

# Awards & Competitions

## Current and Past Winners

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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**

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**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**

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**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**

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**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**

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**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

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**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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