

Awards & Competitions

Current and Past Winners

2013

NGS Fellow

Donn Devine, JD, CG*, FNGS

Presidents' Citation

Jan Meisels Allen

The Shirley Langdon Wilcox Award for Exemplary Volunteerism

Julie Potter Miller, CG

NGSQ 2012 Award for Excellence

F. Warren Bittner, CG, "Without Land, Occupation, Rights, or Marriage Privilege: The Büttner Family from Bavaria to New York" (NGSQ September 2012)

Rubincam Youth Award (Senior)

Andrew Staton, My Windsor and Young Ancestors

NGS Newsletter Competition Winners

Major Genealogical or Historical Society Newsletter

Winner: *PastFinder*, Silicon Valley Computer Genealogy Group

County or Local Genealogical or Historical Society Newsletter

Winner: *The Newsletter of the Irish Family History Forum*

Honorable Mention: *The Quarterly Newsletter of the South Bend Area Genealogical Society*

Family Association Newsletter

Winner: *The Andreas Killian Descendants Historical Association Newsletter*

Honorable Mention: *The Seeley Genealogical Society Newsletter*

NGS Home Study Course Scholarship

Kristin Harms, Alpharetta, Georgia

The Filby Award for Genealogical Librarianship

Elizabeth Crabtree Wells, Samford University, Birmingham, Alabama

NGS Award for Excellence: Genealogical Methods and Sources

Robert S. Davis of Hanceville, Alabama, and Ted O. Brooke of Cumming, Georgia, *Georgia Research: A Handbook for Genealogists, Historians, Archivists, Lawyers, Librarians, and Other Researchers*

NGS Award for Excellence: Genealogy and Family History

Helen Schatvet Ullmann, CG, FASG, of Acton, Massachusetts, *Some Descendants of Roger Billings of Dorchester, Massachusetts*

Family History Writing Competition

Paul K. Graham, CG, AG of Salt Lake City, Utah, *A Love Story Proved: The Life and Family of Laura Lavinia (Kelly) Combs*

Award of Merit

Carolyn Marguerite Hutchinson Brown

Award of Honor

Michael Brenner - Local Host Chair

Centennial Las Vegas Genealogy Society - Co-Host

Clark County Nevada Genealogical Society - Co-Host

Jewish Genealogy Society of Southern Nevada - Co-Host

Las Vegas FamilySearch Library - Co-Host

Nevada African American Genealogy Society - Co-Host

Certificate of Appreciation

Lynne Bogner and R. Wayne Stoker, Co-Chairs of Volunteers
Patricia Dell'aira and Rebecca Eisenman, Co-Chairs of Hospitality
Betteann Meyers, Publicity Chair
Carole Montello, Registration Chair
Leo Myers, Exhibits Chair
Bill White, Local Events and Tours Chair

2012

NGS Fellow

Kay Haviland Freilich, CG, CGL, FNGS

Presidents' Citation

Melinde Lutz Byrne, CG, FASG

The Shirley Langdon Wilcox Award for Exemplary Volunteerism

Charles "Chuck" S. Mason, Jr., CG

NGSQ 2011 Award for Excellence

Teri D. Tillman "Using Indirect Evidence and Linguistic Analysis to Trace Polin Ries of New Orleans" (NGSQ December 2011)

Rubincam Youth Award (Senior)

Nathan Thomas Wheeler, My Family Heritage: The Five Generation Straight Line Genealogy of Nathan Thomas Wheeler

Rubincam Youth Award (Junior)

Oliver Patterson, Biography of Victor Banks

NGS Newsletter Competition Winners

Major Genealogical or Historical Society Newsletter

Winner: *Ohio Genealogy News*, Ohio Genealogical Society

Honorable Mention: *Wisconsin Genealogical Society Newsletter*, Wisconsin Genealogical Society

County or Local Genealogical or Historical Society Newsletter

Winner: *PastFinder*, Silicon Valley Computer Genealogy Group

Honorable Mention: *The Missouri Patriot*, Missouri Society-Sons of the Revolution 1776

Family Association Newsletter

Winner: *The Timen Stiddem Society Newsletter*, The Timen Stiddem Society

Honorable Mention: *Our Endicott Heritage Trail*, Endecott-Endicott Family Association

