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**Association of Professional Genealogists
Announces 2021 Awards**

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The Association of Professional Genealogists (APG) is proud to announce the recipients of its 2021 awards for excellence in the field of professional genealogy. At an online celebration on April 12, the following awards were presented.

The Laura G. Prescott Award for Exemplary Service to Professional Genealogy recognizes exemplary professionalism and continued encouragement to other professional genealogists. The recipient of this award was Francine Crowley Griffis, CG® of Massachusetts, who was honored for her many activities that encourage, guide, and inspire fellow genealogists.

The APG Honorary Lifetime Member award recognizes and rewards an excellent body of work in genealogy and for 2021 also recognizes service to APG that was truly above the call of duty. Mary Kircher Roddy, CG® of Washington was honored for her work in the field of professional genealogy and for outstanding service as APG treasurer from 2018 through 2021.

The Grahame T. Smallwood Jr Award of Merit recognizes personal commitment and outstanding service of a member to APG. The 2021 recipient was Kenyatta Deshira Berry, JD, of California, who has served APG in several capacities, including a term as president, from 2008 to the present.

The APG Professional Achievement Award highlights a record of exceptional professional achievement, contributing to the field of genealogy through individual excellence and ethical behavior. The 2021 recipient was Michael Ramage, JD, CG® of Pennsylvania, who has a long track record of giving selflessly to the genealogy field and providing education on professional ethics.

The *APG Quarterly* Excellence Award recognizes the outstanding article of the year. The 2021 award honored Joseph B. Shumway, AG® of Utah, author of a two-part article, "Transforming Client Relationships from the Inside Out," published in the June and September issues.

The Golden Chapter Award recognizes a chapter or special interest group that shows innovative and exemplary support of their members, APG, and the genealogy profession. The Colorado Chapter was recognized with this award for their recruiting efforts, which resulted in 19% year-over-year growth for their chapter.

Certificates of Appreciation recognize outstanding, continual, or unusual contributions to APG by a member or non-member. LaDonna Garner of Missouri was recognized for her contributions to APG as chair of the Professional Development Committee in 2021 and as technical coordinator for the 2021 APG Professional Management Conference. Shauna Hicks of Queensland, Australia, was recognized for her efforts to reopen APG's Australia and New Zealand Chapter during the pandemic, which provided a crucial forum for genealogists in Australia and New Zealand who are affected by geographical isolation and have endured multiple lockdowns.

About the Association of Professional Genealogists

The Association of Professional Genealogists (www.apgen.org), established in 1979, represents nearly 2,500 genealogists 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 all fifty U.S. states, Canada, and forty other countries. APG is active on LinkedIn, Twitter and Facebook.

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