

AGS 50th Anniversary Awards – 23 September 2023
Presented by AI Bromling, President

Long-Term Membership Certificates – Twenty-five Years

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| Douglas W. Chambers, #3271 | Edmonton Branch |
| Douglas and Shirley Youngman, #3644 | Edmonton Branch |
| Donna Ritter, #3786 (died May 30,2023) | Edmonton Branch |
| Myrna McNiven, #3798 | Edmonton Branch |
| Heather Harper, #3831 | Edmonton Branch |
| Arlene Hedlund, #3866 | Edmonton Branch |
| Colleen Rispler, #3888 | Edmonton Branch |
| Jeneane Roberts, #3898 | Edmonton Branch |
| Evelyn Doberstein, #3901 | Edmonton Branch |
| Nan Morrison, #3926 | Edmonton Branch |

Long-Term Membership Certificates – Forty Years

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| Blanche M. Thomson, #1280 | Edmonton Branch |
| Edward and Paulette Pohranychny, #1315 | Edmonton Branch |
| Dawn Morrone, #1376 | Edmonton Branch |

Long-Term Membership Plaques – Fifty Years

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| Frank Easton, #103 | Edmonton Branch |
| D'arcy Hande, #110 | Edmonton Branch |
| Carin Routledge, #125 | Edmonton Branch |

Life Membership

- Marion Rex Howard, #3341, Edmonton Branch, TYFT instructor, 2002-2023, Edmonton Branch VP 2003-2005, Pres. 2005-2007 AGS Treasurer 2016-2022, Grants chair 2007-2023 raising \$600,725+, Genealogy for Youth 2017-2023 completed 1427 Projects, Heritage Awareness award in 2018
- Sharon Aney, #4148, Wetaskiwin Branch – founding member, held various Exec positions, Newsletter editor 10yrs ++, encourages members and chaired three publications, contributes articles to *Relatively Speaking*
- Lynn Fogwill, #4806, Edmonton Branch –Long-time member, taught developed a genealogy course and taught in the ELLA program for AGS, TYFT program, Library volunteer 2007-2023, updated library volunteer manual with Neal Finn, Produced a Provenance document for Charles Denny Collection

50th Anniversary OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEER Award

In recognition of outstanding volunteer services provided to the Society on the occasion of the 50th Anniversary of the Alberta Genealogical Society 1973-2023.

- **Margery Ensminger**, #854, Medicine Hat & District Branch
- **Teresa Parasynchuk**, #2293, Medicine Hat & District Branch
- **Claudine Nelson**, #2592, Edmonton Branch
- **Eileen Stahl**, #3226, Medicine Hat & District Branch
- **Diane Lehr**, #3345, Red Deer & District Branch

- **Marilyn Astle**, #3422 Lethbridge and Edmonton
- **Bruce Boelstler**, #3454, Edmonton Branch
- **Deb Boelstler**, #3454, Edmonton Branch
- **Lauranne Hemmingway**, #3586, Red Deer & District Branch
- **Melvin Bender**, #4251, Medicine Hat & District Branch
- **Denise Daubert**, # 4976, Edmonton Branch
- **Carolynne Ross**, #5101, Edmonton Branch
- **Marlene Smith**, #5313, Medicine Hat & District Branch
- **Clark Lang**, #5540, Medicine Hat & District Branch
- **Faye Knoblick** -#5635 – Medicine Hat Branch
- **Bob Franz**, #5741, Brooks & District Branch
- **Doreen Schank**, #5782, Medicine Hat & District
- **Jean Boxer**, #5841, Red Deer & District Branch
- **Debra Wickham**, #6019, Medicine Hat & District Branch
- **Janice Duffy**, #6123, Red Deer & District Branch
- **Raymond Cyr**, #6191, Red Deer & District Branch
- **Terry Terlesky**, #6347, Edmonton Branch
- **Carren Ross**, #6446, Red Deer & District Branch
- **Wendy Warren**, #6626, Lethbridge & District Branch
- **Marie Vieira #6563** - Edmonton Branch
- **Donna Arnold**, #6867, Red Deer & District Branch
- **Volunteers of Edmonton Branch**
- **Volunteers of Wetaskiwin Branch**

