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National Genealogical Society Presents Awards Honoring Excellence in Newsletter Editorship and Service to NGS

ST. CHARLES, MO, 8 MAY 2019—The National Genealogical Society (NGS) began its four-day Family History Conference in St. Charles, Missouri, on 8 May 2019 at the St. Charles Convention Center. Following the Opening Session's keynote address, entitled "Journey of Discovery" by Judy G. Russell, JD, CG®, CGLSM, NGS President Ben Spratling, JD, presented several awards to honor the conference's local volunteer leadership and to recognize the winners of the NGS Newsletter Competition.

The Award of Honor was presented to the St. Louis Genealogical Society, Kay Weber, president, in recognition of the Society's dedication and sustained service in support of the 2019 NGS conference.

Certificates of Appreciation were given to committee chairs who worked tirelessly to assure the success of the conference. The honorees included: Local Host Co-Chairs, Kay Weber and Viki Fagyal; Exhibit Co-Chairs, Robert Goode and Robert Cejka; Hospitality Co-Chairs, Karen Goode and Rich Stanton; Local Publicity Chair, Ann Hodges; Registration Co-Chairs, Barbara Larson and Diane Broniec; Social Media Chair, Laura Balluff Mackinson; and Volunteer Chair, Marilyn Brennan.

The winners of the 2019 NGS Newsletter Competition, honoring excellence in newsletter editorship in three categories, were presented to:

Newsletter for a Major Genealogical and/or Historical Society with 500 or more members

Winner: *The Tracer*, the newsletter of the Hamilton County Genealogical Society, of Cincinnati, Ohio, edited by Eileen Muccino.

Honorable Mention: *The Virginia Genealogical Society Newsletter*, published by the Virginia Genealogical Society, Orange, Virginia, edited by Deborah Harvey.

Newsletter for Local Genealogical and/or Historical Societies with less than 500 members

Winner: *The Newsletter of the Irish Family History Forum*, the periodical of the Irish Family History Forum in Long Island, New York, edited by Jim Regan.

Honorable Mention: *The Archivist*, the newsletter of the Genealogical Society of Bergen County, New Jersey, edited by Michelle D. Novak.

Family Association Newsletter

Winner: *The Timen Stiddem Society Newsletter*, the newsletter of The Timen Stiddem Society, a family association whose ancestor was among the seventeenth century settlers of New Sweden (now Wilmington), Delaware, edited by Richard L. Steadham.

Honorable Mention: *The Hungerford World Tree*, the newsletter of The Hungerford Family Foundation, Inc., in Bonita Springs, Florida, edited by Charles C. Morgan.

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