NGS Home Study Course Scholarship

Susan Griffis, Evansville, Indiana

The Filby Award for Genealogical Librarianship

Debbi Lyon, Blasco Memorial Library, Erie, Pennsylvania

NGS Award for Excellence: Genealogical Methods and Sources

Paul K. Graham, *Georgia Land Lottery Research*

NGS Award for Excellence: Genealogy and Family History

Scott C. Steward and Christopher C. Child, *The Descendants of Judge John Lowell of Newburyport, Massachusetts*

Family History Writing Competition

F. Warren Bittner, CG - Without Land, Occupation, Rights, or Marriage Privilege: The Büttnher Family from Germany to America

Michael Hait, CG, In the Shadow of Rebellions

Award of Merit

Marvin Wilhite

Distinguished Service Award

Clair Crawford
Dr. Thomas Shawker

Patricia R. Baars

Award of Honor

Kenny Burck - Local Host Chair
Ohio Genealogical Society - Co-Host
Hamilton County Chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society - Co-Host

Certificate of Appreciation

Liz Stratton - Hospitality Chair
Jean Nathan - Volunteer Chair
Sandy St. Martin - Registration Chair
Barbara Gargiulo - Vendor Chair
Jean Woll - Publicity Chair
Deb Cyprych - Blog Chair
Patricia Moseley Van Skaik - Night at Library Chair
Sharon McKinnis - MAC Volunteer

2011

NGS Fellow

Barbara Vines Little, CG, FVGS, FNGS

Presidents' Citation

Arlene V. Jennings, CG

The Shirley Langdon Wilcox Volunteer Award

Shirley Langdon Wilcox, CG, FNGS

NGSQ 2010 Award for Excellence

David Ouimette, CG, "Proving the Parentage of John Bettis: Immigrant Ancestor of Bettis Families in Vermont" (NGSQ September 2010)

Rubincam Youth Award

Matthew Dalton Lauderback, Christiana, Tennessee

NGS Newsletter Competition Winners

Major Genealogical or Historical Society Newsletter

Winner: *The Septs*, Irish Genealogical Society International

Honorable Mention: *Anglo-Celtic Roots*, British Isles Family History Society of Greater Ottawa

County or Local Genealogical or Historical Society Newsletter

Winner: *Chinook*, Alberta Family Histories Society

Honorable Mention: *Fairfax Genealogical Society Newsletter*, Fairfax Genealogical Society

Family Association Newsletter

Winner: *The Timen Stiddem Society Newsletter*, The Timen Stiddem Society

NGS Home Study Course Scholarship

Amie R. Tennant, Vernon Hills, Illinois

NGS Award for Excellence: Genealogical Methods and Sources

Lois Payne Hoover – *Towne Family_William Towne and Joanna Blessing , Salem Mass-1635-Five Generations of Descendants*

Award of Honor

Marguerite Bishop– Conference local arrangements chair

Certificate of Appreciation

Lynn Haltiwanger
Clare Richter
Bill Richter
Grace Bates
Walter Tylee
Doris Tylee
Ann Dodenhoff
Michael H. Becknell

2010

Presidents' Citation

Peter Broadbent
Connie Lenzen, CG
Elissa Scalise Powell, CG

NGS Award of Merit

Louisiana Creole Research Association
Megan Smolenyak Smolenyak
Jean Nudd, archivist for the National Archives in Pittsfield, MA

NGSQ 2009 Award for Excellence

Rachal Mills Lennon, CG, "Jonathan Turner - More Than a Name: A Carolina Case Study in Dissecting Records" (NGSQ March 2009)

Family History Writing Contest

Patrick Quigley, The Quigley Family Searches for the American Dream.

Major Genealogical or Historical Society Newsletter

Winner: *Anglo-Celtic Roots*, British Isles Family History Society of Greater Ottawa

Honorable Mention: *Nuestra Herencia* edited by Debbie Figueroa of New York City

County or Local Genealogical or Historical Society Newsletter

Winner: *Collin County Genealogical Society Newsletter* co-edited by Mary Ann Thompson and Fran Fatt

Honorable Mention: *BIGWILL News*, British Interest Group of Wisconsin and Illinois edited by Karen Glass

Family Association Newsletter

Winner: *The Chandler Family Association Newsletter* edited by Claudia Chandler Brocato

Honorable Mention: *The Goodrich Gospel* edited by Kay Waterloo

NGS Home Study Course Scholarship

Terri Hildreth, Madison, Alabama

NGS Award for Excellence: Genealogical Methods and Sources

Schelly Talalay Dardashti – *Ties That Bind (Jewish Research Strategies)*

Award of Honor

Utah Genealogical Association, 2010 NGS Family History Conference host
Russell Lynch, MLS, AG – Conference local arrangements chair
Cherie Bush – Conference Liaison with Family Search