Kenneth Young Newsletter Awards – Excellence in Branch Newsletters

- **Certificate for Best Original Article** – “*Generate More Interest in Family History*” by **Susan Haga**, #5223, Lethbridge & District Branch, *Yesterday’s Footprints*, November 2022, Vol. 39, No. 3, p. 8.
- **Certificate for Best Local Content – Brooks Branch** “*History of B and D Heir Lines: A History of Publishing Excellence*” by R. Franz, ##5741, Brooks and District Branch, *B and D Heir Lines*, Spring 2022, Vol. 36, No. 1, pp. 16-18. Editor **Glenn Michell**
- **Honourable mention (no certificate)** – “*Remembering Veterans*” collected by Editor **Freddi Bromling** at November 2022 meeting, Editor #6205, Grande Prairie & District Branch *Heritage Seekers*, November 2022, Vol. 44, No. 2, pp. 4-11.
- **Plaque for Best Overall Newsletter & Certificate for the editor to keep** Wetaskiwin Branch, *Roots & Branches*, January 2022, Vol. 20, No. 1, Editor: Sharon Aney, #4148

Thanks to the Judging Committee:

Marilyn Astle (Lethbridge & District and Edmonton Branches), Wendy Warren (Lethbridge & District Branch), and Connie Stuhl (Drayton Valley Branch)

Peter Staveley Memorial Award – Relatively Speaking Article - Name on Peter Staveley plaque & Certificate for best article “*Genealogical Resources from the Dirty Thirties*” Lianne Kruger, #5789 Red Deer & District Branch, in *Relatively Speaking, Volume 50, #2, pp. 124-129.*

*Thanks to the Judging Committee:
Brenda Nugent, Helene Unger, and Donna Wyatt*

Certificates of Appreciation

- Certificate with heartfelt thanks to **Edmonton Heritage Council** for their generous support to the Alberta Genealogical Society for Operational Funding for Genealogical Resources and Programming 2023
- Certificate with heartfelt thanks to **Historic Resources Management Branch** for their generous support to the Alberta Genealogical Society for funding of Genealogical Resources and Programming 2023
- Certificate in appreciation of the dedication of the **AGS Research Services Team** who earned \$4,307.42 for AGS through their efforts in assisting family history researchers
- Certificate with heartfelt thanks to **Richard “Dick” Nash, #659,** for his generous bequest to the Alberta Genealogical Society for Operational Funding for Genealogical Resources and Programming

Special Mention Awards

- **Special Mention Award – Richard “Dick” Nash (posthumously), #659, Fort McMurray Branch** In recognition of your loyalty and work done to maintain Fort McMurray Branch for many years.
- **Special Mention Award – Pat Marlowe, #2149, Fort McMurray Branch** In recognition of your loyalty and work done to maintain Fort McMurray Branch for many years.
- **Special Mention Award – Laverne Cormier, #2215, Fort McMurray Branch** In recognition of your loyalty and work done to maintain Fort McMurray Branch for many years.
- **Special Mention Award – Pam Forsyth, #2585, Edmonton Branch** In recognition of work done on Richard “Dick” Nash Memorial for the AGS website.
- **Special Mention Award – Dale Hannigan, #2832, Fort McMurray Branch** In recognition of your loyalty and work done to maintain Fort McMurray Branch for many years.
- **Special Mention Award – Diane Lehr, #3345, Red Deer & District Branch** In recognition of many years of leadership and volunteer service to the Red Deer & District Branch.
- **Special Mention Award – Neil Finn, #3974, Edmonton Branch** In recognition of work done on Library Volunteer Manual and with Irish SIG.

