clark County Genealogical Society. Well done, Karen.

#### 2010 - Region 4 - Clark County Genealogical Society

Glen A. Jones, of Portland, Oregon, is recognized for exceptional and consistent support of the goals and operation of Clark County Genealogical Society. Glen Jones has been an active member of Clark County Genealogical Society since 2005 when his enthusiasm and experience in family history pursuits were recognized, and he was elected to the Society's Board of Directors. Glen brings a rich family history of working with the railroad and being an active outdoorsman during his life-long residency in the Pacific Northwest. Glen has become a "go-to" person for researchers navigating the bureaucratic and cultural traces of Native American family history. As the Society's Education Chair, Glen and his committee developed a comprehensive curriculum that significantly empowers the members who participate. He also serves as an instructor in the program. As a volunteer librarian for the Society's library, his infectious enthusiasm makes a visit to the library a positive experience, even for those patrons suffering "brick wall frustration". Because he is an active member in other organizations and connects with many historians and family researchers, he has become Clark County Genealogical Society's ambassador to many regional family history organizations, large and small.

#### 2010 - Region 4 - Lower Columbia Genealogical Society

Karen (Steiner) Vance, of Rainier, Oregon, is recognized for exceptional and consistent support of the goals and operation of the Lower Columbia Genealogical Society. Karen Vance provides outstanding support and leadership in a number of roles for the Lower Columbia Genealogical Society. As Treasurer, she is diligent in handling the finances for the Society and is instrumental in preparing the budget and obtaining the best return on the Society's funds. She keeps the Society staff current with tax laws and regulations and takes care of all the various required reports and tax returns. Since assuming the responsibility of webmaster of the Society website, Karen updates the site, expands the available information and coordinates with others who provide the information so it can be formatted and uploaded for online access. As editor since November 2006, she has brought the Society newsletter into the digital age, giving it a brand new look, disseminating information, saving postage and printing costs and expanding the Society's outreach to the genealogy community. She has also aided in the development of formats for the 2010 WSGS Conference. Karen's versatility and enthusiastic support of the Society are exemplary and greatly appreciated.

#### 2010 - Region 5 - Yakima Valley Genealogical Society

Joyce M. (Hilby) Hooker, of Yakima, Washington, is recognized for exceptional and consistent support of the goals and operation of Yakima Valley Genealogical Society. Joyce Hooker is a longtime member of the Yakima Valley Genealogical Society. Over the years she has selflessly volunteered to work at the many fund raising projects required to build and supply the Society's genealogical research library. She was also instrumental in making the library open house events very successful. Joyce has served for the last decade as a member of the Society's board of directors. She is the head of the committee that assembles the quarterly bulletin and for several years served as the Society's membership chairman. The Yakima Valley Genealogical

Society, as a group, is very grateful for the many hours Joyce has devoted toward their mutual success.

#### 2010 - Region 5 - Yakima Valley Genealogical Society

Judy L. (Jones) Schuster, of Selah, Washington, is recognized for her leadership and support of Yakima Valley Genealogical Society's mission and her outstanding efforts in the preserving important records of genealogical value to the Society and other researchers interested in the families of Washington State. Judy Schuster has a long history of contributions to the Yakima Valley Genealogical Society. She is the only past president to be called back, after a period of years, to serve in that capacity for a second time. Judy has donated countless hours to the fund raising efforts of the Society. She is currently the editor of the Society Bulletin and writes the vital statistics pages so valuable to genealogists. Judy teaches the popular beginning genealogy classes twice each year and has volunteered to mentor young people with their school genealogy projects. She also works collecting mortuary records to expand the Society's death records collection. The Yakima Valley Genealogical Society is greatly in her debt.