2009

NGS Fellow

Thomas W. Jones, PhD, CG, CGL, FASG, FUGA

Presidents' Citation

Helen F. M. Leary, CG (EMERITUS), FASG, FNGS

NGSQ 2008 Award for Excellence

Daniela Moneta, CG, "Identifying the Children of David Pugh and Nancy Minton of Virginia, Kentucky, and Tennessee"

Family History Writing Contest*

Kay Haviland Freilich, CG, CGL, "In Her Own Words".

Distinguished Service Award

Ruth Johnson Turner
Patricia R. Baars
Susan Yockey
Chuck Mason Jr., CG

NGS Newsletter Competition Winners

Major Genealogical or Historical Society Newsletter

Winner: *Anglo-Celtic Roots*, British Isles Family History Society of Greater Ottawa

Honorable Mention: *Archival Anecdotes*, Friends of NARA, Pittsfield, Massachusetts

County or Local Genealogical or Historical Society Newsletter

Winner: *Chinook*, Alberta Family Histories Society

Honorable Mention: *BIGWILL News*, British Interest Group of Wisconsin and Illinois

NGS Home Study Course Scholarship

Susan Evans, Landsdowne, Pennsylvania

Rubincam Youth Award

Thomas Adams, Apex, North Carolina

NGS Award for Excellence: Genealogical Methods and Sources

Brenda Dougall Merriman – *United Empire Loyalists: A Guide to Tracing Loyalist Ancestors in Upper Canada*

NGS Award for Excellence: Genealogy and Family History Book

Daniel M. Gwin – *A Family for Steven*

Award of Honor

North Carolina Genealogical Society

Ann Christnacht Hilke, CG – Local arrangements chair

Certificate of Appreciation

Heather Whann Choplin – Local events chair

Louise Miller Cowell – Registration chair

Vickie Burns – Publicity chair

Linda Reid – Hospitality chair

Lucinda Glover – Volunteers chair

Rob Elias – Volunteers chair

Cathy Elias – Volunteers chair

Diane Richard – Blog and exhibit chair

Phyllis Ziller – Publicity

Maryann Tuck – Publicity

Terry Moore, CG – Special projects

Jeff Haines, CG – Special projects

2008

NGS Fellow

Ann Carter Fleming, CG*, CGL, FNGS

NGSQ 2007 Award for Excellence

Teri D. Tillman, CG, "Identifying Benjamin W. Cohen of New York and New Orleans," published December 2007

President's Citation

Charles "Chuck" Knuthson

NGS Award of Merit

Missouri State Archives

David A. Bailey, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Peggy Brown, Springfield, Virginia

Sherard Reidinger, Berwyn Heights, Maryland

John M. Robinson, Salt Lake City, Utah

Cheryl Singhal, Silver Springs, Maryland

Kay Watson, Arlington, Virginia

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Winner: *The Heritage*, The Gwinnett Historical Society

Honorable Mention: *South Bend Quarterly*, South Bend Area Genealogical Society

Family Association Newsletter

Winner: *Journal of Clan Ewing*, Clan Ewing in America

Honorable Mention: *Longenecker Family Newsletter*, Longenecker Family Association

NGS Home Study Course Scholarship

Deborah Kapp, Gibsonia, Pennsylvania

The Filby Award for Genealogical Librarianship

David Dearborn, New England Historic Genealogical Society

NGS Award for Excellence: Genealogical Methods and Sources

Elizabeth Shown Mills, CG, CGL, FASG, FNGS - *Evidence Explained: Citing History Sources from Artifacts to Cyberspace*

NGS Award for Excellence: Genealogy and Family History Book

Ronald A.Hill, PhD, CG, FASG - *Ancestors and Descendants of Reuben Ball*

Award of Honor

Missouri State Genealogical Society

Mid-Continent Public Library

Northland Genealogy Society

APG Heartland Chapter

Johnson County, Kansas, Genealogical Society

David Sapp – Local Arrangements Chair

Certificate of Appreciation

Bill Hawkins

Janice Schultz

Mary Celeste

Martha Henderson

Kimberlee Ried

Sharlene Miller

Evie Bresette

Marieta Grissom

Nancy Thomas

Darrell Jackson

JoAnne Magner

Barbara Dale

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