- **Special Mention Award – Tammy Grantham, #4744, Fort McMurray Branch** –In recognition of your loyalty and work done to maintain Fort McMurray Branch for many years.
- **Special Mention Award – Cathy Marriot, #5193, Fort McMurray Branch**
In recognition of your loyalty and work done to maintain Fort McMurray Branch for many years.
- **Special Mention Award – Jock Howard, #5379, Edmonton Branch**
In recognition of work done in getting the recording completed for the Conference Speakers and providing them for AGS YouTube channel.
- **Special Mention Award – Lou and Lynne Duigou #5510 – Edmonton Branch** – In recognition of your role in making “Our Family Roots” Youth Event at the Art Gallery of Alberta a success: judging, hosting, photographing, reporting in *RS* and making displays.
- **Special Mention Award – Kurt Paterson, #5962, Edmonton Branch**
In recognition of your leadership in the role as Edmonton Branch Trustee, and now Branch President.
- **Special Mention Award – Courtney Laframboise, #6669, Edmonton Branch**
In recognition of work done to refresh Edmonton Branch website and to accept the Board leadership role as Vice President.

President’s Award

- **Robert Franz #5741** – “In appreciation for excellence in support of our Society.”

Retiring Members of the Executive

- **Dwight Brown, #6140, Medicine Hat & District, April 2021 – April 2023** – With sincere thanks for your dedicated service as 2nd VP
- **Norma Wolowyk, #243, Edmonton Branch, April 2022 – April 2023** – Thanks to Norma Wolowyk for stepping up as Secretary to finish a term for Debra Wickham.

Alberta Heritage Awards – read and acknowledged, presented previously

In 2022, AGS nominated the Archives group for an Outstanding Achievement Heritage Award offered by HRMB. Since 1989, 34 years ago, an amazing group of volunteers from the Alberta Genealogical Society (AGS) has been providing ongoing service to Provincial Archives of Alberta (PAA). People who are dedicated to facilitating the easy access and preservation of materials of interest to those who are researching family history. It is because of their thousands of hours of meticulous indexing, rehousing and vigilant attention to detail to 17 different databases over the years that the general public now has increased ease of access to historical information on Alberta families.

1. Norma Wolowyk, #243 (AGS 1975 - 2023)
2. Pat Pettitt, #2342 (AGS in 1989 - 2023)
3. Claudine Nelson, #2592 (AGS 1990 - 2023)
4. Doreen Dimitroff, #2673 (AGS 1991- 2023)

5. John Hazelwood, #2955 (AGS 1993-2023)
6. Gordon Berdahl, #3138 (AGS 1994 -2023)
7. Joan Green, #3629 (AGS 1997-2023)
8. Tony Locock, #3630 (AGS1997-2023)
9. Liz Kohle, #4914 (AGS 2003 - 2023)
10. John Tedder, #5021 (AGS 2003 - 2023)
11. Linda Cherepanik, #5219 (AGS 2004 -2023)

On October 3, 2022, Norma Wolowyk, Claudine Nelson and John Tedder, on behalf of the entire group, received the Outstanding Achievement Heritage Award at the Queen Elizabeth II Building. Congratulations to a great team.

Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee Awards – presented previously

The Government of Alberta, Department of Culture, recognized nine of our members for their long volunteer service to AGS and their community in 2022 by presenting them with the Queen Elizabeth II Jubilee Medal. We too want to thank you for your service to the various organizations for which you volunteer. We especially appreciate your dedicated service to AGS over the years.

1. Laura Turnbull, #555, Edmonton Branch
2. Clara Iwaasa, #1150, Brooks & District Branch
3. Marion Rex Howard, #3341, Edmonton Branch yes
4. Anke Kririckhahn, #4433, Medicine Hat & District
5. Brian Dunlop, #4537, Brooks & District Branch
6. Lynne Duigou, #5510, Edmonton Branch yes
7. Anne Wildcat, #5469, Wetaskiwin Branch
8. Belinda Crowson, #5802, Lethbridge & District Branch
9. Linda Renwick, #6720, Edmonton Branch