#### 2010 - Region 6 - Tri-City Genealogical Society

Sandra (Meacham) Floberg, of Kennewick, Washington, is recognized for exceptional and consistent support of the goals and operation of the Tri-City Genealogical Society. The Tri-City Genealogical Society has acquired a collection of more than 450 genealogical and historical periodicals. Time and heavy use took their toll on the collection, and a large portion of the more recent acquisitions were no longer easily accessible. This past year, Sandra Floberg took over management of the collection. She sorted, organized, and made this large collection of periodical literature available and useful again. She also assumed responsibility for working with other genealogical societies to transition our exchanges from printed to electronic format. This will provide a space-saving foundation for the future growth of our periodical collection. Before Sandra took over the position of Periodical Librarian, she served for a number of years as the Secretary of the Society. Sandra was responsible for maintaining records of the meetings and seeing to the organization and storage of historical information. Her interest in genealogy and in preservation of historical records is evidenced by her generous support. She is truly deserving of recognition for her enthusiasm and support of the Tri-City Genealogical Society.

#### 2010 - Region 6 - Tri-City Genealogical Society

Roger Arnold Thiede, of Richland, Washington, is recognized for outstanding efforts in the preservation of important records of genealogical value to the Tri-City Genealogical Society and other researchers interested in the families of Washington State. Roger Thiede has been an active member of the Tri-City Genealogical Society's School Census Transcription Project for more than five years. This endeavor seeks to transcribe school censuses from Benton and Franklin Counties made during the early 20th century. Roger's efforts have paid off over the years as he has transcribed hundreds (perhaps thousands) of names from sheets that are not generally easy to read. His work has been not only voluminous, but accurate and timely. Roger's level of input has matched the combined total of all other volunteer input in this project. The Society has profited from Roger's voluntarism in another way as well. He has assisted

in the distribution of our regular Bulletin for several years making this publication (which helps to preserve genealogical records of all kinds) available to members and member organizations throughout the country. Roger's diligence in supporting the Society's goals, most notably in the transcription project, is to be recognized and greatly admired.

#### 2010 - Region 7 - Eastern Washington Genealogical Society

John Carroll Ellingson, of Spokane, Washington, is recognized for exceptional and consistent support of the goals and operation of Eastern Washington Genealogical Society. John Ellingson has been a member of Eastern Washington Genealogical Society for about the same length of time that he belonged to *Westerner's International* -- since 1977. He has been such an outstanding contributor of western history that he was recently declared by them to be "A Living Legend." He was also recently presented with "The Minuteman Award" for his contributions of service in local and national leadership positions of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution. John has served as EWGS Society Historian for several years. He perfected the art of oral history interviews, of which he has done hundreds, and compiled guidelines on this activity for the Society. Many times John has taught a class on Oral History Interviews, as well as Norwegian research, and he has written stories on various other genealogically oriented subjects. John Ellingson is an active and valued member of the Society, and it is hard to find him without his trusty camera at all the Society's activities. He has also earned the distinction of being presented with the Society's designation as "Distinguished Service Member."

#### 2010 - Region 7 - Eastern Washington Genealogical Society

Doris J. Woodard, of Spokane, Washington, is recognized for outstanding efforts in the dissemination of important information of genealogical value to Eastern Washington Genealogical Society and other researchers interested in the families of Washington State. Doris has been the honored editor of the Eastern Washington Genealogical Society's quarterly journal, *The Bulletin*, for over twenty three years. Every year she announces a new subject for the essay contest so that the writing abilities of all the members of the Society improve yearly. Several years ago, Doris was herself named the winner of the National Genealogical Society Essay Contest and was the guest of that Society in Washington, D.C. Doris is always available to present programs for her society and was designated a "Distinguished Service Member" several years ago. She recently served as one of the actors for the Society's project, "*Walking With Your Ancestors*" at the Fairmont Cemetery. She is an author of several publications, such as "*The Life of Harper Joy*," and is a contributor to the Spokane Police History Committee. Doris is also a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution and a long-time member of *Westerners International* for whom she wrote many articles. Doris will be retiring as *The Bulletin* editor at the end of 2010 when the Society quarterly becomes a digital publication. Eastern Washington Genealogical Society has been extremely fortunate to have had her as editor and writing mentor all these years. She is a wonderful writer and has made us all better ones.

