



Washington State Genealogical Society

OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEERS - 2011

Indexed by Name

The following outstanding volunteers, nominated and honored by their local societies, were recognized at the annual meeting of Washington State Genealogical Society at Richland, Washington, on 17 September 2011.

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Alona "Lonny" (Daly) Haseman	Region 4 - Lower Columbia Genealogical Society
Esther M. (Williams) Hinthorne	Region 5 - Kittitas County Genealogical Society
Jacquelyn (Perkins) Horton	Region 3 - Puget Sound Genealogical Society
Teresa (Parnell) Jordan	Region 4 - Lewis County Genealogical Society
Bettie Lou (Bennett) Kenck	Region 8 - Chelan Valley Genealogical Society
Barbara K. Larsen	Region 3 - Jefferson County Genealogical Society
Juanita (Linton) McBride	Region 7 - Eastern Washington Genealogical Society
Geraldine "Jerri" (Thorpe) McCoy	Washington State Genealogical Society
Mikal "Mike" A. McKinnon	Region 6 - Tri-City Genealogical Society
Janice Louise "Jan" McNair *(1944-2011)	Region 2 - Seattle Genealogical Society
Jane (Irish) Nelson	Region 2 - Tacoma-Pierce County Genealogical Society
Patricia "Patty" (Iund) Olsen	Region 4 - Lewis County Genealogical Society
Robert F. Richardson	Region 1 - Genealogical Society of South Whidbey Island

Sally (Nichols) Robins	Region 5 - Kittitas County Genealogical Society
Lora (Mickelson) Rose	Region 7 - Northeast Washington Genealogical Society
Myra (Brenner) Rothenberg	Region 2 - Jewish Genealogical Society of Washington State
Gerald "Gerry" Shepard	Region 5 - Yakima Valley Genealogical Society
Lewis "Lou" Sigman	Region 5 - Yakima Valley Genealogical Society
Sally (Sundean) Smith	Region 1 - Whatcom Genealogical Society
Wilburn Lee Smith	Region 6 - Tri-City Genealogical Society
Allen J. Standish	Region 3 - Jefferson County Genealogical Society
Karen (Kramer) Struve	Region 7 - Northeast Washington Genealogical Society
Glenda (Robbins) Thayer	Region 2 - Tacoma-Piece County Genealogical Society
Linda Ann (Stewart) Van Nest	Region 2 - South King County Genealogical Society
William "Bill" Whalley	Region 4 - Clark County Genealogical Society
Judith (Cox) Whipple	Region 4 - Lower Columbia Genealogical Society
Margaret "Margie" (Rummel) Wilson	Region 1 - Skagit Valley Genealogical Society
Mary Ann (Corbett) Wright	Region 3 - Puget Sound Genealogical Society

2011 - Washington State Genealogical Society

F. Gerald "Jerry" Handfield of Olympia, Washington, is given special recognition for outstanding leadership and efforts in the preservation of important records of genealogical value to family history researchers interested in the families of Washington State. Jerry Handfield was appointed Washington State Archivist by Secretary of State Sam Reed in 2001, hit the ground running, and has not slowed down since. He immediately immersed himself in the newly approved program to establish a digital archives to manage the ever-expanding collection of electronic government records. He is a strong proponent of open government and public access to the records of government at all levels. He supports the work of the State's Sunshine Committee which is working to review and eliminate unnecessary exemptions to the Public Records Act. Jerry has spoken to genealogical and historical organizations in all regions of Washington State, pressing the need to safeguard historical records and maintain awareness of government actions, past and present, and future plans. He encourages individuals and groups to help with indexing older records which are being scanned into the Digital Archives for safekeeping and easier public access. Jerry's talents, vision and professionalism have inspired many to get involved, and his tireless efforts and leadership are greatly appreciated.

2011 - Washington State Genealogical Society

Geraldine "Jerri" (Thorpe) McCoy of Olympia, Washington, is recognized for exceptional and consistent support of the goals and operation of Washington State Genealogical Society. Jerri McCoy has distinguished herself in untiring support of Society in a variety of positions for more than twenty-two years. She was chair of the Membership Committee for several years in the 1990's, processing applications and renewals, and maintaining the mailing list and directory. She regularly serves on the Election Committee, helping to count the ballots. Jerri helped host two State Society conferences in Olympia, and presented breakout classes at the 1989 and 2006 conferences in Olympia, and the 2009 conference in Spokane. She has worked on various Society projects, including the massive task of indexing the 1910 U.S. Census of Washington State. With advancements in computer technology and the Internet, Jerri established a website for the Society. As Internet Webmaster, she has expanded the website to fit the needs of the Society. She updates event listings, maintains the hyperlinks to other societies and resources, and works with other Society committees to post their data, the Newsletter and other materials. Recently, she put together the web pages and processes needed to connect with PayPal, so that members can pay their Society membership dues and register for the State Society's conferences online. Jerri works quietly behind the scenes, but she is the essential link between Washington State Genealogical Society and genealogists around the world. Thank you, Jerri, for all your support.

2011 - Region 1 - Genealogical Society of South Whidbey Island

Robert F. Richardson of Clinton, Washington, is recognized for exceptional leadership and consistent support of the goals and operation of the Genealogical Society of South Whidbey Island. This year, as the Society progressed with completing the digitization of 55 binders of Island County obituaries, Bob demonstrated his amazing programming ability by creating several programs that streamlined the process. His first program converted a variety of digital picture formats into standard jpg format. He next created a program which dynamically creates an index of the digitized obits and allows

the user to print or email the obit as needed. As the sheer volume of obits began to bog down progress, he wrote a program which automatically cropped the scanned obits saving volunteers untold hours of manual labor. Next he updated the Society's webpage, adding a searchable obit index which includes a Beider-Morse Phonetic search. He also created a searchable index of the Society's cemetery files and provided an innovative method to search any section of the cemetery to see who is buried nearby. Bob is a tireless, enthusiastic, creative and highly respected member of the Genealogical Society of South Whidbey Island, and he is greatly appreciated.

2011 - Region 1 - Skagit Valley Genealogical Society

Nancy (Maxwell) Bonafede of Sedro Woolley, Washington, is recognized for exceptional support of the goals and operation of the Skagit Valley Genealogical Society and assisting other researchers interested in the families of Skagit Valley and Washington State. Nancy Bonafede has been a member of the Skagit Valley Genealogical Society for only about 2 years, but is very active, volunteering to help wherever she is needed. She joined the Society to learn how to research her family and the family of her husband Bill. Nancy volunteers regularly as a genealogy aide to help patrons who want to use the Society's genealogy collection in the Burlington Public Library. Nancy helps the Society's Genealogist to research and respond to queries received from across the country. She also copies obituaries and collects data and pictures from headstones and markers for publication in the Society's books of cemetery records. Nancy has stepped in to help when and wherever needed. Her enthusiasm and efforts are greatly appreciated.

