

## **Association of Professional Genealogists Awards Members for Contributions to the Organization and Profession**

**POULSBO, Wash., 7 December 2022** – The Association of Professional Genealogists (APG®) has honored several members for their achievements and service to the profession. APG President Annette Burke Lyttle presented the awards at today's 2022 Annual Meeting and Awards Presentation virtual event.

**Angela Packer McGhie, CG**, was presented with the **Laura G. Prescott Award for Exemplary Service** to Professional Genealogy. This award recognizes a career devoted to uplifting fellow genealogists and improving their career circumstances and opportunities. McGhie was selected in recognition of her many years of service to several genealogy organizations, including the National Genealogical Society and the Board for Certification of Genealogists. She was also singled out for her service to help grow the ProGen Study Program, which has become a "must-do" educational experience for professional and aspiring professional genealogists, benefitting hundreds.

**Cari A. Taplin, CG**, was named as the recipient of the **Grahame T. Smallwood Jr. Award of Merit**, recognizing personal commitment and outstanding service to the Association. Taplin has set a great example of "giving back" to the genealogical community through her many leadership roles within the Association. For six years, she served as a dedicated and dependable member of the APG Board of Directors and the Executive Committee, serving one term as Secretary. Taplin also chaired the Publications Advisory Committee.

APG's **Puget Sound Chapter** received the **APG Golden Chapter Award** for their many efforts to provide consistent service to existing members and to grow their membership. The chapter opened its monthly meetings to the public and to APG members in the Pacific Northwest, resulting in a 43% growth in chapter membership. Their innovative programming and networking also helped increased participation.

Finally, **Certificates of Appreciation** went to members of the **APG Bylaws Committee** for their dedicated efforts to review and update APG's bylaws, and to provide the best guidance for the operation of the Association. The members of the Bylaws Committee are **Dawn Carlile, Teresa B. Devine, Margaret R. Fortier, CG, and Michael S. Ramage, J.D., CG**.

"Congratulations to our award winners," said APG President Annette Burke Lyttle. "We are grateful for their service to APG and to the wider world of genealogy. Their achievements are truly worth celebrating."

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## About the Association of Professional Genealogists

The Association of Professional Genealogists ([apgen.org](http://apgen.org)), established in 1979, represents more than 2,000 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, Facebook, and Instagram.

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