#### 2010 - Region 7 - Northeast Washington Genealogical Society

Gordon William "Gordy" Struve, of Colville, Washington, is recognized for exceptional and consistent support of the goals and operation of Northeast Washington Genealogical Society. Gordy Struve has been instrumental in the success of the

Northeast Washington Genealogical Society's special project for restoration of the Evergreen Cemetery, a pioneer cemetery established in 1868 just north of Colville. Gordy has served as chairman of that project for a relatively short time, but in that time he and his volunteers have accomplished much. The cemetery has never looked better, and the work in identifying graves has helped descendants of those buried there to locate their relative's burial site. Gordy has also been very supportive in helping to extract and digitize other local records for easier access by researchers. Gordon Struve's talents and leadership skills are making a positive impact on the Society and the community.

#### 2010 - Region 7 - Northeast Washington Genealogical Society

Nancy (Parker) Wright, of Colville, Washington, is recognized for exceptional and consistent support of the goals and operation of Northeast Washington Genealogical Society. Nancy Wright has consistently provided critical support for the mission of Northeast Washington Genealogical Society serving as the Society's librarian since 2005. Nancy has contributed greatly to the organization of the Society's library collection and has established a good working relationship with the local library where that collection is housed. Her recommendations have made more of the collection available to a larger number of local residents and visitors to the Colville area. Nancy has also used her talents to design outstanding displays for public events which help to promote the Society's activities. Nancy Wright's talents and willingness to serve the Society in this important outreach function is greatly appreciated.

#### 2010 - Region 8 - Chelan Valley Genealogical Society

Helen (Putz) Cromar, of Wenatchee, Washington, is recognized for exceptional and frequent help in support of the educational goals and operation of Chelan Valley Genealogical Society. Helen Cromar has been active in genealogy for most of the years she has lived in Wenatchee, and has served as an associate in the Stake Family History Center in East Wenatchee for about 15 years. Helen recently completed an at-home mission of slightly more than three years for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, answering queries from around the world. She responds to questions on the Internet during mornings, Monday through Thursday. All day Friday she answers questions on the telephone. Helen also works for three hours at the Family History Center on Wednesdays. She enjoys her mission so much that she is now serving her second three-year mission. In addition to all of her mission duties, Helen finds time to visit genealogical societies to explain the mysteries of the Internet, and demonstrate New Family Search and other programs. We are grateful to her for the many times she has visited and helped Chelan Valley Genealogical Society.

#### 2010 - Region 8 - Chelan Valley Genealogical Society

Judith (Elder) Kruse, of Chelan, Washington, is recognized for exceptional and consistent support of the goals and operation of Chelan Valley Genealogical Society and dissemination of important information of genealogical value to the Society and other researchers interested in the families of Washington State. Judith Kruse has been researching her ancestors for many years and has shared her expertise with others while she was Director of the Chelan Ward Family History Center for 2 1/2 years. She was the editor for *The Apple Orchard*, Chelan Valley Genealogical Society's newsletter, in 2001 and 2002, until the Kruse family left Chelan Valley for a space of five years.

Upon their return in 2007, Judi once again became Editor, continuing through the present. Her newsletters are informative, with illustrations to draw the reader's interest, and the Society has received many compliments from members about her efforts in publishing the newsletter. She served as President of the Society in 2008 and 2009. Judi has taught numerous classes and conducted workshops to help members and people in the community learn how to master Internet genealogy. She also created a Blog for the Society in 2008. Judith has been a faithful, valuable resource for Chelan Valley Genealogical Society.