2011 - Region 1 - Skagit Valley Genealogical Society

Margaret "Margie" (Rummel) Wilson of Seattle, Washington, is recognized for exceptional and consistent support of the goals and operation of the Skagit Valley Genealogical Society. Margie Wilson, daughter of an avid genealogist, picked up the reins when she inherited her mother's genealogy and research materials. A descendant of John Morton, signer of the Declaration of Independence, and his wife Anne Justin Morton, she worked with officials of Vancouver, Washington, to display some of the family memorabilia and artifacts and to present a successful character portrayal of her ancestor during a special event focused on the Declaration. She joined the Skagit Genealogical Society when she moved to Burlington 3 years ago. Margie also volunteered to help manage the Society's genealogy collection housed at the Burlington Public Library, and took over as head of the Society's Library Committee when that position became vacant. She is working closely with the Burlington Library to get grants to help expand shelf space for the Society's genealogy library collection which is continuing to grow. Margie is constantly helping with organizing, publicizing and participating in the Society's open house and Heritage day presentations. Margie's enthusiastic participation and support of the Society's mission is greatly appreciated.

2011 - Region 1 - Sno-Isle Genealogical Society

Janet (Dunlap) Cutlip of Lynnwood, Washington, is 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. During her years in the working world, Janet Cutlip was a librarian. Now, in her retirement years, she volunteers at Sno-Isle Genealogical Society's Research Library, performing a little noticed and tedious task. She is not out in front welcoming patrons;

rather, she sits in a backroom in front of a computer for hours each Thursday. It is the same task she has been doing for years. Not very many are willing to take on this tedious, methodical work, but Janet is there every Thursday, always pleasant and smiling. Janet indexes books. If you are a researcher, you know how difficult it is to use a book that lacks an index. The Society's library holds many such books, of great value to family researchers or historians, but almost useless without an index. That is the work that Janet has chosen to do as a volunteer—all-name indexing. She brings to this job professionalism, attention to detail, dedication and overwhelming patience. Patrons at the SIGS Research Library owe Janet a great debt of gratitude for making their research tasks easier.

2011 - Region 1 - Stillaguamish Valley Genealogical Society

Mary (Granstrom) Buzzell of Arlington, Washington, is recognized for her leadership, knowledge and volunteer efforts in support of the operation and goals of Stillaguamish Valley Genealogical Society. Mary Buzzell is honored by the Society for her many years of volunteer work. Mary is a Past President of the Society and has served the Society on any number of committees. She leads the Legacy computer special interest group. She has given classes on the Legacy Family Tree software and presentations on genealogical research. In addition Mary has served as the Society's genealogist and has responded to many queries for research information. Her Granstrom family has resided in the Skagit and Stillaguamish Valleys for nearly one hundred years, and Mary has become quite an expert on the southern Palouse area of eastern Washington. She also expanded her knowledge of research techniques and sources by taking the genealogy course at the University of Washington. Mary is always very generous about sharing her knowledge, and her help is greatly appreciated.

2011 - Region 1 - Whatcom Genealogical Society

Sharon Bishop of Bellingham, Washington, is recognized for exceptional leadership and consistent support of the goals and operation of Whatcom Genealogical Society. Sharon Bishop has been a member of the Whatcom Genealogical Society since 2007. She volunteered to serve as the Society's Secretary beginning in January 2008 and was re-elected to fill the office in 2010. She has provided the Society's Board of Directors with a concise record of the reports and decisions made at the Board meetings, and documented the activities and votes at the general membership meetings. In the last few months of 2010, when the Society was suddenly left without a president and vice president, Sharon stepped into the void and presided over the Board and membership meetings, as well as performing her secretarial functions, until the newly elected president took over in January 2011. Her willingness to take on these leadership challenges ensured the Society's continued ability to serve its membership and community. Thank you, Sharon.

2011 - Region 1 - Whatcom Genealogical Society

Sally (Sundean) Smith of Bellingham, Washington, is recognized for her 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. Sally Smith joined the Whatcom Genealogical Society in 1986 and served a term as the Society's Secretary beginning in 1989. The following year, she began extracting birth, marriage and death notices, and other items of interest from the early Bellingham and Puget Sound newspapers. Although she was working full time in a

civilian job during the week, she spent weekends at the public library searching through microfilmed copies of newspapers published as early as 1873. She hand scribed the genealogical information she found, went home to type the extractions, went back again to the films to verify any questionable entries, and finally, turned over a treasure trove of data for publication almost every quarter. For fifteen years, before the conveniences of laptops and scanners, Sally was a vital contributor to the Society's journal, The BULLETIN. Many of her extracts have since been posted on the Society's website. She also chaired the Library Acquisition Committee for three years. Sally is an outstanding example of those volunteers whose extraction efforts now allow researchers to gather much of their family history data from online sites. Whatcom Genealogical Society is indebted to Sally Smith and greatly appreciates her work.

2011 - Region 2 - Jewish Genealogical Society of Washington State

Deborah (Biller) Freedman of Gig Harbor, Washington, is recognized for 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. Deborah is a charter member of the Jewish Genealogical Society of Washington State and a past board member of the Tacoma Historical Society and the Washington State Jewish Historical Society. She also served nearly ten years on the Board of Directors of Tacoma's Home of Peace Cemetery. She has carefully documented the burials of three cemeteries in Pierce and Thurston Counties, leading to the placement of 73 headstones on formerly unmarked graves. She also completed a book of inscriptions of the graves in Tacoma's Home of Peace Cemetery. Deborah has spent nearly fifteen years researching Tacoma's Jewish pioneers of the nineteenth century and maintains a website listing them at www.DryGoodsandWetGoods.com. In 2010, Deborah wrote and coordinated the publication of Tacoma Historical Society's curriculum supplement for elementary local history, entitled "*Tacoma's Twenty-One Tales Every Student Should Be Able To Tell.*" She also is a popular speaker for history and genealogy programs throughout Washington State. The Jewish Genealogical Society of Washington State appreciates Deborah's enthusiasm, knowledge and contributions to the community of historical and genealogical societies.

