

APG Honors Contributions to the Genealogy Profession

POULSBO, Wash., USA, 21 December 2023 — The Association of Professional Genealogists (APG), the world's largest association for the genealogical profession, has honored several members for their achievements and service to the genealogy profession. APG President Annette Burke Lyttle presented the awards at the recent APG Annual Meeting and Awards Presentation virtual event.

Rick Sayre, CG®, CGL, FUGA, was presented with the **Laura G. Prescott Award for Exemplary Service to Professional Genealogy**. This award recognizes services to the field of professional genealogy, exemplary professionalism, and continuing encouragement to other professional genealogists. Sayre is an incredibly generous teacher and mentor whose contributions to the genealogy world have been many. He has coordinated courses and taught regularly at major genealogy institutes and has positively affected the lives and careers of many genealogists.

Susan M. O'Connor was named as the recipient of the **Grahame T. Smallwood Jr. Award of Merit**, recognizing an APG member for personal commitment and outstanding service to the Association. O'Connor is a dedicated and tireless volunteer who works behind the scenes for APG and its New England chapter, where she serves as Treasurer and a member of the chapter's Program Committee. She also shares her technical and programming expertise as a member of APG's Professional Development Committee.

Mary Kircher Roddy, CG®, was selected as the winner of the **Kathleen W. Hinckley Professional Achievement Award**. This award highlights a record of exceptional professional achievement with contributions to the field of genealogy through individual excellence and ethical behavior. Roddy is a dedicated professional genealogist, speaker, and writer, who served as APG Treasurer for four years and is currently a member of the Board of Trustees of the Board for Certification of Genealogists. She is a founding member of the Applied Genealogy Institute, a frequent speaker at national conferences, co-editor of the *National Genealogical Society Quarterly*, and a popular webinar presenter.

Sarah Ferguson Potter was honored with the **APGQ Excellence Award** for her article, "A Crooked, Winding Path to a Career in Storytelling" (March 2023). This award recognizes excellence in writing for the *APG Quarterly* journal.

Certificates of Appreciation, recognizing outstanding, continual, or unusual contributions to APG, were awarded to **Wendy McLean** for stepping in at the last minute to fill in for a speaker

at the 2023 APG Professional Management Conference, and to the members of the *APG Quarterly* Production Team: **Amy E. K. Arner, CG®**, **Rachel Croucher**, **Ian Watson**, and **Matthew Wright**, for their efforts to get the journal back on schedule over the last year.

“Congratulations to this year’s award winners,” said APG President Annette Burke Lyttle. “We are grateful for their services to the wider world of genealogy and to the Association. Their achievements are truly worth celebrating.”

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ABOUT APG

The Association of Professional Genealogists (apgen.org), established in 1979, represents more than 2,000 professionals in various genealogy-related businesses. APG encourages genealogical excellence, ethical practice, mentoring, and education. The organization also supports the preservation and accessibility of records useful to the fields of genealogy and history. Its members represent more than forty countries. APG is active on Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn, X (formerly Twitter), and YouTube. APG is a registered trademark of the Association of Professional Genealogists. All other trade and service marks are property of their respective owners.

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