#### 2010 - Region 8 - Wenatchee Area Genealogical Society

Robert J. Berkley, of East Wenatchee, Washington, is recognized for exceptional support of the goals and operation of Wenatchee Area Genealogical Society and outstanding efforts in the preservation of important records of genealogical value to the Society and other researchers interested in the families of Washington State. Bob Berkley continues to distinguish himself in untiring support of the Wenatchee Area Genealogical Society. He continually volunteers for activities that promote the Society and its Library. He served as President of the Society for 4 years and as Regional Representative of the Washington State Genealogical Society for the north-central part of the State. In 2007 Bob chaired the Society's committee to host the well-received State Society's Convention in Wenatchee. While President, and with the help of Lynn Heminger, Bob arranged to obtain, then haul and store shelving from the old Seattle Public Library for use in the Society's Library. After removing existing shelving, Bob installed the replacement shelves in the Library, mostly single-handedly. This project took many hours and physical labor. When the Walla Walla Valley Genealogical Society disbanded, Bob was instrumental in obtaining many books from their collection to enhance the Society's Library. Bob is involved in the Society's on-going Jones & Jones Funeral Home Project, having already indexed over 15,000 of the records, he continues indexing more. Bob Berkley has been involved in most areas of the Society's operation furthering the Society's growth, and he has helped many with their personal research. He is the exemplary outstanding volunteer.

#### 2010 - Region 8 - Wenatchee Area Genealogical Society

Allen Ferguson, of East Wenatchee, Washington, is recognized for exceptional and consistent support of the goals and operation of Wenatchee Area Genealogical Society. Allen Ferguson has distinguished himself in untiring support of the Wenatchee Area Genealogical Society. Allen's knowledge of computers and skills in designing websites has enabled the Society to provide its library patrons with excellent computer capabilities to aid in their research. The new website he designed ([wags-web.org](http://wags-web.org)) provides an efficient portal enabling individuals world-wide to search the Society's databases and other resources for their ancestors in North Central Washington. Allen is continuing to upgrade the three computers in the library and to keep our website, [wags-web.org](http://wags-web.org), updated. He obtains index updates monthly from the library and enters them onto the website. With over 250,000 records indexed, that is a lot of effort and hours. During the educational part of the Society meetings, Allen makes himself available to assist the presenters with the computer or projector, making them more confident in their presentations. We appreciate the time and effort that Allen puts in to help the Wenatchee Area Genealogical Society, and he is very deserving of this award.

2010 - Region 8 - Wenatchee Area Genealogical Society

Nellie (Bruton) Hacksma, of Cashmere, Washington, is recognized for exceptional support of the goals and operation of Wenatchee Area Genealogical Society and outstanding efforts in the preservation and dissemination of genealogically important records of value to the Society and other researchers interested in the families of Washington State. Nellie Hacksma distinguished herself in untiring support of the Wenatchee Area Genealogical Society by continually volunteering for activities that promoted the Society and its Library. Nellie served on many committees and volunteered as a librarian in the Society's Library for many years. She volunteered as the Obituary Chairperson and was responsible for maintaining and adding to the collection of thousands of copies of obituaries for North Central Washington. This collection is available to members and patrons of the Society's Library. From 1984 through 1987, Nellie helped other family historians by publishing the "Hacksma House Genealogy Hot-Line" which accepted and responded to a large number of queries. She also helped publish the Society's quarterly journal, "Appleland Bulletin," with Fran Miller as editor, providing interesting and useful genealogical information about the area. Nellie was always ready to educate and assist others in learning about the process of genealogical research. She is well-deserving of this award.