2011 - Region 2 - Jewish Genealogical Society of Washington State

Phyllis Grossman of Woodinville, Washington, is recognized for exceptional leadership and consistent support of the goals and operation of Jewish Genealogical Society of Washington State. Phyllis has been a member of the Jewish Genealogical Society of Washington State since 1999. She has served on the Society's board of directors since 2001 and has held a number of board and volunteer positions. She was the newsletter editor from 2001 to 2004 and has been the webmaster since 2004. As webmaster, she coordinated the redesign of the Society's website and continues to add new features. In addition to her official tasks, she edits and reviews all meeting notices and flyers before they're sent out, helps out with the Society's genealogy library, and is responsible for online publicity for Society meetings and events. She worked with Myra Rothenberg to produce "Roots on the Road," a how-to presentation aimed at genealogy newbies, which Jewish genealogical organizations can use to increase their memberships. She is now coordinating a new project to index the birth, marriage, Bar and Bat Mitzvah, and death announcements printed in the *Jewish Transcript*, a Washington newspaper published since 1924. Phyllis Grossman's leadership and

versatile talents have helped build the Jewish Genealogical Society of Washington State into a strong and productive organization, and we are grateful for all of her efforts.

2011 - Region 2 - Jewish Genealogical Society of Washington State

Myra (Brenner) Rothenberg of Redmond, Washington, is recognized for exceptional leadership and consistent support of the goals and operation of Jewish Genealogical Society of Washington State. Myra has been an active member of the Jewish Genealogical Society of Washington State for 12 years and started as “Cookie Chair.” She joined the Society shortly after its founding when there were barely 20 members and no money in the treasury. She helped build the Society into a 100-plus member educational organization. Myra served as the Society’s President for three years and has held all of the official Board positions over the years. Myra co-authored *Roots on the Road*, a CD designed to help other Jewish genealogical organizations to increase membership. She wrote two articles which were published in the journal, *Avotaynu: The International Review of Jewish Genealogy*. Myra conceived of the idea to hold a statewide conference on DNA and Genealogy to encourage the public to use a genealogical health history form and to help them better understand the new field of DNA and Genealogy. She has helped staff many fundraisers, including the first ever *Roots Fair* for “newbies” and seasoned genealogists in our state. Myra interviewed many noted state historians and wrote a chapter on the History of Jews in Washington State, for a yet unpublished Avotaynu book. She continues to volunteer to help out wherever needed, and still provides those darned cookies for meetings every month. We greatly appreciate all Myra has done in support of the Society.

2011 - Region 2 - Seattle Genealogical Society

Darlene Hamilton of Seattle, Washington, is recognized for exceptional and consistent support of the goals and operation of the Seattle Genealogical Society. Recently retired after 40 years as Genealogy Librarian for the Seattle Public Library, Darlene Hamilton has also served the Seattle Genealogical Society for 40 years as liaison between the Society’s Board of Directors and the public library. Attending over 400 Board meetings, she has served as the Society’s “corporate memory”—keeping the Society from repeating earlier mistakes countless times. She has also kept Society members informed about new genealogical resources acquired by the public library and advised the Society on cataloging systems for use in the Society’s library. She supported the Society’s programs and activities, and often served as the voice of reason in Board deliberations. Throughout Darlene’s service to the Society, she has been kind, thoughtful, supportive and professional. It’s hard to imagine the Seattle Genealogical Society’s Board without Darlene, but it is hoped she will continue as a volunteer for many years to come. Thank you, Darlene.

2011 - Region 2 - Seattle Genealogical Society

Janice Louise “Jan” McNair (January 3, 1944 - May 26, 2011) of Seattle, Washington, is posthumously recognized for exceptional leadership and constant support of the goals and operation of the Seattle Genealogical Society. Jan McNair was an active member of the Seattle Genealogical Society for the past 15 years. She served a number of terms on the Society’s Board as Director of Volunteers and Director of Communications. Jan was chair of the Queries Committee and Coordinator of the desk volunteers for the Society’s library when she died in May 2011. She was an active member of the Society’s Irish Special Interest Group and co-chaired the Pennsylvania

State Focus Group. Jan also did on-site registration at the Society's seminars and helped staff the Society's booth at Irish Week and the Scottish Highland Games. She was active in the Eastside Genealogical Society's Scandinavian Interest Group and the Washington State Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Any time there was a need for volunteers, you could always count on Jan to help, even though she was also active in other organizations. Jan epitomizes the perfect volunteer: caring, passionate, committed and trustworthy. With her passing in May, three people were needed to take over all the work she did for the Seattle Genealogical Society. She was one in a million.... Thank you, Jan.

2011 - Region 2 - South King County Genealogical Society

Karen Lee (Rosenberg) Bouton of Kent, Washington, is recognized for exceptional leadership and efforts in support of the Saar Pioneer Cemetery restoration and historical preservation project of the South King County Genealogical Society. Karen Bouton is honored by the South King County Genealogical Society for her work in coordinating the many activities which have converted the Saar Pioneer Cemetery from an eye-sore of brush, blackberries and broken stones, into a beautiful resting place for the White River Valley pioneers buried there. With a small group of the Society's researchers, she identified nearly 200 pioneers buried at Saar. The research team then wrote the pioneers' family histories for publication by the Society. Karen acquired grants from several sources, including the Muckleshoot Indian Tribe's Charity Fund, King County's 4Culture Heritage agency, and a number of individuals, to help pay for publication of the book and for landscape maintenance at the cemetery. She worked with family members to get new gravestones to replace missing or broken markers and with the Veterans Administration to obtain new stones for Civil War soldiers interred there. She has coordinated Veterans Day activities held each November since 2006 to honor the five Civil War soldiers in the cemetery. In 2010 Karen was successful in getting City of Kent Landmark status for the cemetery. While a great many individuals and groups have helped, including a Boy Scout troop and a group of Citizens' Band radio enthusiasts, Karen Bouton has been the driving force that has resulted in beautifying the old cemetery, as well as preserving the history of a large number of Kent area pioneers, and making their stories available to future generations. Well done, Karen.

2011 - Region 2 - South King County Genealogical Society

Sylva Jean Coppock of Renton, Washington, is recognized for exceptional and consistent support of the goals and operation of the South King County Genealogical Society. Sylva Coppock has been a long standing and active member of the South King County Genealogical Society for many years. Sylva is an eager volunteer whenever a program or flyer needs to be designed. Using her artistic skills she designed the Society's stationery and business cards. She also designed a baby chart, printed on blue or pink stock that is suitable for framing. As part of the 2010 committee which put on the Saar Pioneer Cemetery Living History program, Sylva's tireless efforts helped create a successful presentation at the cemetery, bringing six pioneer characters "to life," sharing their history and the story of their lives in the Kent valley. Currently she is working on a genealogical and historical book about nearly 200 pioneers buried at the Saar Pioneer Cemetery. She has done extensive research on the Civil War Veteran's that were buried in this cemetery. Sylva took the initiative to design and format the book getting it ready for the publisher. Each Veterans Day in November she participates in a

remembrance ceremony by placing a flower at each Civil War veteran's gravesite. We greatly appreciate Sylva for her talents, energy and dedicated support for the South King County Genealogical Society.

2011 - Region 2 - South King County Genealogical Society

Linda Ann (Stewart) Van Nest of Tacoma, Washington, is recognized for exceptional support of the Saar Pioneer Cemetery Living History Program co-sponsored by the South King County Genealogical Society. Linda Van Nest has been a driving force and a valuable member of the 2010 Saar Pioneer Cemetery Living History Committee, sponsored jointly by the South King County Genealogical Society and Greater Kent Historical Society. The Committee produced a living history performance, held at the cemetery, which brought six pioneer characters "back to life" to share their history and the story of their lives in the Kent valley. Linda wrote the grant requests which produced the funds to pay for the script writer, actors, and other behind-the-scenes activities. She then took the initiative to submit requests to fund the 2011 Living History program to share even more stories of Kent and White River Valley pioneers. Linda assisted with another very important grant recently. Working with the South King County Genealogical Society, she submitted a successful grant request that will pay for a ground penetrating radar company to survey the entire Saar Pioneer Cemetery. This activity will finally determine how many are buried in this cemetery without a marker and where they rest in peace. With her wonderful grant writing skills, Linda has played a major part in bringing the history and genealogy of the community alive again. We are very grateful for everything Linda has done to support the South King County Genealogical Society's Saar Pioneer Cemetery project.

2011 - Region 2 - Tacoma-Pierce County Genealogical Society

Jane (Irish) Nelson of Vashon, Washington, is recognized for exceptional and consistent support of the goal and operation of the Tacoma-Pierce County Genealogical Society. Jane Nelson has been a member of the Tacoma-Pierce County Genealogical Society for more than 20 years and has served as the Society's Webmaster since 2005. She has redesigned the website to meet the changing needs of the Society. She consistently takes it upon herself to keep the web site up to date with Society information and other genealogical information important to the members and guests. Jane has been instrumental in re-establishing the Society's seminar program. She took the initiative to promote having a seminar and then to find and bring speakers to the spring 2011 Seminar. She has continued her efforts and has already arranged for 2012 Seminar speakers. She is a vital part of our Executive Board and contributes research and problem solving to our board meetings. She enjoys researching and discovering new information – the Internet makes that easy!! She recently found a newspaper article about an ancestor who served in the War of 1812. And there is nothing like a death certificate to further excite her – a real student of genealogy!! Jane is always available to help others with their "brick wall" genealogy issues. Jane's enthusiasm, versatile skills, and willingness to help the Society wherever it is needed are greatly appreciated.

2011 - Region 2 - Tacoma-Pierce County Genealogical Society

Glenda (Robbins) Thayer of Tacoma, Washington, is recognized for exceptional and consistent support of the goals and operation of the Tacoma-Pierce County Genealogical Society. Glenda is being honored by the Society for her many years of

service as one of the Society's early librarians. The knowledge she gained in the many years of her volunteer service at the Tacoma Public Library, helping those seeking information about their families and ancestors, was also indispensable when it came to ordering genealogy books for the library. Glenda started her genealogical research in 1957, and she joined the Society in the early 1960s at a time when those early members worked hard raising money to purchase books for the library and offered genealogy classes that would meet the needs of those just getting started with their research. Glenda taught genealogy classes at many locations around Tacoma when she was actively involved in the Society. Because of her dedication as a volunteer at the Tacoma Public Library, she is the proud recipient of two Certificates of Appreciation presented to her by the City of Tacoma as an outstanding volunteer for the years 2000 and 2004. She also volunteered her time and knowledge at the Family History Research Center for 23 years. We are very grateful to Glenda for all the effort she has contributed to help the genealogical community.

2011 - Region 3 - Bainbridge Island Genealogical Society

Ross Stewart Abbott of Bainbridge Island, Washington, is recognized for exceptional leadership and consistent support of the goals and operation of Bainbridge Island Genealogical Society. Ross was instrumental in the formation of the Bainbridge Island Genealogical Society. He was part of the planning group and drove the process of creating the bylaws. At one point he even hand-carried paperwork through state offices in Olympia to expedite processing of the Society's establishment. His attention to management details over the years has helped to keep the Society's Board focused and on track, and he worked tirelessly as the Society's Secretary for a number of years. He has been active in efforts to preserve local history, including saving a cemetery from destruction by development, documenting civil war veteran burials on Bainbridge Island, and volunteering as engineer on the 1921 Steamship *Virginia V*. He has led the Scandinavian and Civil War Special Interest Groups. He is particularly interested in his Norwegian ancestors and has helped many others in their quests to document their Norsk families. His knowledge of history has enriched discussions on many topics, including Norway, Swiss Mennonites, homesteads, the Civil War, settlement of the Pacific Northwest and cemetery preservation. Ross is also active on the Washington State Genealogical Society's Board of Directors as the regional representative to eight societies, including the Bainbridge Island Society, in six northwest Washington counties. Ross is an extraordinary asset for the genealogical community.

2011 - Region 3 - Bainbridge Island Genealogical Society

Mary M. Ferm of Bainbridge Island, Washington, is recognized for exceptional leadership and consistent support of the goals and operation of Bainbridge Island Genealogical Society. Mary is recognized for her outstanding efforts in fostering genealogical research skills in others. As a past Vice President and Program Chair for the Bainbridge Island Genealogical Society, Mary was responsible for soliciting speakers and facilitating discussions that were geared to developing members' skills. As a special interest group leader, she responded to members' research needs and interests. She expanded the scope of the New England group to include the Mid-Atlantic States as members' research areas changed. She also initiated a "getting-started" class for newer members, teaching the basics of genealogical research. This thriving group, under Mary's tutelage, eventually evolved into the Evening Discussion Group. Mary always makes meetings interesting by demonstrating research strategies,

reviewing case studies and presenting new challenges for members to explore. She always willingly shares her knowledge and mentors others. Her previous profession and talents in education are evident since she consistently does an exceptional job teaching others. Mary is a tremendous resource for researchers, new and old, and she is greatly appreciated by the Bainbridge Island Genealogical Society.

2011 - Region 3 - Jefferson County Genealogical Society

Barbara K. Larsen 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. Barb Larsen has spent countless hours over the last several years copying, cutting, pasting and recording obituaries for the Jefferson County Genealogical Society. Obituaries and death notices are critical resources for family historians, and requests for copies represent a major part of the Society's research income. Barb has always cheerfully carried out her task, contributing significantly to the Society's ability to preserve records for residents of Jefferson County and respond to research requests from distant family historians. We thank Barb for her dedication to the goals of the Jefferson County Genealogical Society.