2010 - Region 8 - Wenatchee Area Genealogical Society

Patricia Rae (Fish) McLaren, of Wenatchee, Washington, is recognized for exceptional support of the goals and operation of Wenatchee Area Genealogical Society and outstanding efforts in the preservation of important records of genealogical value to the Society and other researchers interested in the families of Washington State. Pat McLaren continues to distinguish herself in untiring support of the Wenatchee Area Genealogical Society. She served as liaison between the Society and the Wenatchee Valley Museum and Cultural Center for the Museum's 2010 Wedding Gown Spring Tea. She chaired the committee researching for the owners and donors of the gowns. She also has served as a volunteer librarian in the Society's Library. For the past three years, Pat has spent 1 to 2 days a week working on our Jones & Jones Funeral Home Project, a collection of more than 20,000 funeral records to be archived in the Society's library. She has processed thousands of the records; indexing, proofing and, if necessary, doing additional research and correcting them. Pat, along with Ida Wheeler and others on the team, continues to work on this project to provide a huge resource of critical genealogical data for the members and patrons of the Society's library. Pat McLaren's dedication, time and effort given to this huge project, are greatly appreciated by the Wenatchee Area Genealogical Society and all who are searching for their ancestors in North Central Washington.

2010 - Region 8 - Wenatchee Area Genealogical Society

Ida Louise (Abbott) Wheeler, of Wenatchee, Washington, is recognized for outstanding efforts in the preservation of important records of genealogical value to Wenatchee Area Genealogical Society and other researchers interested in the families of Washington State. Ida Wheeler has shown tremendous dedication to the Wenatchee Area Genealogical Society, working towards its growth and improving the availability of resources for Society members and patrons of its library. She served the Society for years as a volunteer librarian. For the last three years Ida has spent 2 to 3 days a week working on the collection of more than 20,000 records of the Jones & Jones Funeral

Home Project. She has handled and filed thousands of funeral records to be archived in the Society's library. After they are indexed, she proofs, corrects and re-proofs sets of the records, some of which have required additional research to establish the correct name and spelling. Ida, along with Pat McLaren, and others on the team, unfailingly continues on this task. What a treasure of archived genealogical records she has helped make available to the patrons and members of the Society's library. Ida's dedication, time and effort given to this huge project, are greatly appreciated by the Wenatchee Area Genealogical Society and all who are searching for their ancestors in North Central Washington.



# Washington State Genealogical Society

## OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEERS - 2010

### Indexed by Organization

The following local organizations honored and submitted their outstanding volunteers for recognition at the annual meeting of Washington State Genealogical Society at Chehalis, Washington, on 18 September 2010.

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Chelan Valley Genealogical Society (Region 8)	Helen (Putz) Cromar
Chelan Valley Genealogical Society (Region 8)	Judith (Elder) Kruze
Clallam County Genealogical Society (Region 3)	Virginia (Forney) Majewski
Clark County Genealogical Society (Region 4)	Barbara (Stumbaugh) Baker
Clark County Genealogical Society (Region 4)	Richard Engstrom
Clark County Genealogical Society (Region 4)	Karen (Chatham) Frost
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Eastern Washington Genealogical Society (Region 7)	John Carroll Ellingson
Eastern Washington Genealogical Society (Region 7)	Doris J Woodward
Genealogical Society of South Whidbey Island (Region 1)	Maureen (Messinger) MacDonald
Genealogical Society of South Whidbey Island (Region 1)	Ralph Seefeld
Grays Harbor Genealogical Society (Region 3)	Iris Barbara (Nickell) Carter
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Jefferson County Genealogical Society (Region 3)	Lesa Barnes
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Jewish Genealogical Society of Washington State (Region 2)	Nancy Jo Grayson Adelson
Jewish Genealogical Society of Washington State (Region 2)	Joseph M Voss (1931-2009)
Lower Columbia Genealogical Society (Region 4)	Karen (Steiner) Vance
Northeast Washington Genealogical Society (Region 7)	Gordon William "Gordy" Struve
Northeast Washington Genealogical Society (Region 7)	Nancy (Parker) Wright
Olympia Genealogical Society (Region 3)	Diana Bargmann (Book Team)
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Olympia Genealogical Society (Region 3)	Lhisa Reish (Book Team)
Puget Sound Genealogical Society (Region 3)	Marlys (Shipley) Marrs
Puget Sound Genealogical Society (Region 3)	Marjorie D (Williams) Menees
Skagit Valley Genealogical Society (Region 1)	Sylvia (McClelland) Ammons

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