2011 - Region 3 - Jefferson County Genealogical Society

Allen J. Standish of Port Ludlow, Washington, is recognized for exceptional and consistent support of the goals and operation of Jefferson County Genealogical Society. Al Standish stepped up in 2007 to fill the position of Treasurer of the Jefferson County Genealogical Society. Not only did he proficiently keep the Society's financial books, he actively pursued ways to increase interest income from savings, a task made even more difficult due to the economic downturn. In addition to his Treasurer duties, Al has volunteered at the Society's Research Center one day a week to assist visitors with their research questions and help respond to queries received from across the country. Al continues to be a valuable member of the Jefferson County Genealogical Society team.

2011 - Region 3 - Puget Sound Genealogical Society

Jacquelyn (Perkins) Horton of Silverdale, Washington, is recognized for outstanding leadership and consistent support of the goals and operation of the Puget Sound Genealogical Society. Jacquie Horton has been active in all aspects of the Puget Sound Genealogical Society since 1979. A leader, she has held the offices of president, vice president for programs and vice president for membership, and served as librarian for seven years. As a professional educator, she chaired the education committee for several years and was instrumental in organizing and teaching genealogy classes for the Society and the community through the Silverdale Adult Education Group. She was instrumental in planning and executing the bi-annual seminars and worked to bring notable guest speakers to these events. Jacquie was the website coordinator for two years and later created a website for the Society's Belfair Chapter which she continues to maintain. As the Belfair Chapter representative, she is an active member of the board of directors. For more than 30 years, Jacquie has distinguished herself as one of the Society's most knowledgeable, tireless, and valuable members, and her many accomplishments are greatly appreciated.

2011 - Region 3 - Puget Sound Genealogical Society

Mary Ann (Corbett) Wright of Bremerton, Washington, is recognized for outstanding support of the Puget Sound Genealogical Society's goals and her efforts in the preservation of important records of genealogical value to the Society and other researchers. Mary Ann Wright has been an enthusiastic volunteer ever since she joined the Puget Sound Genealogical Society. As a new member, she took the lead in inventorying the Society's research materials and producing a catalog with the materials sorted by category, author, and title. She then assumed the role of librarian and tackled the backlog of donated books and media by cataloging and labeling the materials and printing supplementary lists each quarter. In addition, she spearheaded talks with the local library district to enter into a partnership whereby the Society would provide its genealogical materials to the library district for placement in a dedicated "genealogy center" within a library branch. This partnership ensures the safety of the Society's research materials by providing a spacious, well-lit and secure research area. In addition, she chairs the Website and Library committees and is a member of the Executive Board and the Seminar committee. Mary Ann's expertise and dedication makes her a valued and highly respected member of the Society.

2011 - Region 4 - Clark County Genealogical Society

Carol (Arnold) Clark and Dennis R. "Doc" Clark of Vancouver, Washington, are recognized for exceptional leadership and consistent support of the goals and operation of Clark County Genealogical Society. Life Members Carol and Doc Clark function as a team in their service to Clark County Genealogical Society. They served as Co-Vice Presidents for the Society and their exemplary performance made possible a major leadership rebuilding. Carol has produced seminars and directed the volunteers for the events, while Doc handled seminar operational activities. Carol instructs in the education program. The Clark's originated a beverage service that is a significant income source for the Society. Carol is a volunteer librarian, and Doc provides maintenance for the Society's library. Carol designed a Walking Map of the Old City Cemetery of Vancouver. Doc and Carol also help to create and implement the Society's operating budget. We are grateful to Doc and Carol Clark for their exceptional devotion of their time, skill and energy as a team to the Clark County Genealogical Society.

2011 - Region 4 - Clark County Genealogical Society

William "Bill" Whalley of Camas, Washington, is recognized for exceptional and consistent support of the goals and operation of Clark County Genealogical Society. Bill Whalley is a very active member of the Clark County Genealogical Society. He serves as the Society's Directory Editor, a volunteer librarian, Legacy Users Group leader, British Isles focus group coordinator and leader of the Technology Team. Bill manages the Society's computer hardware and software used for administration and for member research. He modernized our computer stations with high resolution displays. He has achieved high operating efficiencies on our workstation computers. Bill acquired a new multifunction printer/copier to gain significant printing cost savings. Some of those costs are being directly passed on to users as reduced copy fees. Bill has opened a monthly Computer Clinic where members can bring in software and hardware problems for help with no service fee. Bill also provides technical support for the Society's website. Bill's versatility and skills are critical to Clark County Genealogical Society and are greatly appreciated by the Society.

2011 - Region 4 - Lewis County Genealogical Society

Teresa (Parnell) Jordan of Onalaska, Washington, is recognized for exceptional and consistent support of the goals and operation of the Lewis County Genealogical Society. Teresa Jordan grew up in a genealogically passionate family and became active in the Lewis County Genealogical Society 18 years ago. She has distinguished herself in support of the Society, most notably having helped design a fresh new look for the Society's website to broadcast local genealogy news and events. She continues to serve as the site's Webmaster and maintains effectiveness of the site by keeping up with ongoing events, projects, and news items. She continues to fine-tune the structure and add fresh new content on a monthly basis or more often as time allows. She considers the website her greatest volunteer accomplishment. Teresa has also held office as 1st Vice President, serves as Co-Editor of the Society's bi-monthly newsletter and has worked on projects to transcribe cemetery records. Teresa's enthusiasm, technical skills and dedication have made a significant impact on the Lewis County Genealogical Society and are greatly appreciated.

2011 - Region 4 - Lewis County Genealogical Society

Patricia "Patty" (Iund) Olsen of Chehalis, Washington, is recognized for her untiring support of the Lewis County Genealogical Society since joining the Society in 2005. As a member of the By-Laws Committee she has helped perform reviews and updating of the Society's governing rules. She is a member of the Membership Committee and the Library Committee. Her interest in genealogy began in the 1960's when she found that her paternal grandmother was a registered member of the Cherokee Nation and that her great-great-grandparents had walked the Trail of Tears. Her love of history and genealogy has just grown and become a reality since then. Although her family history and paper trails are in Whatcom and Skagit Counties, she finds her participation in the local Society is a great way to keep involved, continue to learn and to meet great people with similar interests. Patty continues to volunteer wherever she can to support the Society. Patty is an enthusiastic member of the Lewis County Genealogical Society and her participation is greatly appreciated.

2011 - Region 4 - Lower Columbia Genealogical Society

Alona "Lonny" (Daly) Haseman of Longview, Washington, is recognized for exceptional and consistent support of the goals and operation of the Lower Columbia Genealogical Society. Lonny Haseman may very well be the first and friendliest face you see when you come to a Lower Columbia Genealogical Society general meeting where she greets members and guests, handles the sign-in sheets, and passes out the name tags. At a point in the meeting she introduces the guests and encourages them to tell about their journey in researching their ancestors. Lonny writes the "library page" for the Society's newsletter, *The KEY*, providing information on the books in the genealogy section of the Longview Public Library. She may include a list of new books acquired or a review of one of the books in the genealogy collection. Lonny instigated, organizes and follows up with the Wednesday Helper Library Assistants at the genealogy section of the library where each week volunteers are available to provide the public with free one-on-one help with their genealogy. She provides training classes for the people who work at the library's genealogy section. She has also served as President and Trustee of the Society. Lonnie Haseman's people skills and leadership make her an exceptional asset to the Society and a delight to work with.

2011 - Region 4 - Lower Columbia Genealogical Society

Judith (Cox) Whipple of Rainier, Oregon, is recognized for exceptional and consistent support of the goals and operation of the Lower Columbia Genealogical Society. Judy Whipple developed, maintains and disseminates the Lower Columbia Genealogical Society's database and a guide to the genealogical books housed at the Longview Public Library. She worked with the library to incorporate book donations and memorials, and recommends items which can be purchased using available matching funds. She also wrote and published the Step-By-Step Guide, a how-to booklet for use with standard genealogical reference works. This booklet is given to new members and to people who come to the library for genealogical research help. Judy self-published several family history books, co-edited a 17,000-name cemetery record book for Columbia County, Oregon. She also created a 56-page handout of useful genealogical websites that doesn't just take you to Ancestry.com. She has taught Beginning Genealogy classes for many years through the Community Education programs at the local city college, and for twenty years has furthered public interest in genealogy by leading "Writing Your Life Story" classes. She chaired the Society's recent seminar, "Online Genealogy Gems". Judy Whipple's many talents and eagerness to help others are greatly appreciated.

2011 - Region 5 - Kittitas County Genealogical Society

Warren L. "Tuck" Forsythe of Ellensburg, Washington, is recognized for his exceptional and longtime support of the goals and operation of the Kittitas County Genealogical Society. Tuck Forsythe has contributed to the longevity and success of the Kittitas County Genealogical Society through his many years as an active member, his willingness to serve in many capacities and his numerous generous, behind-the-scenes actions to help meet the Society's needs. Tuck is an outstanding and accomplished researcher in his own right and shares his expertise with members and library visitors as a volunteer in the Society's library. He also helps at the local LDS Family History Center. Tuck is a mainstay of the Kittitas County Genealogical Society and its library, and we greatly appreciate and honor him for his unselfish support.

2011 - Region 5 - Kittitas County Genealogical Society

Esther M. (Williams) Hinthorne of Ellensburg, Washington, is recognized for her exceptional and consistent support of the goals and operation of Kittitas County Genealogical Society. Esther Hinthorne has devoted many years to leadership as an officer of the Society. She also helped to provide for the needs of the Society's library by keeping up-to-date computer records of the library's holdings and serving as a library volunteer. Esther has researched her own family and has been generous in sharing her research knowledge and experience with the Society's members and visitors. We honor Esther for her many contributions to the well-being of the Kittitas County Genealogical Society.

2011 - Region 5 - Kittitas County Genealogical Society

Sally (Nichols) Robins of Thorp Prairie, Washington, is recognized for her exceptional and consistent support of the goals and operation of Kittitas County Genealogical Society. Sally has made countless contributions to the Kittitas County Genealogical Society. For many years, she organized and taught classes on beginning

genealogy and family history research. Many in the Society today can trace their interest to Sally's expertise in introducing them to genealogy and keeping them up to date with the changing technology. She participated in many Society research projects, especially in documenting local cemetery and school records which later became publications which are sold by the Society. In addition, Sally has held numerous Society offices, and she continues to serve to the present time as a volunteer in the Society's library. We wholeheartedly thank her for all she has done for the Kittitas County Genealogical Society.

2011 - Region 5 - Yakima Valley Genealogical Society

Gerald "Gerry" Shepard of Yakima, Washington, is recognized for exceptional leadership and consistent support of the goals and operation of Yakima Valley Genealogical Society. A long time member of the Yakima Valley Genealogical Society, Gerry Shepard has served in various positions, including as the Society's President for several terms. Currently, Gerry is the Head Librarian of the Society's research library. As Head Librarian he helps the Society's Board make decisions regarding the purchase of books and other materials for the library. He is also in charge of training the volunteer librarians and is responsible for maintaining the inventory of books and media. Gerry is the "go to guy" if someone is needed to give a talk to local groups about the Society, genealogy, or family history research. He consistently provides untiring support of the Yakima Valley Genealogical Society and Library. We greatly appreciate his expertise and leadership.

2011 - Region 5 - Yakima Valley Genealogical Society

Lewis "Lou" Sigman of Yakima, Washington, is recognized for exceptional and consistent support of the goals and operation of the Yakima Valley Genealogical Society. A longtime member of the Society, Lou is the type of volunteer that every organization needs, and often fails to appreciate. He quietly works behind the scenes doing whatever needs to be done. Lou helps with the Society's fundraising by volunteering to staff the coffee service stand at the Indian John Hill Rest Area on Interstate 90 near Cle Elum. He is always one of the first to volunteer at Society yard sales and whenever any type of maintenance needs to be done to the Society's library building. He has consistently provided steady support and practical suggestions for the operation of our Society and Library. Lou's versatility and dedication to the Yakima Valley Genealogical Society is greatly appreciated.

2011 - Region 6 - Tri-City Genealogical Society

Mikal "Mike" A. McKinnon 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. Mike McKinnon has been instrumental in collecting and disseminating important data to help researchers in the Tri-City Genealogical Society and elsewhere. He took on co-leadership of the Society's Benton County and Franklin County School Census Transcription Project in 2009. This project was in danger of losing all interested volunteers when he agreed to share the project's leadership role. Mike immediately took the initiative to determine what problems the project had and implement solutions. One of his solutions included acquiring a high-speed large-format scanner to ensure that hand-written census documents were kept in one location and not misplaced. Several times he has looked into problems that volunteers reported

having and adapted the project goals or procedures to overcome these challenges. He has provided information from the transcriptions to be published in several of the Society's Bulletins, thus encouraging members to continue to volunteer for the transcription efforts. Due to his untiring determination and flexible leadership, thousands of genealogical data entries have been made available to the public. Mike's efforts to guide this important project back on track are greatly appreciated.

2011 - Region 6 - Tri-City Genealogical Society

Wilburn Lee Smith of Pasco, Washington, is recognized for exceptional and consistent support of the goals and operation of the Tri-City Genealogical Society. Lee Smith is once again recognized for exceptional and consistent support of the goals and operations of the Tri-City Genealogical Society. This honor was originally bestowed upon Lee in 2003 when he was the first of the Society's support volunteers to be recognized. In the past eight years Lee has not once waned from his enthusiastic pursuit of the society's well being. He continues to arrive at meetings early to help set up rooms and make sure that all the sound equipment is in good working order. He also continues in his role of Editor of the Society's Bulletin. Many times this duty has required Lee to contribute fresh information from his own research efforts. In 2009, Lee agreed to step in as Chairperson for the Clean-Up Committee for the 2011 Washington State Genealogical Society annual conference. In 2010 the Conference Committee lost its Publicity Chairperson, Lee took on this additional duty. He is constantly learning new skills to benefit the Tri-City Genealogical Society. Lee Smith is an outstanding member of the Society, and his constant efforts to support the needs of the Society are greatly appreciated.

2011 - Region 7 - Eastern Washington Genealogical Society

Dorothy "Dottie" (Meyers) Braithwait of Spokane, Washington, is recognized for outstanding efforts in support of Eastern Washington Genealogical Society and in the dissemination of important information of genealogical value to the Society and other researchers interested in the families of Washington State. Dottie has served Eastern Washington Genealogical Society for over 30 years. Early on she held the Secretary position, producing timely and accurate records of the Society's meetings. She then dedicated her time and skills as the editor and publisher of the Society's quarterly journal, *The Bulletin*. In the olden days, *The Bulletin* had to be run off on a mimeograph machine and then was hand collated by Dottie and her staff. Her team produced many interesting and educational articles for the membership, setting a high standard for the quarterly. More recently Dottie has given each Tuesday to the Society's obituary indexing project. When she volunteered to help with this project, Dottie said she did not know what she could do, but she did want to help. The obituary files consist of 112 drawers of 3x5 cards, and Dottie has computer-entered indexing data on more than 80 drawers of them. It takes her 2 1/2 weeks, or about 15 hours of data entry to index each drawer. She has given over 1240 volunteer hours on this one project so far. Dottie's desire to help has turned into many hundreds of hours of service which benefit not only Eastern Washington Genealogical Society but the genealogy community at large. Dottie Braithwait is a quiet but dedicated helper and richly deserves our appreciation and recognition.

2011 - Region 7 - Eastern Washington Genealogical Society

Juanita (Linton) McBride of Loon Lake, Washington, is recognized for exceptional and consistent support of the goals and operation of Eastern Washington Genealogical Society. Juanita has been an active, participating member of Eastern Washington Genealogical Society for nearly 20 years. For 15 of those years, she has been the Society's librarian, a very large and involved job. For the first decade she held the position, the Society was actively adding books, CDs and other materials to the collection housed at the Spokane Public Library. Since 2010, Juanita explains, she and the Society's library crew have been acting more in an advisory position, educating members and visitors, helping them with the Internet and "leading them logically through the research steps." Juanita dedicated 15 to 20 hours per week for more than a decade, but now is down to just one full day per week; each day beginning and ending with a 1-hour commute. She says she is proudest of her staff of five volunteers without whom she could not do the librarian's job. Juanita explained that there are nearly 6000 items in the Society's collection, and points out "they are not all about Eastern Washington!" Juanita has been a most valued and hard working member and a proven leader of the Eastern Washington Genealogical Society. She richly deserves this recognition and our appreciation.

2011 - Region 7 - Northeast Washington Genealogical Society

Lora (Mickelson) Rose of Colville, Washington, is recognized for outstanding efforts in the preservation of important records of genealogical value to the Northeast Washington Genealogical Society and other researchers interested in the families of Washington State. Lora Rose has been involved in several very complicated records extraction projects. Her eagerness to help is refreshing and she's not afraid to tackle tough problems. When she takes on a project, she sees it through to the end in record time and does an exemplary job. Among others, she worked on two huge projects which involved extracting early church records of Stevens County, and another project which involved imaging and extracting some of the earliest school records of the county. These extracted records become available to local and distant researchers through Society databases or publications, or the county pages of the state "GenWeb" system. Lora is so energetic and dependable she is truly "one of a kind," and we very much appreciate her, as do researchers all over the world who benefit from her efforts.

2011 - Region 7 - Northeast Washington Genealogical Society

Karen (Kramer) Struve of Colville, Washington, is recognized for outstanding support, management and leadership of the Northeast Washington Genealogical Society. Karen Struve has been a member of Northeast Washington Genealogical Society since 2003. She took an active part in the Society as Delegate to the Federation of Genealogical Societies, and she accepted the office of Society President in October 2009. Since then, she has taken on many responsibilities not necessarily required of the person in that office. She regularly teaches classes, both computer and beginning genealogy, and has helped with major records extraction projects of the Society. She helped to launch the new, "improved" website for the Society in December 2010 and has taken on the job of assistant webmaster. She takes an active part in organizing the Society's participation in public events and helps to plan our annual workshops. Karen's energy and leadership skills have been a definite asset in helping Northeast Washington Genealogical Society to advance its original purpose and expand the professional ideals of genealogy among its members.

2011 - Region 8 - Chelan Valley Genealogical Society

Bettie Lou (Bennett) Kenck of Chelan, Washington, is recognized for exceptional leadership and consistent support of the goals and operation of Chelan Valley Genealogical Society. Bettie Kenck is one of the founding members of Chelan Valley Genealogical Society. Over the 20 years of the Society's history she has held numerous official positions. She was truly dedicated to spreading the word and useful information in her long-held position as the Society's Newsletter Editor. She held the Secretary position numerous times, and during the many years as Vice-President she often acted as President when the incumbent was unavailable. In the recent past she employed her versatility, gained by working in other Board positions, to keep the society together and functioning when one or more of the other officers had emergencies or were out of town. Bettie has always been the 'corporate memory' of the Society, keeping the volunteers on track with their projects. She has often put her own genealogical research aside to do the work of the Society and has never given up, even in the Society's lean years. For 2011, she has taken a break from the Board of Directors and just acts as guide, organizer and reminder! Bettie Kenck can rightfully be called the back bone of the Chelan Valley Genealogical Society and she is greatly appreciated.

2011 - Region 8 - Wenatchee Area Genealogical Society

Phyllis (Joyce) Barnett of Wenatchee, Washington, is recognized for exceptional and consistent support of the goals and operation of Wenatchee Area Genealogical Society. Whether jumping in with both feet or from the frying pan into the fire, Phyllis Barnett is all that is good in a volunteer. From the time she joined Wenatchee Area Genealogical Society in 2004, she has put in numerous hours on many projects; some of which had been neglected over the past few years. Whether it is general cleaning and upkeep of the library, organizing and working on scrapbooks, or helping Edith Clarida to rebind hundreds of journals and bulletins, you can count on seeing Phyllis, with her twinkling eyes and smile, encouraging us all. As Library Chair she keeps the librarians updated on library procedures, computer changes and plans, and then keeps track of all of their hours. She has been instrumental in organizing or helping with special projects, including the Society's 2009 Open House, the Wenatchee Valley Museum and Cultural Center's Spring Tea in 2010 and, as co-chair, the Society's exhibit for the museum's Cultural Fair. Even when on her winter vacation in California she will be in contact with board members and do indexing, proofing or working on scrapbooks, etc. We greatly appreciate the time and extra effort she puts into all she does, and take pride in recognizing Phyllis Barnett with this Outstanding Volunteer award.

2011 - Region 8 - Wenatchee Area Genealogical Society

Edith (Tyler) Clarida of Wenatchee, Washington, is recognized for exceptional and consistent support of the goals and operation of Wenatchee Area Genealogical Society. Edith Clarida shows in so many ways her total dedication to the Wenatchee Area Genealogical Society. She works on acquisitions and accessions. By binding journal and bulletin files, and rearranging the library she has made space for more materials to be added. She has walked the Wenatchee City Cemetery to help clarify where people are buried. Her indexing of the Jones and Jones Funeral records makes available valuable information to local researchers as well as those from out of the area.

A World War One Memorial has been relocated to the Wenatchee City Cemetery. Edith and another Society member are researching the many names that are listed on the memorial. She helped put together a number of Society scrapbooks, photocopied the material, and made covers for them. She spearheaded updating of the Society's by-laws – a long overdue project – and served as assistant to the editor of the Society's quarterly journal. She threw herself wholeheartedly into last year's cultural fair at the Wenatchee Valley Museum & Cultural Center; co-chairing the Society's Committee. Seasonal decorations appear in the genealogy library, thanks to Edith. The Society celebrated its 40th Anniversary with a lovely afternoon party put together and carried out largely by Edith and one other member. Edith Clarida is a very special lady, and we are thankful for her untiring support and leadership.



Washington State Genealogical Society

OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEERS - 2011 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 Richland, Washington, on 17 September 2011.

Bainbridge Island Genealogical Society (Region 3)	Ross Stewart Abbott
Bainbridge Island Genealogical Society (Region 3)	Mary M. Ferm
Chelan Valley Genealogical Society (Region 8)	Bettie Lou (Bennett) Kenck
Clark County Genealogical Society (Region 4)	Carol (Arnold) Clark & Dennis R. "Doc" Clark
Clark County Genealogical Society (Region 4)	William "Bill" Whalley
Eastern Washington Genealogical Society (Region 7)	Dorothy "Dottie" (Meyers) Braithwait
Eastern Washington Genealogical Society (Region 7)	Juanita (Linton) McBride
Genealogical Society of South Whidbey Island (Region 1)	Robert F. Richardson
Jefferson County Genealogical Society (Region 3)	Barbara K. Larsen
Jefferson County Genealogical Society (Region 3)	Allen J. Standish
Jewish Genealogical Society of Washington State (Region 2)	Deborah (Biller) Freedman
Jewish Genealogical Society of Washington State (Region 2)	Phyllis Grossman
Jewish Genealogical Society of Washington State (Region 2)	Myra (Brenner) Rothenberg
Kittitas County Genealogical Society (Region 5)	Warren L. "Tuck" Forsythe
Kittitas County Genealogical Society (Region 5)	Esther M. (Williams) Hinthorne
Kittitas County Genealogical Society (Region 5)	Sally (Nichols) Robins
Lewis County Genealogical Society (Region 4)	Teresa (Parnell) Jordan
Lewis County Genealogical Society (Region 4)	Patricia "Patty" (Iund) Olsen

Lower Columbia Genealogical Society (Region 4)	Alona "Lonny" (Daly) Haseman
Lower Columbia Genealogical Society (Region 4)	Judith (Cox) Whipple
Northeast Washington Genealogical Society (Region 7)	Lora (Mickelson) Rose
Northeast Washington Genealogical Society (Region 7)	Karen (Kramer) Struve
Puget Sound Genealogical Society (Region 3)	Jacquelyn (Perkins) Horton
Puget Sound Genealogical Society (Region 3)	Mary Ann (Corbett) Wright
Seattle Genealogical Society (Region 2)	Darlene Hamilton
Seattle Genealogical Society (Region 2)	Janice Louise "Jan" McNair *(1944-2011)
Skagit Valley Genealogical Society (Region 1)	Nancy (Maxwell) Bonafede
Skagit Valley Genealogical Society (Region 1)	Margaret "Margie" (Rummel) Wilson
Sno-Isle Genealogical Society (Region 1)	Janet (Dunlap) Cutlip
South King County Genealogical Society (Region 2)	Karen Lee (Rosenberg) Bouton
South King County Genealogical Society (Region 2)	Sylva Jean Coppock
South King County Genealogical Society (Region 2)	Linda Ann (Stewart) Van Nest
Stillaguamish Valley Genealogical Society (Region 1)	Mary (Granstrom) Buzzell
Tacoma-Pierce County Genealogical Society (Region 2)	Jane (Irish) Nelson
Tacoma-Pierce County Genealogical Society (Region 2)	Glenda (Robbins) Thayer
Tri-City Genealogical Society (Region 6)	Mikal "Mike" A. McKinnon
Tri-City Genealogical Society (Region 6)	Wilburn Lee Smith
Washington State Genealogical Society	F. Gerald "Jerry" Handfield
Washington State Genealogical Society	Geraldine "Jerri" (Thorpe) McCoy
Whatcom Genealogical Society (Region 1)	Sharon Bishop
Whatcom Genealogical Society (Region 1)	Sally (Sundean) Smith
Wenatchee Area Genealogical Society (Region 8)	Phyllis (Joyce) Barnett
Wenatchee Area Genealogical Society (Region 8)	Edith (Tyler) Clarida
Yakima Valley Genealogical Society (Region 5)	Gerald "Gerry" Shepard
Yakima Valley Genealogical Society (Region 5)	Lewis "Lou" Sigman